

SESSION MINUTES  
First Presbyterian Church  
Greenville, NC  
September 17, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on September 17, 2017.

**Elders present:**, Rob Ables, Doug Boyd, Jessica Davenport, Sue DeVecchio, Debbie Hahn, Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Bill Lehman, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Dorothy Muller, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, David Webb, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

**Excused:** Kelly Barnhill and Clay Britt.

**Absent:** Catherine Adams, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Daniel Griffis , Bill Fariior, Allen Lyle, and Will O'Rear.

**Others Present:** Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Rev. Rocky Stone, FPC Farmville, Moderator, Derek Perry, Treasurer.

Moderator Rev. Rocky Stone called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.; a quorum was present. Rob Ables led a devotional and Amanda Hines led the opening prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

**Illnesses:**

Special mention was made for Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Ben Lattin, Margie Wright, Thelma Flye, Joe Sullivan, Connie Bond, Michael Nelms, Shel Downes, Wilma Piner, Carol Scull, Kelly Barnhill, Betsy Baggett and Sarah Whitehurst.

**Deaths:**

Mary Smith on August 25, 2017,  
Jean Duff on August 29, 2017  
Madge Chamness on September 12, 2017..

COMMUNICATIONS

A note of thanks from ECU's DanceAbility Program for the Mayfest contribution.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated meeting of August 27, 2017 and the called meeting of September 10, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

**Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)**

A motion was approved from the ministry for the following building use requests:

- ◆The Service League of Greenville for the use of the Fellowship Hall on September 13 (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), October 11 (10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) October 19 (10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) and November 14 (12 noon-5p.m.) for the purpose of making blankets for Vidant patients.
- ◆Wingate University Singers for Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for February 19, 2018 (4p.m.- 8:30 p.m.) for a musical concert.

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

A motion was approved from the ministry for the Youth to continue and extend the sale of mums through Sunday, September 24, 2017.

The ministry offered a reminder that Fall Festival is Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for cars for the “trunk or treat” portion of this festival.

### **Membership Ministry (Gibson McCall)**

Ministry offered update on homebound communion services.

### **Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)**

A motion was approved designating this year’s Christmas Eve offerings to the PDA for recovery efforts for the 2017 hurricanes.

The ministry mentioned they are beginning to explore the possibility of a mission trip to Honduras for the summer of 2018.

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

A motion was approved for having only one worship service at 11:00 a.m. for the month of December to enhance the congregation’s Advent Season worship experience for the “Greening of the Church” on December 3, the choir cantata on December 10<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Eve services on December 24.

A motion was approved for requiring guest musicians to abide by the guidelines for the use of the organ and Sanctuary grand piano (attached).

The ministry has begun preparations for the Interfaith service on November 19. Additionally it was mentioned there will be a need for ushers, greeters and help with the reception.

The Greening of the Church is on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Help is needed to set up and decorate the Chrismon tree and the tree in the Fellowship Hall.

Ushers and communion servers are needed for the Christmas Eve services.

The Ministry will host liturgist/assisting elder training by Jon Randall on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer called attention to the January to August 2017 financial report and said that pledge revenues during the summer months were satisfactory – and unlike previous years have not reflected YTD shortfalls. The percent of annual budget used this year is falling well within acceptable limits.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Debra Mizelle will lead devotions for the next stated meeting October 15, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Rocky Stone.

Rev. Rocky Stone, Moderator

Sue DeVecchio, Assistant Clerk of Session