

SESSION MINUTES
First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
October 15, 2017

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on October 15, 2017.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Kelly Barnhill, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, Daniel Griffis, Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, Karen Kay, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Dorothy Muller, Mark Phillips, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Debbie Hahn, Kathleen Randall, David Webb, and Holli Williams.

Absent: Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Bill Fariior, Linda Kean, Dave Kemble, and Will O'Rear.

Others Present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, and Georgeanne Perry.

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

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Connie Bond, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Vickie Coleman, Shel Downes, Billie Fansler, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Lynne Marks, Michael Nelms, Wilma Piner, Carol Scull, Joe Sullivan, and Margie Wright.

Birth:

Melody Ruth Webb, daughter of Mike & Katy Webb, on October 4, 2017.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Elder Georgeanne Perry, who is co-chair of the 2018 Mayfest Committee, addressed the Session with plans for Mayfest 2018. She pointed out that Mayfest is the biggest fundraiser for the church, and that the community depends on support from the church through this endeavor. She said that she and her co-chair, Karen Kay, are committed to the success of the program and will require help from more people. She had a list of those currently planning to work, and asked members of Session to sign up.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks for support were received from United Way of Pitt County for the \$3000 for Books from Birth; from Boys and Girls Club of the Coastal Plain for continued support; and 2 more cards were received from Ulster Project participants.

An email was received from Susan McCammon at Peace Presbyterian informing FPC that the grant application to Presbytery's Mission Driven Ministry program for Ulster Project support was not funded.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of September 17, 2017, the called Session meeting of October 1, 2017, and the called congregational meeting of September 24, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the ministry for a building use request from the Human Relationship Council, City of Greenville, using the Fellowship Hall from 6 to 10 p.m. on October 24, 2017, for a meeting.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a revision in the Building Use policy and the form required for building use (attached)

Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)

A motion passed from the Ministry for the Youth to sell tickets for Gift Card Raffle baskets on October 22 and 29, 2017, with the proceeds supporting their Christmas project.

A motion passed from the Ministry to designate May 20, 2018 as Youth Sunday.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry for Fall Festival at both services on October 22, 2017.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Kayce Dilday, Seth Hardee, Anna Rushing, Aidan and Austin Wood, Samantha Pabst, Maddy Dilday, Ben Swaggerty, Lucy Ogle, Watson Davenport, Russell Silvernail, Tyler Burgwyn, and Carrie Hutchison as members of the Youth Council.

The ministry noted that an information session for Confirmation Class was held on October 10. The class began on October 15 and will end in April 2018. Confirmands will be received at the worship service on Youth Sunday (May 20).

Membership Ministry (Gibson McCall/Debbie Hahn)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve presenting a program on "Opioid Awareness," sponsored by Stephen Ministry, on November 13, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

The Ministry has approved \$8000 from the Mission Endowment for the Youth mission trip to Honduras.

Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve two opportunities for memorial/honor donations for the Christmas/Advent season: poinsettias (price to be determined) and a scholarship fund for children to attend the 2018 Montreat Worship and Music Conference (\$25).

The Ministry held a training session for Elder Assistants and Lay Readers with Jon Randall on October 8. Another session is planned for the beginning of the new year.

Karrie Rushing, Brad Collier, and Kathleen Williams will work with children and youth to present a special service for Children's Sabbath at the 11:00 a.m. service on October 22.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report through September and said that revenues are somewhat below the expected 75%, but satisfactory. Expenses are also down, leading to a surplus of about \$1000 for the year. All Foundation and bank accounts are in good shape. Ministry leaders were asked to have their funding requests in so the 2018 budget committee can begin work in November.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kelly Barnhill announced that the Capital Campaign is making good progress after a short lull, with \$242,000 having been raised. The committee has decided to hold off on further campaigning until after January 1.

Amanda Hines reported on her plan to move to the PCUSA. The Presbytery's Commission on Ministry has waived the requirement for her to take ordination exams. She will take a psychological evaluation in November, and she and the PNC will meet with COM after the results from this are available.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Amanda Hines.