

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
August 21, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on August 21, 2016.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Doug Boyd, Tyler Burgwyn, Sue DeVecchio, Morgan Farior, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Allen Lyle, Anne Mauldin, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Craig Stanley, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Holli Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Betty Williams.

Absent: Vinse Bowers, Griff Burgwyn, Daniel Griffis, and Jane Steele.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, and Karrie Rushing, Director of Music.

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

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Sarah Allen, Connie Bond, Dee Chaffee, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Don Duff, June Ficklen, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Fran Hutchison, Jim Kleckley, Ben Lattin, Genet Lilley, Allen Lyle, Kay McLeod, Greg Riddle, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

William Curtis Finch, Jr., on August 12, 2016.

Sammy Corey (father of Wendy Farior) on August 7, 2016, Paul Morrow (brother of John Morrow) on August 6, 2016, and Estelle Spivey (sister of Betty Bailey) on July 12, 2016.,

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from New Hope Presbytery concerning campus ministry committee representation.

A thank-you note was received from Rev. Jordan Davis for allowing her to present information to the Session concerning Union Presbyterian Seminary.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of June 19, 2016, and the called Session meetings of June 26 and July 24, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for: a) ECU Men's and Women's choral concerts on October 15, February 28, April 10, and April 25 for concerts and on October 14, February 27, April 9, and April 24 for rehearsals, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Sanctuary and choir room; b) Greenville AI-Anon Family Groups for annual gratitude dinner on November 5, 2016 in the afternoon in the basement fellowship hall and rooms; c) Boy Scout Troop/pack 452 for overnight lock-in November 18-19, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 12 noon, using both fellowship halls and kitchen; d) Greenville Jr. Cotillion on September 17, October 8, and November 5, 2016 and January 7, and February 4, 2017 in the fellowship hall from 7 to 9 p.m.; e) Service League of Greenville on September 12, October 3, November 7, and

December 5, 2016 and January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, and May 8, 2017 for general meetings in the fellowship hall from 9-11 a.m. and on September 8, September 29, November 3, and December 1, 2016 and January 5, February 2, March 2, March 30, and May 4, 2017 from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 202 for board meetings.

The Ministry will have a poster and information brochures for the Ministry Fair and money from ECU for parking on August 20 for the special concert will go into the general fund.

Worship Ministry (Tammy Worden)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve starting an organ recital series once per semester (Christmas/Easter) at a cost of about \$1000 per recital. Brad Collier will be the first artist in the series, on March 12, 2017 at 4 p.m. Karrie and Brad will be responsible for the structure of the recital programs.

A motion passed to approve purchasing the 5th octave of handbells and additional 3rd and 4th octave bells and chimes to round out our collection, at a cost of \$10,254. A special offering fund was approved to allow donations for this purpose, and contributions will be solicited as alternatives to poinsettias at Advent and lilies at Easter.

The Ministry announced that the policies and procedures manual for the Ministry is being finalized, and that Karen Kay and Jeri Jackson are coordinating the Ministry Fair for Worship Ministry.

Membership Ministry (Eric Money)

A motion passed to approve a Moment for Ministry on September 11 for Men of the Church.

A motion passed to approve the by-laws and mission statement for the Men of the Church (attached).

The Ministry announced that the Ministry Fair will be August 28 and the Rally Day picnic will be September 11.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the Mayfest distribution for late applications as follows: \$2200 to Church's Outreach; \$2000 to Boys' and Girls' Club; \$1500 to Rebuilding Together; and \$500 to Boy Scouts.

The Ministry reported that the Mayfest golf tournament will be September 22 at 1 p.m. at Ironwood course; Daniel Griffis is the contact person and there will be a signup sheet in the welcome center. Dale Kitchin was awarded up to \$750 for disaster relief in Charleston, SC, September 24-30.

Education Ministry (Anne Mauldin)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following Sunday School teachers/leaders for 2016-2017: K/1st – Alisa Fraley, Marigail Matthijs, LuAnn Manning, and Katy Kemble; 2nd/3rd – Anne Mauldin, Emily Harvey, Brenda Killingsworth, and David Webb; 4th/5th – Peggy Barnes, Dave Kemble, Melinda McKinnon, and Jason Lee; Mid-High – Georganne Perry, John Ogle, Ashtyn Clark, Lisa Burgwyn, and Michael Scull (alt); Senior-High – Emily Coffman and Greg Steele; Westminster Class – Ginny Hill; New Wine Class – Mary Jon Pabst, Debra and Kirk Mizelle, and Georganne Perry; Covenant Class – Peggy Barnes and Peggy Wood; New Members Class – Karen Eckert.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the Youth calendar for 2016-2017 (attached).

Stewardship Committee (Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the committee to approve the schedule for stewardship from September 18 through October 30, 2016 (attached).

A motion passed from the committee to approve requesting devotional submissions for the 40-day period of stewardship from the congregation with the theme "How Have You Been Abundantly Blessed?"

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial reports for the months of June and July and noted that things are very good for this time of the year. As of the end of July, the budget is slightly in the black. He noted, however, that the end of the summer is often a "slack" time for income, and urged all to keep up with their pledges.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed to move Ward Bradshaw from the Active Roll to the Inactive Roll upon his request.

A motion passed to accept the resignation from Session of Jodi Boal (Class of 2016) because she is moving.

Elders Karen Kay and Anne Mauldin gave reports on their activities as Commissioners to the 98th Stated Meeting of New Hope Presbytery on July 26, 2016.

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

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session