

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
May 21, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2017.

Ruling Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Kelly Barnhill, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, Daniel Griffis, Debbie Hahn, Sandy Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, and David Webb.

Excused: Joe Asselmeier, Bill Farior, Jeri Jackson, Dorothy Muller, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

Absent: Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Dave Kemble, and Will O'Rear.

Others present: Bill Neely, Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, and Derek Perry, Treasurer.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. David Webb led an opening devotional about faith and seeking truth.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Shel Downs, Ray Evans, Thelma Flye, Bobby Griffin, Bill Gross (friend of Kathleen Randall), Ben Lattin, Lynne Marks, Gerald McGowan, Michael Nelms, Anna Ogle, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Jimmy Sutton, Cori Thomas, Louise Woellmer, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Aaron Asselmeier, on May 6, 2017.

Robert Klein, on May 6, 2017.

Betty Martin (sister of Marilee Little), on May 5, 2017.

Nelson Cooper (friend of a number of church members), on May 18, 2017.

Baptism:

Wade Jarman, on May 21, 2017.

Bill Neely offered an opening prayer for the meeting, which included those mentioned under concerns and celebrations and he also thanked God for the leadership of the Youth program.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank-you note was received from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC for \$250 in donation, and an information flyer from Menaul School, which was passed to Mission Ministry.

The clerk announced that he had corresponded with the Commission on Ministry of New Hope Presbytery about the request approved in April for Amanda Hines to serve the Sacraments. He is waiting for a reply.

The clerk also noted that the agenda for upcoming meetings is available on the church Web site even if the email prompt does not work, and that all elders should be aware of their mailboxes in the church office.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of April 23, 2017, the called Session meetings of April 16 and May 21, 2017, and the called congregational meeting of April 23, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a building use request for ECU Summer Vocal Music Intensive using the Sanctuary, choir room, fellowship hall, and an additional room with a piano plus 4 small rooms for sectional rehearsals on June 22 (1-5 p.m.), June 28 (6-9 p.m.), June 29 (6-9 p.m.), and June 30 (8 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m.).

A motion was presented from the Ministry to approve the purchase of Yamaha pianos for the Sanctuary and the choir room and to authorize a \$22,000 deposit to be borrowed from the Sorenson fund and reimbursed from funds of the R&R campaign when they are available. After some discussion, the motion was approved.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Karen Kay and Georganne Perry as co-directors of Mayfest 2018.

Membership Ministry (Gibson McCall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having lemonade gatherings after the worship service on June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2017.

The Ministry announced that homebound communion will be celebrated on May 22.

Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)

The Ministry noted that they have inventoried and organized storage areas of seasonal items and they are working on another update for the Manual of Operation. The Ministry indicated a continuing need for ushers for funeral services and for Elders Assisting in Worship, and said another training session for the latter group will be conducted in the fall. A thank-you note was received from Maya and Ben Swaggerty for helping them to raise money so they could attend the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. Income above the cost of the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was used for offsetting the cost of the trip for nine youth attendees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report through April. He noted that pledges and other revenue are well below the expected 33%, but that the budget was in the black for the month of April. There was a stock sale of \$33,000 that is not reflected in the budget. The problems with getting access to monies deposited at Wells Fargo have been straightened out with the sale of these stocks, and will be put in the books next month. All balances in various accounts are in good shape.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Repairs and Renovation Committee presented a list of priorities for needs to be addressed by the campaign (attached). A motion passed to approve this as the working list of priorities.

A motion passed to elect Jackie Wynne and Karen Kay as Commissioners to the July 25 meeting of New Hope Presbytery

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

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session