CALLED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO
JULY 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order in the Sterchi Conference Room at 6:00 PM by moderator Dr Case Thorp who led a devotion and opened in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: 1. To dissolve the call of Rev. Brad Staton as Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. 2. To approve several budget items:

* To set Capital Reserves at $1,000,000 and Operating Reserves at $1,600,000.
* To move the 2018-2019 operating surplus to reserves, less 10% designated to Missions.
* To approve a proposed budget for 2019-2020 of $7,000,000.
* To establish a workgroup for membership.

ATTENDANCE
TE’S: Case Thorp, Becky Davis, Jack Peebles, Tanner Fox. Excused: David Swanson.
RE’s: Barbara Clayton, Joe Amos, Chris Morgan, Tom Eastwood, Robby Ball, Rick Pullum, Quino Martinez, Katie Witter (by conference call), Jim Hardy (by conference call). Excused: Darrel Carpenter, Sr, Bob Francis, Trey Vick. Absent:
Also in attendance: Dale Van Gelder, Paige Ragan

A quorum was declared.

The docket was approved.

MOTION: To approve the non-ordained members of the Senior Leadership Team to remain for the evenings executive session and discussion, with voice. M/S/P

The meeting was moved into executive session.

An email communication from Presbytery Moderator Mike Gillet was noted. A called meeting of Presbytery is scheduled for August 24, 2019 to be held at River City Church in Debary. This is to include possible dismissal of FPCO Assistant Pastor Brad Staton.

MINISTER REPORT:

Motion: To request the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean consent and approve an early termination of TE Brad Staton’s call as Assistant Pastor with First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. This was due to a claim of sexual harassment with subsequent independent investigation and action of the Board of the Heart of the City Foundation to dismiss Rev. Staton from his position of Executive Director of the Heart of the City Foundation. M/S/P after considerable discussion lasting more than an hour.
The meeting was moved out of executive session.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Motion: To approve a 6 month 2019-2020 budget of $3,298,799. M/S/P

Motion: To set Capital Reserves at $1,000,000 and Operating Reserves at $1,6000,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. M/S/P.

Motion: To move 2018-2019 operating surplus of $241,000 to reserves, less 10% ($24,100) designated to Missions. M/S/P

Motion: To approve a budget with annual offering of $7,000,000. M/S/P

Motion: To establish a workgroup for membership. M/S/P

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jack Peebles at 7:40 PM.

Dr. Case Thorp           Jim Hardy
Moderator                Clerk