

## Session Highlights

The PFPC Session met on November 3, 2021, in the fellowship hall at PFPC. Eleven elders and Rev. Nancy Coleman participated.

The meeting was called to order with a devotional and prayer, led by Rev. Coleman. Privilege of the floor was then given to our two guests from the Presbytery of the James (POJ), Rev. Fred Holbrook and Rev. Arch Wallace.

Subjects discussed included:

- The minutes of the October 6, 2021 Stated Session Meeting and the October 24, 2021 Called Congregational Meeting were approved.
- A discussion was held with the POJ visitors about the procedures / guidelines of investigations, especially “Request for Vindication” investigations (Book of Order, D-9.0000). This resulted in the following recommendations being made regarding the future training of investigative committees: 1) A thorough inquiry should be made, with all available witnesses being contacted; 2) A fair and balanced report should be issued upon completion of the investigation; and 3) Both sides should be treated equitably throughout the investigation. The PFPC session also emphasized the need for any session involved in an investigation to be told of all of the options open to them as stated in the Book of Order. Rev. Holbrook and Rev. Wallace were thanked for their attendance, attention, and advice.
- A motion was made and seconded to nominate Elder Wallace as the Clerk of Session for 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- Appreciation was expressed to the Mission Study Team for their hard work and dedication in putting together their report. After some minor changes, the report will be approved by Session in an electronic vote and presented to the Congregation on November 14. The MST report will then be sent to the POJ for approval by the Committee on Ministry at their December 9 meeting. After their approval, the Pastor Nominating Committee can be formed.
- A motion to form a committee, chaired by Elder Lore, to review the future of the Pocahontas Trail Property (PTP) was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- The Planning Calendar was approved, with special note being made of the Ordination and Installation of Elders on December 19.

- Verification was made of electronic votes to approve the following:
  - 1) Sunshine Nursery School's participation in the Providence Forge Christmas parade on Dec. 12 (approval was later given for Youth and Young Adults to also participate);
  - 2) The Sunday School youth presenting a Christmas pageant;
  - 3) Youth and Young Adults participating in the New Kent Grand Illumination and selling baked goods, serving as a refreshment sponsor for Arts Alive at an upcoming show, and traveling to the homes of the home bound in the community to sing Christmas carols.
  
- The Pastor's Report was received from Rev. Coleman.
  
- The decision was made to have the children collect for 5¢ a Meal starting on November 14 and come to the front for Children's Time beginning on November 7.
  
- Elder Lore's written report thanked Jim and Jean Watts and Ruth Adams for trimming the church bushes and noted that Preventative Maintenance activities have been set up for both PFPC and PTP.
  
- Elder Robinson proposed "Read Through Luke" as the Advent devotional. The motion was approved. Members will be encouraged to read a chapter of Luke each day from December 1-24. Handouts will be made available to facilitate the reading.
  
- Elder Richards reported that we continue to break even.
  
- Elder Gammon reported that details of the upcoming Stewardship Campaign will be made available shortly.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

The next stated meeting of Session is on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

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