

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
January 17, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on January 17, 2016.

Elders present: Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Jodi Boal, Vinse Bowers, Doug Boyd, Griff Burgwyn, Sue DelVecchio, Daniel Griffis, Debbie Hahn, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Ann Mauldin, Eric Money, Craig Stanley, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Annelle West, Betty Williams, Holli Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Allen Lyle, Debra Mizelle, John Ogle, and Mark Phillips.

Absent: Rob Ables, Tyler Burgwyn, Morgan Farrow, Dave Kemble, Gibson McCall, Ray Spears, and Jane Steele.

Others Present: Dan Mayo, Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, and Derek Perry, Treasurer.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Assistant Clerk of Session Sue DelVecchio was clerk for the meeting. Annelle West led an opening devotional and prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Sara Allen, Connie Bond, Clara Carr, Matthew Chappell, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, Ben Kean, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Genet Lilley, Lisa Prevatte, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Linwood Winbourne, and Margie & Ernest Wright.

Deaths:

William "Bill" Martin December 27, 2015

John Howell, January 3, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS

A note of thanks from Margaret and Wayne Sumrell was received for the support of First Presbyterian church and our bereavement committee.

Letters of thanks were received from Community Crossroads Center for the \$750 donation to the Holiday Honor Card Program and for the \$600 donation to the shelter, from Barium Springs for the financial support and from Thelma Flye for the poinsettias brought to her after Christmas.

A Report from the Ulster Project describing their use of the 2015 First Presbyterian Mayfest Grant was received.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated meeting of December 20, 2015 and the called meeting of January 10, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill)

The fire alarm system is complete, smoke detectors installed and a final inspection is scheduled.

The Ministry noted that volunteers with a commercial driver's license are needed from time to time to drive the bus.

The Ministry is studying the possibility of a Fund Raiser for needs of the church and to commemorate this 125th anniversary year.

Education Ministry (Anne Mauldin)

A motion was approved from the ministry for the Youth to conduct neighborhood canned food drive on January 31, 2016.

A motion was approved for the Youth to have spaghetti lunch February 21. 2106 to raise funds for projects.

A motion was approved for Dr. Mark Pabst to sponsor Logan Saad, a new member of the confirmation class.

A reminder that February 7, 2016 is scheduled for the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.

Membership Ministry (Betty Williams)

A motion was approved for Presbyterian Women to have Moments for Ministry on Sunday February 14, 2016.

A motion was approved for use of the Fellowship Hall on January 26, 2016 for Chili Cook-Off set up (and the Chili Cook-Off event scheduled for the 27th was previously approved).

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

Funding was granted by the ministry for Emily Steele for Haiti mission trip (Give Hope Global) February 14th through February 21, 2016 and for Katie Stanley for Dominican Republic mission trip (ECU Young Life College Ministries) March 5th through 12, 2016.

Worship Ministry (Tammy Worden)

A motion was approved for Shrove Dinner on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 and for set up February 7, 2016 and to request that donations be made to cover costs. Any excess funds to be used to purchase Chrismon Ornament Kits.

A request to reserve the History & Heritage Room for assembling/folding palm crosses on March 19, 2016. Ministry welcomes volunteers to this effort that will start at 10 am.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the December 2015 financial report and said that pledge revenues fell short in both timing and amounts for year end. The resultant deficits were offset in part by ministry's efforts to curtail spending. Given these events and the anticipation of a deficit budget, the bank balances look good.

A motion passed to approve the December 15, 2015 audit of the financial records, controls and procedures for the 2014 year submitted by Lisa Chappell and Greg Steele. Appreciation to both Lisa and Greg for their efforts at a busy time of the year. Their recommendations concerning two processes (collections and expense notations) were discussed. (copy attached)

A motion passed to elect Joe Asselmeier and Don Rudolph to serve on the Audit Committee for 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

Eric Money volunteered to lead devotions for the February Stated meeting.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Bill Neely.

William K. Neely, Moderator

Sue DeVecchio, Assistant Clerk of Session