

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
May 15, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 2016.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Jodi Boal, Doug Boyd, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Sue DelVecchio, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Allen Lyle, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Betty Williams, Holli Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: John Ogle.

Absent: Vinse Bowers, Morgan Farior, Daniel Griffis, Dave Kemble, Anne Mauldin, Craig Stanley, Jane Steele, and Annelle West.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, and Derek Perry, Church Treasurer. Also present for the Campus Ministry conversation were Rev. Ted Churn, Rob Howard, Richard Jackson, Michael Scull, and Ray Watson.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Jackie Wynne 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, Hank Hinton, Gladys Howell, Billie Luck Kitchin, Ben Lattin, Van Madray, Mary Jon Pabst, Don Rudolph, Charlotte Spain, Joe Sullivan, Peggy Wood, Margie Wright, and John Wynne.

Death:

Carol Irons, on May 8, 2016.

Wedding:

Melinda Thomsen and Hunt KcKinnon, on May 14, 2016.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Guests from the ECU Campus Ministry Board and the Presbytery of New Hope Campus Ministry Committee joined the meeting to talk about new funding models for Campus Ministry in the Presbytery. Members of the Session and the guests talked about the history of campus ministry at ECU and its relation to First Presbyterian Church and then offered ideas on what the program looks like now and what it should look like in the future. The Presbytery is moving to a model where less money will come to the church in the salary line for this position but more may be available through one or more grants that are part of the Presbytery's Passion-driven Ministry projects. Following the conversation, all the guests left the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Presbytery of New Hope came a copy of the 1st quarter benevolence contribution statement and a copy of a letter sent to Vernetta Dean as the church's Outstanding Older Adult nominee.

A request was received from Elder Annelle West to resign from the Session. This request was added to the consent agenda for approval.

A request was received for a letter of transfer for Laura Webb Covington to First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC. This request was added to the consent agenda for approval.

A request was received from Union Presbyterian Seminary for FPC to serve as a host site for a seminary capital campaign information session. This request was added to the discussion agenda.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of April 17, 2016, and the called Session meeting of April 24, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP ISSUES

A motion passed to accept with regret the resignation of Annelle West from the Class of 2016 of the Session.

A motion passed to approve a letter of transfer for Laura Webb Covington from the inactive roll to First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, NC.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill)

Building use requests from the Ministry were approved for a) Lori Sneed to use the fellowship hall on June 22, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. for Sam Sneed's Eagle Scout ceremony; b) ECU Summer Vocal Music Intensive to use the sanctuary on Thursday, June 23, 2016 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Friday, June 24, 2016 from 9 to 11 a.m. for rehearsal for summer camp choir; and c) Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society to use Room 205 on June 2, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a chapter meeting.

(Personnel) A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve with regret the resignation of Rev. Steve Prevatte as ECU Campus Minister and Assistant to the Pastor, effective June 15, 2016, so he can pursue a call to a church in Tennessee. Included in the motion were that his retirement benefits will be paid through August 31, 2016, and that because of accrued vacation time, June 30 will be his last day on the payroll.

(Personnel) A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve Elizabeth Christine Stovall as a Choral Scholar singer beginning in the summer and continuing through the fall semester. There are sufficient funds in the Choral Scholar fund to accommodate this position.

The Ministry is getting quotes for a feasibility study for a capital campaign.

Worship Ministry (Joe Asselmeier/Tammy Worden)

The Ministry noted that new schedules are forthcoming for ushers, greeters, and communion servers resulting from the change to a single service in the summer.

Membership Ministry (Eric Money/Betty Williams)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve continuing Sunday fellowship in from Memorial Day through Labor Day beginning around 9:30 before the 10:00 a.m. worship service and to have lemonade gatherings on June 12, July 10, and August 14 following the service.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the PW calendar request for use of the Fellowship Hall during 2016-2017 – October 24, 2016 for Fall Gathering; February 9-12, 2017 for Neighbor-to-Neighbor Luncheon and preparation; May 15, 2017 for PW Birthday Gathering and Scholarship Presentation.

Homebound Communion was served May 15.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble/Jodi Boal)

The Ministry is supporting the Youth's mission trip to the mountains of NC by providing 14 \$150 scholarships.

Education Ministry (Anne Mauldin/Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the curriculum for Vacation Bible School: *Hometown Nazareth – When Jesus was a Kid*, by Group Publishing.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following leaders and teachers for Vacation Bible School: Anne Mauldin, Kathleen Williams, Katy Kemble, Dave Kemble, Emi McCall, Brad Collier, Peggy Barnes, Betty Bailey, Jessica Davenport, Emily Harvey, Pat Tutino, Maddie Dilday, Kayce Dilday, Michael Scull, Holli Williams, Mallory Williams, Vernetta Dean, Cassandra Henson, Mary Beth Pugh, Suzanne Morrow, Anne Mannie, Karrie Rushing, Anna Rushing, Thomas Silvernail, Russell Silvernail, Madeleine Mizelle, Elizabeth Swaggerty.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the commissioning of the Youth Mission Team on June 19.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report through the April. April was a good month, with revenues exceeding expenditures by a significant amount. Cash balances and investments are in good shape, and overall, the financial status is good for this time of year.

OTHER BUSINESS

After some discussion about the request from Union Presbyterian Seminary, a motion passed to approve allowing the Seminary to use our facility at a mutually agreeable date around December 5 as a site for them to provide information to churches in our area about their capital campaign.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Dick Marks.

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session