

SESSION MINUTES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GREENVILLE, NC
December 11, 2016

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m. on December 11, 2016.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Joe Asselmeier, Kelly Barnhill, Doug Boyd, Morgan Fariior, Jeri Jackson, Karen Kay, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, Allen Lyle, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Eric Money, John Ogle, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Jane Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Betty Williams, Holli Williams, Tammy Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Sue DelVecchio, Daniel Griffis, Debbie Hahn, and Anne Mauldin.

Absent: Vinse Bowers, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, and Craig Stanley.

Others present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, and Elders-elect Catherine Adams, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Sandy Jackson, Bill Lehman, Frances Mallison, Dorothy Muller, Will O'Rear, and Kathleen Randall.

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

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Jim Finch, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Ada Pusser (Bill Lehman's granddaughter), Greg Riddle, Mary Smith, Joe Sullivan, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Freda Tess Lynne (sister-in-law of Ann Tess), on December 4, 2016, and Frank Keefe (father of Glenn Keefe) on December 2, 2016.

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Elder-elect Dorothy Muller was examined about her background and training. She was asked what surprised her or she learned in her training and why she was excited about becoming an Elder at this time. Following this and an opportunity for questions from the Session, a motion passed to sustain this part of Dorothy's examination.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank-you note was received from New Dimensions community Church for contributions to Hurricane Matthew recovery. A Thanksgiving card was received from Camp Albemarle, and an Advent card from Rev. Jordan Davis of Union Theological Seminary.

Mailings from New Hope Presbytery included the 2017 Benevolence Acceptance form and information about the annual Statistical Report and Minister's Compensation for 2017.

The clerk circulated a list of Session meetings for 2017 and requested Elders to volunteer for leading the devotional time.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of November 20, 2016, and the called Session meeting of December 4, 2016.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Dick Marks as Clerk and Sue DeVecchio as Assistant Clerk for 2017.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Derek Perry as Treasurer and Emily Coffman as Assistant Treasurer for 2017.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following members of the Personnel Committee for 2017: Rob Ables (Session representative and Moderator), Allen Lyle (representative of Administration Ministry), Vernetta Dean (representative of Presbyterian Women), and Dick Marks, (Clerk of Session).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following members of the Columbarium Committee for 2017: Mark Hayes, Bill Lehman, Betty Bailey, and Frances Mallison.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following representatives from the Session for the 2017 Nominating Committee: Jessica Davenport, Dave Kemble, Gibson McCall, and Kathleen Randall.

The Ministry moved to change regular Ministry meetings and stated Session meetings from 7 p.m. to 12 noon, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Following some discussion, a motion passed to table this motion and send back to Administration Ministry for further review.

The Ministry has designated chairs of its subcommittees for 2017: Personnel (Rob Ables), Building Maintenance (Bill Farrior), Grounds (Daniel Griffis), Budget/Finance (Allen Lyle), Transportation (Derek Perry), and Office Volunteering (Peggy Wood).

Membership Ministry (Eric Money)

The Ministry served homebound Communion on November 20.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

The Ministry heard a report from Dale Kitchin concerning Mayfest 2017.

Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a gift-wrapping fund-raiser by the Youth on December 17, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer called attention to the financial report through November 2016. He noted that while the budget is about \$21,000 in the red, ECU parking money will still come in and December is usually a good month, so he is hopeful we will end the year at about a break-even point. All the bank accounts and Foundation funds are in good shape.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed from the Endowments Committee to approve the establishment of the June Montague Ficklen Worship and Music Endowment (attached) with a bequest from the estate of June Ficklen.

The curriculum vitae of the Rev. Amanda Hines, who is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), was circulated to Session members. A motion passed from the Associate Pastor Search Committee to hire Rev. Amanda Hines as Interim Associate Pastor and to approve the Covenant Agreement with her. She will have responsibilities in the areas of Young Adult Ministry and as a resource for Membership and Mission Ministries. The CV and Covenant Agreement are attached.

A motion passed (J. Jackson/Ogle) to approve sending a letter to Emily Harvey thanking her for her service to the Campus Ministry program following Steve Prevatte's departure. A gift will also be included. Jeri Jackson volunteered to see that this was accomplished.

An opportunity was provided for each Session member in the Class of 2016 to talk about what the experience of being on the Session had meant to them.

It was noted for Session that the ECU Campus Ministry Board had met on December 7. Minutes of this meeting were provided as information.

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

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session