

Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Boulevard
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
Stated Session Meeting
Minutes
May 4, 2022, 6:30 pm
In Person

The May 4, 2022, Stated Session Meeting of Fairmount Presbyterian Church was presented by the moderator, Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor, starting at 6:34 pm, in Person.

THE ROLL

Elders Present: Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Associate Pastor; Megan Bennett, David Bosler, Grant Gannon, Chin-Tai Kim, Keith Mills, Peg Zitzner, Todd Imbler, Jeri Gype, Gordon Landefeld
Elders Excused/Not Attending: Rob Faxon, Sarah Planchon Pope
Clerk of Session: Gordon Landefeld
Moderator: Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor

QUORUM

The Moderator determined a quorum and started.
The Moderator reviewed the docket.
The Moderator introduced guests, and permit them “privilege of voice.”

OPENING PRAYER- DISCERNING GOD’S SPIRIT

Rev Ryan Wallace, Dismantling Structural Racism

COMMUNION

The Moderator presented communion in the Chapel.

AGENDA – GOVERNING GOD’S PEOPLE

1. Clerk’s Report
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Note: Stats this month as of Monday April 24, 2022.
 1. Starting today, following the stats will be effective the Sunday 10 days prior to the Session meeting. Objective: distribute Agenda no later than the Friday prior to the Session meeting.
 - b. Motion: Approve Consent Agenda
 - i. Minutes
 1. April 6, 2022 Session Meeting - **Appendix A**

- ii. Receive the following report of all weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion that have taken place at the church since Session’s previous meeting on Wednesday April 6, 2022 through Sunday April 24, 2022:
- iii. Communion:
 - 1. Communion was served at 8:30am in the chapel on Sunday, April 10th and Sunday, April 24, 2022
 - 2. Communion was not served in the sanctuary this period.
- iv. Weddings - none
- v. Funerals - none
- vi. Membership statistical report through April 24, 2022

Total Membership as of April 6, 2022	573
- New Members	0
- Moved from Active Membership to “Friends of Fairmount”	0
- Removal from Rolls	0
- Removed by Letter of Transfer	0
- Deaths	-3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Marilyn Parrish, on April 10, 2022 ● Jenna Watt Coaker, on April 13, 2022 ● Karl Hess, on April 17, 2022 	
Total Membership as of April 24, 2022	570
- vii. In Person Worship Attendance (830am + 1100am)
 - 1. Sunday, April 10th: 21 + 117 = 138 (Palm Sunday)
 - 2. Sunday, April 17th: 68 + 273 = 341 (Easter Sunday 9am & 11am worship)
 - 3. Sunday, April 24th: 14 + 92 = 106
- viii. **Year on year attendance numbers in church zoom etc.**

Approval:

- c. Minutes – May 1, 2022 Congregational Meeting to be included June 1, 2022
- d. Future Session Meetings
 - i. Building Congregational Vitality Retreat Date Options:
 - Developing the [7 Marks of Vital Congregations](#)
 - Choose one of these two options:
 - a. Sunday July 10
 - b. Saturday September 17
 - Saturday September 17 Chosen
 - ii. Eradicating Systemic Poverty November 2
- h. Present Session report at worship
 - i. Tabled at March meeting – Megan Bennett was the push back, so wait until she next attends
 - ii. Discussion

j. You Are Called:

i. Be a Liturgist in Worship. Contact Kate McFadden at kate@fpccl.org

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor Lindsay

Funerals

P Lindsay - Easter was amazing, visitors seeing around the community, congregational meeting
Jury duty, murder case, theological moment, like being a hospital chaplain, understanding the
situations people find themselves in.

Juror number 1 - sitting next to the witnesses, feeling like I wanted to pray with them.

Thank for Ryan, texting back and forth.

Retreat - presbytery, May 14th (See my email from Josh Daum)

Pastor Ryan

Congregational Meeting – Annual and Financial Report

Pentecost Weekend, Curtis Deyoung, public event,

Sat Jun 4th with Rev DeLove, UCC

Sunday June 5 – All Councils invited to lunch with Rev DeYoung

How to become an entrepreneurial church

Oikos Accelerator - Rooted Good - Training with Design Based Thinking Modules

<https://www.rootedgood.org/the-oikos-accelerator>

Social Entrepreneurship (veg garden, co-working space, cafe, employment training)

Come to Session with ideas

Develop a Cohort in Cleveland Heights.

Ryan will come back with a proposal.

Rich Anderson starts in Maintenance

Executive Session 8:22 to 8:32

Motion: Establish an Elder's Administrative Commission to review and receive confirmands at the Friday May 20, 2022 dinner. Administrative Commission: Peg Zitzner, Grant Gannon, Megan Bennett, Keith Mills, Lindsay Harren-Lewis. Pastors Ryan and Lindsay to - with peg zitzner, grant gannon, megan bennett, keith mills, Lindsay and ryan to reveiw and receive confirmation on May 20.

Approval: Unanimous.

Proposed summer worship schedule (lighting closing the sanctuary)

Motion: The summer worship schedule begins May 22, 2022, with one worship service at 10:00am. Services will be held in the Sanctuary and outdoors until the Sanctuary is unavailable due to the lighting project, at which time services will move to the Chapel and outdoors. The normal worship schedule will return after Labor Day weekend.

Approval: Unanimous

4. Current Business

\ 5. Council Reports

1. Admin Council: See **Appendix B**

- staff roles change
- from serve council - flag pole, for mission flag, please bring up at next Admin Council
- network - access for co-op and other people

2. Care Council: See **Appendix C**

- Strawberry festival June 12, BYO food, strawberries ice cream and short cake
 - kitchen prep effort, Steph relieved that we're keeping it as simple as possible,
 - invite Chris Fader to perform, the clown from last year.
 - older members for honor dinner,
 - rocket car arranged, setting up tents and chairs

3. Earth Stewardship: See **Appendix D**

- Earth Stewards Report
- Thank you for Sunday Earth Steward worship service
- Earth Stewards falls under serve, care and admin
- Instead we talk among ourselves. We need to be part of a council.
- Our ask today:

Motion: Create a task force composed of Earth Stewards, Vicki Mentrek and two members from Admin Council to study and propose to Session an Earth friendly enhancement of the FPC parking lot across the street from the Church.

Approval: Unanimous

2. Keith Mills shows energy usage graphs

Discussion

Motion: Create a task force composed of Earth Stewards and two members from Admin Council to study the next steps to achieving carbon neutrality, which may include changing how we heat the church, and present their findings and recommendations to Session.

Approval: Unanimous

4. Faith Council See **Appendix E**

- intergenerational pedagogy, doing more things across generations,
- what happened to millennials? Intergenerational relationships
- listening and discernment before searching for Chris' replacement
- sit down with families, what they liked, what's been missing
- wider outreach to next ring of families for feedback

- two forums, on on tues may 17 on zoom, and then Sunday may 22 in person in church
- faith formation will meet may 24 to review "what we've heard"
- next person more than chris' 10 hours per week.
- celebrating chris for May 14th, including rocket car

5. Serve Council: See **Appendix F**

- supporting the pride parade, in past had supported t-shirts, supported up to \$1000 for t-shirts
- shoe collection
- 3 - poor peoples' campaign, we are a "mobilizing partner"
- an oppty for 10 buses
- discussions around habitat for humanity. OPpty to sponsor a house or more than a house.
- \$80K for a home, two years - \$40k per year
- - Kim Pride: habitat oppty for a community building
- Gordon - speaking with PWR Homelessness task force - intersection of PWR churches in Habitat,
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- **Motion:** Pastor Ryan will lead members of Fairmount and other local congregations to take buses to the June 18, 2022 "Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls." Pastor Ryan will plan to review the trip with the congregation the morning of Sunday June 19, 2022.
- **Approval:** Uananimous Approval

6. Final Business

EVENTS OF NOTE

- May TBD – Reading “Becoming Like Creoles”
- May 4, 11 – Faith Journey & Writing of Frederick Buechner
- May 5, 12 – CEIRS Course: The Lord’s Prayer that Nobody Knows
- May 13, - Karl Hess: Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 pm at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
- May 13 – Faithful Lives Film Series: *Killing Kasztner*
- May 21 – 12 pm Memorial Service: Jenna Watt-Coaker
- May 30 – The Church building is closed for Memorial Day
- June 4 – Public Discussion with Rev. Curtiss Paul DeYoung: “Becoming Like Creoles”
- June 5 – Pentecost
- June 5 – Elder Lunch with Rev. Curtiss Paul DeYoung: “Becoming Like Creoles”
- June 12 - Strawberry Festival

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Prayer by Gordon Landefeld. Adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Gordon Landefeld, Clerk of Session