

Session Meeting Minutes  
Virtual  
Fairmount Presbyterian Church  
Wednesday September 2, 2020

**Moderator:** Rev, Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

**Clerk of Session:** Bourbon L Zeigler

**Session Members:** Brian Perkins, Christina Seekley, Carol Adrine, Raleigh Duttweiler, Stephanie Washlock, David Bosler, Keith Mills, Grant Gannon, Sarah Pope, AmyKim Kyremes-Parks, Lindsay Harren-Lewis (Associate Pastor)

**Excused:** Vanessa Whiting, Gordon Landefeld

Opening Prayer by the Rev. Jessie MacMillan at 6:30 pm.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the Session Minutes of August 5, 2020. Seconded and Approved

**Motion:** To receive the following report of all weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion that have taken place at the church since session's previous meeting: Seconded and Approved

**1. Weddings/Funerals/Baptisms:**

a. Weddings: The wedding of Kathryn Bashour and Chas Thompson on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the sanctuary.

b. Funerals: Internment Service for Kenn Redd was held in the Columbarium on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

c. Baptisms: Alexander Josef Proels and Charles Proels, sons of Allayne Welsh Proels and Sebastian Proels, on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

## 2. Communion: No Communion since last Session Meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the membership statistical report through June 3, 2020.  
Seconded and Approved

Total Membership as of June 1, 2020 **746**

Deaths

- Kenneth Redd, died on August 8, 2020
- Meredith Washburn, died in August 2020

Total Membership as of August 5, 2020 **744**

Digital Worship Statistics Since Last Session Meeting, August 5, 2020:

Facebook Statistics (worship minutes/hours viewed in first week of premiere, data drawn on September 1, 2020 )

- August 9th - 1,100 min = 18.3 hrs.
- August 16th- 1,100 min = 18.3 hrs.
- August 23rd - 718 min = 11.9 hrs.
- August 30th - 580 min = 9.6 hrs.
- Note: August 30th data date only taken 2 days after worship.

YouTube Statistics (worship hours viewed in first week of premiere)

- August 9th - 1284 min = 21.4 hrs.
- August 16th- 1338 min = 22.3 hrs.
- August 23rd - 1248 min = 20.8 hrs.
- August 30th - 1140 min = 19 hrs.
- Note: August 30th data date only taken 2 days after worship.

**Motion:** to approve the wedding of Ovando Kruzhencka and Tyler Kirby on December 4, 2020 in the sanctuary.

**Motion:** to approve regular meetings of the Fairmount book club (Spaulding), beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, either side lawn ( weather

permitting ) or Room 114 with masks and social distancing. 9 people.  
Seconded and Approved

**Motion:** to approve willing volunteers (1 at a time) to cover the front office wearing masks and social distancing during church open hours ( 9-1 ).  
Seconded and Approved

**For Information:** The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve has approved Session's recommendation to approve a one-year extension of the Interim Pastor covenant with Rev. Jessica MacMillan, effective September 1, 2020.

**ReVision Process:** Summit (zoom) on Saturday, September 26, 9-11 am.  
Proposed Breakout Groups during Summit as discerned from small group process and congregational survey.

1. External Communication/ Welcome our Neighbor?
2. Internal Communication and Member Care (Sara Stone)
3. Incorporation of Members/Friends in Mission and Ministry (Brenda Horth)
4. What is the Scope of our Mission and Justice Ministries? (Christina)
5. What Do We Mean by Diversity and Welcome, and How Can We Address Systematic Racism?

### **Admin Council Report**

1. \$4000 water bill due to a break in the water line, we are checking to see who has ownership of the water break.
2. Sign damage at the church, a criminal mischief report was filed with Cleveland Heights Police Department.
3. Working on all other projects around the church

### **Re-Entry Task Force Report and Discussion**

1. Keep with the Bd of Health recommendation on re-entry to the church.
2. Task force should walk the church to see what can be improved on, signage, lights and other things of this nature. This will be done in the month of September.
3. Keeping the re-entry the same as it is now.
4. Working on getting the live stream up and running.

### **SOS request**

- To meet outside of the church in September with a max. of 16.
  1. Stick to the rules that are set up.

### **Faith Formation**

- Upcoming communion and Celebrate Sunday
- Back to school bags for the children

### **Staff Report, Director of Spiritual Formation**

#### **Summer Recap:**

Weekly Check-Ins via zoom or phone with children, youth and families.

Zoom Gatherings for High School, Middle School and Club4/5

Coordination of Volunteers for/implementation of the Little Free  
Pantry

Virtual Vacation Bible School

Untamed book study-2 groups

Summer Worship Bag distribution for 2yo-2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Banner design for front of church and Lawn signs for BLM and  
Vacation Bible School

Support of pastors in worship planning and drive through  
communion

Pastoral care for all ages

Chicken Check-Ins- very successful with hour visits with families  
and individuals

## Staffing Transitions:

Worked with nursery staff and children's music coordinator through unfortunate transitions out of employment with us. Organizing recognition and gifts for all 4.

## Upcoming Fall Programing

Prayer wall to mark a new season for all ages on the fence of the church playground

Celebrate Sunday collaboration

Continued distribution of BLM lawn signs and magnets

Book Discussion on Sermon Series book for Adult Education with Pastors and Myself

Zoom Check-Ins for Club345, Middle School and High School Youth

Planning for Advent without walls/during the pandemic

## Service to the Greater Church

Serving on the NEXT Church Racism Audit Team

Member of the More Light Board

2 Bible Studies published in Horizons Magazine (Presbyterian Women PCUSA)

Thankful for the support of the pastors, staff and session during this unprecedented time as we discover more expansive ways to embody the Love of God and the ways we can be "church" for one another.

## **Language for on line forms for giving.**

- Money will go to the unrestricted funds from this.
- This should be forwarded to Admin Council.

**Motion:** Grant permission for virtual plate to be added to forms on the web site, with legal approval. This was seconded and Approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Care Report and Survey**

- Another drive through communion September 13.
- Discussion on a weekly on-line communion.
- Volunteers to distribute communion working with Peter Horth
- Working dial a sermon for people without internet.
- Survey on what people want to see on realm. To go out to the whole congregation.
- If other council have any other question that they want on this survey e-mail Rev. Harren-Lewis.
- Working doing something for an honor's dinner.

### **Staff Report, Associate Pastor**

- Have contacted over 250 members through general mail
- Porch visits with members
- Watch parties for Sunday worship with different groups
- Sign up for the summit this month
- Pictures to Lindsay, celebrating a happy moment.

### **Serve**

- No holiday angels this year, maybe next year.
- Jubilee weekend events will be virtual this year.
- Put together some contacts for a newsletter.
- A letter from the GCC requesting additioned funds from church. This is above our annual dues. They will go to specific individuals of the church to ask for this support.

### **Adjourn with Prayer at 8:10 pm. Rev. MacMillan**

Bourbon L Zeigler, Clerk of Session

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Interim Senior Pastor

