

SESSION MINUTES  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GREENVILLE, NC  
February 21, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 21, 2016.

**Elders present:** Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Jodi Boal, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Sue DelVecchio, Debbie Hahn, Linda Kean, Allen Lyle, Anne Mauldin, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, Jane Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Betty Williams, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

**Excused:** Rob Ables, Vinse Bowers, Karen Kay, Dave Kemble, Ray Spears, Craig Stanley, Annelle West, and Tammy Worden.

**Absent:** Doug Boyd, Morgan Fariior, Daniel Griffis, Jeri Jackson, and Gibson McCall.

**Others present:** Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Steve Prevatte, Campus Minister, and Dick Marks, Clerk of Session.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Eric Money led an opening devotional and prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

**Illnesses:**

Special mention was made for Sarah Allen, Betty Bailey, Ashtyn Clark, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Gladys Howell, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Odell Welborn, Linwood Winbourne, Louise Woellmer, and Margie Wright.

**Deaths:**

Ernest Wright, on February 2, 2016.

Clara Carr, on February 6, 2016.

Ann Stanley (mother of Craig Stanley), on February 3, 2016.

Steve Prevatte offered a prayer which included those mentioned in concerns and celebrations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks were received from:

Pitt County Council on Aging for \$800 donation

Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC for \$1200 donation

Winterville Manor staff and residents for gifts during Christmas season.

Children's Hope Alliance for gift.

Boys and Girls Club of the Coastal Plain for support.

A report was received from Mike Metcalf, Treasurer, on the activities of the Ulster Project over the summer, and also a letter concerned about future support. These were transferred to Mission Ministry.

From New Hope Presbytery – the 2015 end-of-year benevolence report and a request for 2016 benevolence giving.

Notification was received from the Presbyterian Foundation about a charitable trust with the church as a beneficiary. This was set up by Dick and Flo Gammon, and it appears that Donna Gammon is the primary beneficiary with an annuity and the church is a secondary beneficiary. The current report appears to be simply a notification of the current value of the trust. It was passed to the Treasurer.

## MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of January 17, 2016, the called Session meetings of January 31 and February 4, 2016, and the Annual Congregational/Corporation meeting of January 31, 2016.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### **Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill/Rob Ables)**

Building use requests from the Ministry were approved for a) Cub Scout Pack 452 using the Fellowship Hall for the Pinewood Derby on March 4 (setup from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.) and March 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; b) ECU School of Music Collegiate Choir using the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary on April 8, 2016 (7-9 p.m.) for a rehearsal, and on April 9, 2016 for a concert from 6 to 9 p.m.; and c) Greenville Women's League for meetings in the Fellowship Hall on January 25, February 15, and March 21 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m..

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having a fish fry, with Bill Farior cooking after the 11 a.m. worship service on April 10, 2016, to help fund Sam Sneed's Eagle Project.

The Ministry noted that final approval and inspection has been done by the fire marshal for the alarm system. The climate control system in the chancel choir room is being replaced and the bell choir room system will be replaced soon.

The Ministry asked for help from volunteers to get a Commercial Driver's License in order to have a larger number of drivers available for the bus.

### **Mission Ministry (Jodi Boal/Dave Kemble)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to move the Mayfest auction to Friday, May 13, with the hopes of attracting a larger audience.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve moving the Mayfest golf tournament to the fall.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry for Stephen Ministry on February 14.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Moments for Ministry for Mayfest on February 21 and May 1.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve asking for volunteers for the Helping Hands Group to assist elderly with jobs around the house. This has grown out of the Gospel Call program.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve moving "Bucket Brigade" to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

The Ministry announced the award of \$300 to Clay Britt and Dale Kitchin to assist with PDA relief efforts in Columbia, SC. The Ministry also awarded \$1300 to Anna Prevatte to assist as she will participate in a 9-month mission trip with World Race: Gap Year. Bill Neely offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Anna and for support for the Prevatte family.

### **Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle/Anne Mauldin)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve allowing the Youth to sell tickets to support Relay for Life after church on April 3 and April 17.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the Confirmation Class to have a retreat on March 19 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a trip to King's Dominion by the Youth on May 14.

**Membership Ministry (Eric Money/Betty Williams)**

The Ministry announced that homebound communion will be served on February 28 and it noted that the chili cook-off was a great success.

**Worship Ministry (Joe Asselmeier/Tammy Worden)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve an updated Wedding Policy with a few corrections that were noted by members during the meeting (corrected version attached).

The Ministry announced that the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 9 was a good success.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In the absence of the Treasurer, Bill Neely called attention to the January financial report. He noted that the church was slightly in the black for the month. He also gave a brief description of the way accounts at the Presbyterian Foundation work, and noted that our accounts there are in good shape.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The clerk noted that Jeri Jackson was installed on February 14, 2016, as an Elder in the Class of 2017.

A motion passed to change the time of the March stated Session meeting from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Steve Prevatte.

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session