

SESSION MINUTES  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GREENVILLE, NC  
June 25, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 25, 2017.

**Ruling Elders present:** Catherine Adams, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Tyler Burgwyn, Jessica Davenport, Bill Farnior, Daniel Griffis, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Dorothy Muller, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

**Excused:** Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Dave Kemble, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, and David Webb.

**Absent:** Griff Burgwyn, Sue DelVecchio, Sandy Jackson, Bill Lehman, and Will O'Rear.

**Others present:** Bill Neely, Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Temporary Associate Pastor, 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. Linda Kean led an opening devotional.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

**Illnesses:**

Special mention was made for Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Bob Deyton, Shel Downs, Thelma Flye, Gladys Howell, Dale Kitchin, Jim Kleckley, Ben Lattin, Michael Nelms, Wilma Piner, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, Ava Wenz (sister-in-law of Mary Beth Pugh), and Margie Wright.

**Birth:**

Evan Joseph Guy-Oravec (grandson of Don & Mary Guy), on May 22, 2017.

Amanda Hines offered an opening prayer for the meeting, which included those mentioned under concerns and celebrations.

COMMUNICATION

A thank-you note was received from Children's Hope Alliance for a gift to their ministry.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of May 21, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP ITEM

A motion was approved to provide a letter of transfer for Diana Wyn Gordon (from the Inactive Roll) to University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, NC.

MINISTRY REPORTS

**Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a building use request Greenville Community Music Cooperative for use of the Sanctuary on August 27, 2017 from 5-8 p.m. for a music concert.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve December 10 at 3 p.m. for a worship service celebrating Bill Neely's ministry in anticipation of his retirement.

A motion passed from the Ministry to change the church's insurance carrier from Church Mutual to Select Insurance. The policy will be handled locally by Clement Co., and an annual savings of \$7067 is anticipated.

A motion passed from the Ministry to change the valid signature on the church credit card from Tracy Wetherbee to Derek Perry and Brian Dilday.

A motion passed from the Personnel Committee to approve hiring Eli Cole as a student intern during the summer. Karrie anticipates having him as a student scholar in the fall to sing with the choir and help with the youth handbell program.

#### **Mission Ministry (Linda Kean)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the final distribution of funds from Mayfest 2017 as on the attached document.

#### **Membership Ministry (Gibson McCall/Debbie Hahn)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the 2017-2018 calendar for Presbyterian Women (attached).

The Ministry announced that homebound communion had been served to Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, and Mary Smith, and reminded everyone about the lemonade gatherings on July 9 and August 13.

#### **Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve celebrating Communion by intinction on July 2, August 6, and September 3, to coincide with the summer worship schedule.

#### **Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve "Contemplative Kids," a summer curriculum by Amanda Hines at 9:00 a.m. from June 25 through July 30 (6 weeks) for children aged preschool to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders, along with adults.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve accepting a \$5499 donation from an anonymous donor to construct a "rock-climbing type" of playground equipment. The site will be graded and it will be finished by the end of June.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report through May. He noted that some of the numbers are a little misleading, due to the inclusion as income of the money that had been held by Wells Fargo. Without this, the overall balance for the year is about \$16,000 in the red. He noted that this is disturbing, but not unusual at this time of the year. The congregation will be encouraged to keep up with their pledges during the summer. He noted that the bank balances and Foundation accounts are in good shape.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion passed to approve Alec Fortune as the new sound technician.

A motion passed to accept the resignation of Joe Asselmeier from the Session Class of 2018, with sadness.

A motion passed to change the date and time of the August stated Session meeting to immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on August 27, 2017.

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

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session