

Fairmount Presbyterian Church
2757 Fairmount Blvd
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118
Stated Session Meeting
MINUTES
April 1, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

The April Stated Session Meeting of Fairmount Presbyterian Church was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Fairmount Presbyterian Church and presented by the Moderator, Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor.

THE ROLL

Elders: Rev Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor; Rev Lindsay Harren-Lewis, Carol Adrine, Jesse Bassett, Ian Cameron, Steve Chapman, Nancy Gilombardo, Jerry Parker, Ruth Wasem, Katie Wetherbee, Susan Wherley, Peg Zitzner.

Absent: Jim Crosby, Tim Cuff, Ginger Van Wagenen (Clerk)

Moderator: Rev. Ryan Wallace, Senior Pastor

Clerk Pro-tem: Steve Chapman

Guests: Rev. Andrew Genszler

QUORUM

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

The Moderator determined a quorum was present.

The Moderator reviewed the docket.

CLERK'S REPORT (see Full Clerk's Report in Share Drive)

MOTION: to approve the February 2026 Clerk's report as revised and the minutes of the February 4, 2026 Stated Meeting.

-Jesse Basset motion

Nancy Gilombardo- secondThe motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: to approve the March 2026 Clerk's report and the minutes of the March 1, 2026 Stated Meeting.

-Jesse Basset motion

Nancy Gilombardo- secondThe motion passed unanimously.

Steve shared that the Endowment Trustees's recommendation to continue the engagement of the Compass Group as Investment Advisor: approved by unanimous email vote.

Ryan shared that Session received an email from Patty Forsberg with their Session documents

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Presentation by Admin Council of capital needs and preliminary discussion of broader fundraising needs.

Discussing Campaign of 3 million dollars. 2 million for urgent capital projects

History of building...

100 years-Andersen Hall and Gansen Room

80+ Sanctuary

70+ Chapel

Difference between Maintenance and Capital Improvements

Investments in the church

Capital Improvements have a life of longer than 5 years

Necessary Upgrades and Replacement of Systems

-HVAC System

Exterior stonework

Fire safety

Basement level projects

Appendix A details and cost estimates

2 million is conservative.

Creating mission project for funding

Use of Endowment Funds

1/3 of income come from endowment

Receive about \$105,156 for maintenance of property.

Also using designated funds to support maintenance needs.

Questions:

1. Hiring consultant to help with campaign? Future discussion needed.
2. Is the mission project an idea to make the campaign more palatable? Urgent needs must be fixed. We can also think about creating new space within church to extend church's mission.

Ryan discussing mission project leg.

Drew discusses Capital Reserve.

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Took a tour of some troubled spots.

Where does Session want to go?

Multi-Phase campaign

Recommendations

1. Approve Multi-year capital campaign for \$2 million for urgent needs
2. Create a mission project and capital reserve fund an additional \$1 million
3. Form Capital Campaign Committee.

Susan suggested that we take the Admin council recommendations and move forward.

Jesse asked about the specific timing of the campaign. Do we have a level of confidence? 30 years... 1.5 million-2 million was raised.

Form an exploratory capital campaign to work through Jesse's questions.

Jerry asked: Is it possible to draw from the endowment to pull the money from?

Drew is looking at with Mark. 5% draw is typical. What are the endowment draws?

Discussion around drawing from endowment and the concerns that brings. Endowment provides a foundation.

Admin proposal is responsible. Vision forward=mission component.

Are we limiting the vision?

Drew: wisdom of the Session.

Silent phase and art to bring it before the congregation.

Lindsay suggested we create motion for Session.

Task Force of Session

Motion:

Katie: to accept with gratitude the proposal from the Admin Council and to create task force to begin plans for a capital campaign.

Steve seconded

Carol recommended 5-7 members of the Task Force

Serve Council

Faith Formation

Care Council

Admin Council

Peg Roberts

Ryan will work with Ginger to create:

- a process for elders to submit nominations;
- “demographics” that should be represented on the task force (e.g. a member from each council, a rep from Stewardship, at least 2 sitting elders, etc); and
- A draft job description for the task force

Ginger will gather nominees along with brief bios of each. Elders will be assigned to ask nominees to serve.

Session may take an e-vote ahead of the next stated meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Admin Council:

Big dig
Finance on Annual Report

Serve Council:

Faith Formation Council:
Women's Retreat
May 16th Saturday TBD 9-3/4
Sponsors as Tiger Retreat
Middle School
High Schoolers

Kids Programs
-prayer space in The Chapel.

Care Council:

Budget
Updates on Ministry areas
Honor Dinner (May 3rd)
-Breaking Bread combined.
Strawberry Festival
-invite additional churches
-June 7

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Jim Crosby's resignation

Ian Cameron (1st)

Nancy Gilobardo (2nd)

Motion passed unanimously.

Carol/Jerry

Motion: Nominating Committee -tabled motion

Personnel Committee

Carol, Nicki, Debbie, Gary Sampson, (at least 5 at large members)

Presbytery Commissioners

Steve has been attending presbytery meetings.

Motion: Appoint Steve Chapman to serve as a ruling elder Commissioner for the remainder of 2026.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ryan will talk with Jim Dakin about an elder from the Elders Association who would be willing to serve as a presbytery commissioner in 2026.

PASTORS REPORTS

Lindsay: Discussed Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, s

Drew: Donor restricted funds (61 funds) reviewing the funds.

-Personal Thanksgiving for the Memorial funds

-Personal serving in the realm of service.

Ryan:

Pray for Lisa Goods dissertation defense

Prayers for family May 30 Pastor Matthew Petereson

Special Session next week

Request to have Bio information before we vote on them.

-Goverance conversation

Closing Prayer

Adjournment