

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
March 19, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2017.

Elders present: Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Daniel Griffis, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Debra Mizelle Dorothy Muller, Will O'Rear, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, David Webb, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Sue DeVecchio, Bill Fariior, and Gibson McCall.

Absent: Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, and Bill Lehman.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Interim Associate Pastor, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, and Suzanne Morrow.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Bill Neely led an opening devotional expanding on his daily Lenten message.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Brenda Edwards, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Pauline Hudson, Ben Lattin, Leinweber family, Michael Nelms, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Margie Arnold (Betty Williams's mother) on March 14, 2017.

Bill Neely offered an opening prayer which included those mentioned under concerns.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Suzanne Morrow was present to request all elders to seek donations from local merchants and others to help with the Silent Auction, which will be on Friday, May 12. She handed out forms that can be turned in to her, Jackie Wynne, Jessica Davenport, or the church office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank-you notes for contributions were received from Rebuilding Together of Pitt County (\$1500); Community Crossroads Center (\$525); Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (\$521 and overall 2016 support); and Presbyterian World Mission for the long-time support of the church, and also it announced a new director.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of February 19, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for: a) Choral Arts Carolina changing their previously approved dates from June 9-10 to June 2-3; b) Gabby Chey and Jenna Kuchar to have their voice recital on March 31, 2017 in the Sanctuary.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having Kelly Barnhill lead and form the Repair and Renovation Campaign Committee.

A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to call a congregational meeting on the 4th Sunday in April (April 23) to dismiss the Associate Pastor/Campus Ministry Search Committee and elect a new Associate Pastor Search Committee.

Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry on March 26 for the Youth to announce the barbecue dinner on March 31 and the Relay for Life gift card raffles on April 2 and 23.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve selling Mother's Day and Father's Day cards as a mission fundraiser on April 23 and April 30.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Mission on April 23 to announce the Mother's Day and Father's Day card sale.

Membership Ministry (Debbie Hahn)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve allowing the Prayers and Squares to sell raffle tickets for a quilt on April 23 and 30.

The Ministry announced that Jean Duff has asked to be removed from the homebound Communion list and Mary Smith asked to be added. Also, the Presbytery recognition ceremony for the Outstanding Older Adults will be on May 21 and First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount.

Worship Ministry (Joe Asselmeier)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve allowing the children who will be attending Montreat Worship and Music Conference to have a "pie-fest" fundraiser on March 19 and 26, with the award being distributed on April 2.

A motion passed from the Ministry to offer two types of Easter memorials or honors: Easter lilies at \$15 each, and the opportunity to contribute to the music program for bells and chimes

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. from May 28 through September 3, 2017. The Ministry will provide notification to the congregation by way of the newsletter and bulletins.

The Ministry announced that Easter Sunday services will be at 6, 8:30, and 11:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet was circulated requesting Session members to provide food for a reception following the Maundy Thursday service, and a sign-up sheet was circulated requesting communion servers for the service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report for the first two months of the year. He said that overall revenues are down, about \$5000 lower than usual for this time of year. Part of that may be due to the loss of a Sunday service in January due to bad weather. Expenses are a little lower than usual, too, and the checking accounts and other balances are in good shape.

OTHER BUSINESS

Clay Britt provided a report as a Commissioner to the February 25 stated meeting of New Hope Presbytery at Cary Presbyterian Church.

A motion passed (Barnhill/Lyle) to approve having the Treasurer of First Presbyterian Church be authorized to sign financial documents on behalf of the church at the direction of the Session.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Amanda Hines.

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session