

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
June 19, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2016.

Elders present: Kelly Barnhill, Sue DelVecchio, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Dave Kemble, Anne Mauldin, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, Ray Spears, Craig Stanley, Jane Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Betty Williams, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Allen Lyle, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, and Tammy Worden. Treasurer Derek Perry was also excused.

Absent: Jodi Boal, Vinse Bowers, Doug Boyd, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Morgan Fariior, Daniel Griffis, Linda Kean, and Gibson McCall.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, and Rev. Jordan Davis

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

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Sarah Allen, Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Bob Deyton, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Fran Hutchison, Ben Lattin, Mary Jon Pabst, Derek Perry, Greg Riddle, Don Rudolph, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Mark Williams, and Margie Wright. Also lifted up were Paul Spears and Steve Flanary (son of Ralph and Sarah Flanary), the motorcycle patrolmen who were injured in the funeral procession in Orlando.

Deaths:

Orlando Washington (Terrence Clemons's brother-in-law) on June 3, 2016; and Margaret Jump (Matt Davenport's grandmother), on June 13, 2016.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Rev. Jordan Davis, in her role as Church Relations Officer with Union Presbyterian Seminary, gave the Session an update on activities at the Seminary, particularly changes that are occurring in the physical plant. She acknowledged the long-standing relationship between our church and the seminary and the gift from FPC that has been instrumental in the completion of the Holderness Dining Hall. After a time for questions and discussion, Rev. Davis left the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter and flyer were received from the Presbyterian Historical Society about their services and the possibility of membership in the Society.

A letter of thanks was received from Solid Rock International for the Christmas Eve offering supporting their work in the Dominican Republic.

A request for a letter of transfer for Larry Howard (Inactive Roll) to the Open Door Church of Raleigh, NC was received. A motion passed to approve this transfer.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of May 15, 2016, and the called Session meetings of May 22 and 29, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Kelly Barnhill)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve electing Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, John Ogle, and Ray Spears as Session representatives to the 2016 Nominating Committee.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a proposal for spending \$18,000 with I Squared Consulting in Greenville for a feasibility study to conduct a capital campaign for building a Family Life Center and making other improvements (attached).

(Personnel) A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve establishing the position of Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry with the attached job description and budget costs.

(Personnel) A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve appointing Dorothy Muller, Todd Fraley, Suzanne Morrow, Matt Rushing, Dave Kemble, Ashtyn Clark, Sue DelVecchio, Sandra Ward, and Elizabeth Ables as members of a search committee for the Associate Pastor for Young Adult Ministry.

Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve three documents that comprise an updated policy statement for procedures to follow on the occasion of death (attached).

Membership Ministry (Eric Money)

Homebound Communion was served May 15.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

The Ministry reported that preliminary figures from Mayfest show the proceeds are about \$40,000 with the golf tournament yet to come. A few new applications have been received, and these will be evaluated before final funding is determined.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Moderator referred Session members to the financial report through May. He noted that the bottom line is that the church is slightly in the black for the year, but that with summer months approaching it is necessary to keep giving up to date.

OTHER BUSINESS

A report from the Vision Implementation Team (attached) was presented by Team member Betty Williams. After some discussion, a motion passed to approve this report.

A motion passed from the Vision Implementation Team to approve their hosting a Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to inform the congregation about the work of each Ministry and to recruit volunteers to the Ministries.

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

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session