

APRIL SESSION REPORT

The FPC Session met on April 26, 2011 with 25 elders and 5 staff present. Devotions and opening prayer were given by Dr. Al Sheppard. Six people were received into membership, bringing our total active membership to 1,547.

Motions to approve special offerings for the remainder of 2011 and non-ordained speakers at the services were presented by the Worship Council.

Motions to change the job description of the Administrative Assistant and institute a new internship position for the Student Life Department were presented by the Administrative Council.

The Administrative Council noted that 110 people attended the Carpenter's Plan financial planning seminar and 50 families met with the representatives from the organization to review their wills and financial plans.

Mission Council shared news about a number of outreach ministries in which FPC people are involved. For example Pedal Power Bike Ministry has given away 300 bikes and has 40 volunteers involved.

Care Council noted that a new Telephone Ministry is beginning, and those involved will contact home bound members.

Pastor Loudon continued to keep the elders informed about developments within the PCUSA and voting on the various amendments coming from General Assembly. Session authorized him to send a letter to church members informing them of changes in ordination standards with which we disagree.

The Coordinating Council is being given the task of becoming the Denominational Concerns Committee, and bringing to Session recommendations on how our church should best respond to the changes and ways in which we can move forward in a Christ like and Biblically faithful manner. Those serving on this committee are Jackie Freed, Al Sheppard, Ed Carley, Tom Manske, David Finger, Sandra Ellington, and Betsy Phillips.

Pastor Loudon recommended that the Session create a new "Dream Team" to think creatively about the future as far as vision, programs, and staff is concerned. Five years ago the last Dream Team recommended developing the Vine service, the new logo, our mission statement, and core values.

The meeting closed in prayer. We lifted up those in the congregation facing illness and difficulties, as well as our missionaries and denomination.