

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
April 23, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m. on April 23, 2017.

Ruling Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Kelly Barnhill, Clay Britt, Tyler Burgwyn, Sue DelVecchio, Bill Farnior, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Debra Mizelle, Dorothy Muller, Mark Phillips, David Webb, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Doug Boyd, Debbie Hahn, Sandy Jackson, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, and Kathleen Randall.

Absent: Joe Asselmeier, Griff Burgwyn, Jessica Davenport, Daniel Griffis, Will O'Rear, Ray Spears, and Elizabeth Swaggerty.

Others present: Rev. C. Anderson James, visiting Moderator, Amanda Hines, Interim Associate Pastor, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, Wade Jarman, Benjamin Kean, Lucy Ogle, and Aidan Wood, members of the 2017 Confirmation Class, Sponsors Emily Coffman, Brian Dilday, Todd Fraley, and Mark Pabst.

Moderator Andy James called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Sue DelVecchio led an opening devotional about forgiveness.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Shel Downs, Thelma Flye, Fran Hutchison, Ben Lattin, Gerald McGowan, Michael Nelms, Anna Ogle, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Jimmy Sutton, Mark Williams, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Jim Finch, on March 22, 2017.

Ron Chaffee, on March 26, 2017.

Ed Monroe, on April 16, 2017.

Betty Ruth Thompson Bradshaw (mother of Marigail Matthijs and Ward Bradshaw), on April 20, 2017.

Andy James offered an opening prayer for the meeting, which included those mentioned under concerns.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

The members of the 2017 Confirmation Class, along with their Sponsors, were present to be examined by the Session. The students introduced themselves and told a little about their background. Brian Dilday then asked each student to respond to two questions – “What did you learn in the Confirmation Class that you didn’t already know or that surprised you?” and “What excites you about joining First Presbyterian Church at this time?” After they responded, members of Session were invited to pose other questions. When there were none, a motion passed to suspend the questioning, sustain the examination, and approve the confirmands for membership. A motion passed to approve the baptism of Wade Jarman for baptism at the time the confirmands are presented to the congregation. Confirmand Brent Jackson was unable to be present and will be examined at a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank-you note was received from Union Presbyterian Seminary for the church’s participation in campaign events for the seminary. Wedding information was received for member Caitlyn McConnell and Joseph Craige.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of March 19, 2017 and the called Session meeting of March 26, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for: a) Community Pops concerts on May 12, September 15, and December 15, 2017 in the Sanctuary from 6 to 9 p.m.; and b) Girl Scout Troop 909 for 3 small classrooms and kitchen for food assembly on Sun. May 7 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the members of the Repair and Renovation Campaign Committee: Kelly Barnhill (chair), Emily Coffman, Debbie Hahn, Mark Hayes, Rob Howard, Mark Phillips, Derek Perry, Allen Lyle, and Peggy Wood (secretary).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the annual financial review for 2016 (attached).

A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve the revised job description for Associate Pastor (attached) reflecting changes resulting from removal of Campus Minister duties, to approve a revision of the contract with Amanda Hines that coincides with this job description, and to approve extending the contract with Amanda Hines as Temporary Associate Pastor through June 2018.

A motion passed to approve requesting the Presbytery Commission on Ministry to grant Amanda Hines, an ordained Disciples of Christ minister, permission to celebrate the Sacraments at First Presbyterian Church during the time of her employment.

Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry on May 14 for Vacation Bible School.

The Ministry noted the success of the cake and pie auction held on April 9 as a fund-raiser for the Youth.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the preliminary distribution of funds from Mayfest 2017 (attached).

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Lynne and Dick Marks as the recipients of the 2017 Older Adult Award.

The Ministry announced that homebound communion will be celebrated on May 21.

Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)

The Ministry noted all the events of an active Lent and Holy Week.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report for the first quarter of the year. He noted that pledges and other revenue are well below the expected 25%, but are about the same level as in 2016. The year-to-date deficit is a concern, and the Finance Committee will consider whether budget adjustments will need to be made. He is hopeful that large amounts will come in during April, but we still need to pay attention. He thinks that the problems with getting access to monies deposited at Wells Fargo will be straightened out soon. All balances in various accounts are in good shape.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by the Moderator.