

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
April 17, 2016

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

Elders present: Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Jodi Boal, Vinse Bowers, Doug Boyd, Sue DelVecchio, Morgan Fariior, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Allen Lyle, Anne Mauldin, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Craig Stanley, Jane Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Annelle West, Betty Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Debbie Hahn and Holli Williams.

Absent: Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, and Daniel Griffis.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Church Treasurer, and Karrie Rushing, Director of Music.

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

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Sarah Allen, Ashtyn Clark, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Mickey Herrin, Gladys Howell, Ben Lattin, Joe Sullivan, Peggy Wood, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Charles Wilkerson, III, brother of Emily Coffman on April 11, 2016.

Jimmy Lewis, son of Jim and Betsy Lewis, on March 20, 2016.

Linwood Winbourne, on March 24, 2016.

Birth:

Logan Addison Harvey (son of Lauren & Addison Harvey and grandson of Jim and Betty Williams), on April 6, 2016.

Bill Neely offered a prayer which included those mentioned in concerns and celebrations.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of thanks was received from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina for monetary support.

A membership request from First Presbyterian Church of Washington, NC for Margaret Beddard was received. The clerk noted that no one by that name was in our records, but a comment was made that this might be the daughter of Margaret Whitehurst. However, she is not a current active member.

The records of the Session for 2015 were approved without exception at the local clerks' review.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of March 20, 2016, and the called Session meeting of April 3, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill)

A building use request from the Ministry was approved for Amanda Fisher to use the kitchen for a spaghetti fund raiser for the national Society for Collegiate Scholars on April 23, 2016, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A motion from the Ministry to launch a capital campaign for constructing a multi-purpose building and to carry out some needed renovations was presented with supporting data. After some far-reaching discussion, an amendment to the motion to launch the campaign only after a current feasibility study was approved. The amended motion passed.

Worship Ministry (Joe Asselmeier/Tammy Worden)

A motion with supporting data was presented from the Ministry to hold only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. during the summer months beginning Memorial Day weekend and ending Labor Day weekend, with Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month during this time. After some discussion, the motion passed.

The Ministry reminded Session members that Communion will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. service on May 15 rather than May 1.

Membership Ministry (Eric Money/Betty Williams)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Vernetta Dean as the candidate from First Presbyterian Church for the Presbytery's 2016 Outstanding Older Adult Award.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve allowing the Prayers and Squares group to hold a raffle for a quilt for Mayfest on April 17 and 24 and May 1.

Ministry member Jackie Wynne told the story of her son going to Invitation to Discipleship, feeling the need to talk with someone, but no elder was present there. She found someone, as well as the pastor, to meet with him. Members of Session were advised to recognize the importance of having someone there when we advertise that there will be an elder to meet with whoever might come in.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble/Jodi Boal)

A motion passed from the Ministry to give preliminary approval to funding the following agencies from this year's Mayfest proceeds: Pitt County Council on Aging (\$3000), Habitat for Humanity (\$2500), Pitt County Literacy (\$1500), Eppes Recreation (\$500); Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC (\$4000), Hope of Glory (\$6000), Camp Albemarle (\$2812), Community Crossroads Center (\$3500), Jackie Robinson (\$1000), Little Willie Center (\$1760), Ulster Project (\$1500), Riley's Army (\$1000), and Third Street Academy (\$6000), for a total of about \$35,000. Final amounts will be determined when total proceeds are calculated.

The Ministry reminded members of Session about the scheduling of the Mayfest Live Auction on May 13 at the Greenville Country Club including a chicken and steak dinner for adults and chicken tenders for children, with childcare and a cash bar available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report through the first quarter. With 25% of the year having passed, revenues are just over 21%, and expenditures are about 23%, leading to a deficit for the year of about \$8800. Perry said that if all pledges were up to date, there would be a surplus at this point. Cash balances and investments are in good shape, and overall, he thinks the financial status is doing well for this time of year.

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