

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

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

Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Kelly Barnhill, Clay Britt, Griff Burgwyn, Tyler Burgwyn, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, Karen Kay, Dave Kemble, Frances Mallison, Gibson McCall, Debra Mizelle, Dorothy Muller, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Elizabeth Swaggerty, David Webb, Holli Williams, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Doug Boyd, Bill Farrior, Debbie Hahn, Linda Kean, Bill Lehman, and Allen Lyle.

Absent: Daniel Griffis and Will O'Rear.

Others Present: Bill Neely, Senior Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, Derek Perry, Treasurer, Elders-elect Shelley Basnight, Gail Joyner, Jason Lee, Greg Steele, Pete West, and Jim Worden.

Moderator Bill Neely called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Frances Mallison led a devotional and reflected on the history of the church and the foundations that were built during the early years of the church.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Dawn Flye, Thelma Flye, Linda Kean, Jean Klein, Ben Lattin, Michael Nelms, Wilma Piner, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Joe Sullivan, Ann Tess, Harriet White, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Connie Minges Bond, on December 11, 2017.

Baptism:

Melody Ruth Webb, daughter of Michael Douglas and Kathryn Ruth Webb, on November 26, 2017.

Amanda Hines offered a prayer, which included those mentioned under celebrations and concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks were received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for general relief and support; from Pitt county Council on Aging for support for Meals on Wheels; and from the Interfaith Alliance for the use of our space for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of November 19, 2017, and the called Session meetings of November 26, 2017 (2 meetings) and December 17, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests from a) Pack 452 in the Fellowship Hall for a lock-in on February 16-17 from 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 2-3 from 5 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the Pinewood Derby and setup; b) Greenville Women's League for Room 224 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, Aug. 20, Sep. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19 for monthly meetings (fee will be paid); and c) Greenville Service League for the Fellowship Hall on Jan. 16 (10-12 a.m.), Feb. 13 (9:30-11:30 a.m.), and Mar. 15 (9:30-11:30 a.m.) to prepare for and make blankets for Vidant (fee waiver approved).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Dick Marks as Clerk and Shelley Basnight as Assistant Clerk for 2018.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Derek Perry as Treasurer and Emily Coffman as Assistant Treasurer for 2018.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the following members of the Personnel Committee for 2018: Rob Ables (Session representative and Moderator), Allen Lyle (Administration Ministry representative), Dick Marks (Clerk of Session), Mary O'Bryant (Presbyterian Women representative), and Todd Fraley (congregation at large).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the Administrative Calendar for 2018 (attached).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the 2018 budget (attached).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Elder ministry assignments for 2018 (attached).

Education Ministry (Debra Mizelle)

There will be no Church School on December 24 or 31, and the Godly Play calendar for 2018 will be mailed to teachers/volunteers.

Membership Ministry (Gibson McCall)

Homebound Communion is being planned for February.

Mission Ministry (Dave Kemble)

The Christmas celebration for residents of Winterville Manor was held on December 17.

Worship Ministry (Karen Kay)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve inviting the Rev. Diane Knauf from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Raleigh to preach at both services on January 7, 2018.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report through November and noted that revenues and expenses should be at the level of 91.6%. Both are somewhat below this level, but overall the budget is in good shape, with the payment from ECU due in December. He expects the final year-end budget to come very close to projections.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gibson McCall gave a report from the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. Four top candidates have not worked out, but a good candidate is scheduled to visit this week, and if that works out, there may be someone in place in February.

In connection with the transition time, Amanda will meet with the Commission on Ministry in either January or February and hopefully will be fully approved by Presbytery as the Designated Associate pastor in February.

Frances Mallison and Shelley Basnight were elected as Commissioners to the stated meeting of New Hope Presbytery on February 24, 2018, and Gail Joyner and David Webb were elected as Commissioners to the July 24, 2018 meeting.

The minutes reflect that Bill Neely was presented with a gift from the Youth during his retirement service on December 10, and that he was presented with a quilt from the Prayers and Squares at the worship service on December 27, 2017.

The minutes note that the following newly elected Elders were ordained (O) and/or installed (I) as follows: Shelley Basnight (I), Carol Cutler (O/I), Gail Joyner (I), Jason Lee (O/I), Suzanne Morrow (I), Greg Steele (I), and Jim Worden (I) during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 19, 2017, and Kayce Dilday (O/I), Todd Fraley (I), Mary Jon Pabst (O/I), and Pete West (O/I) during the 8:30 a.m. worship service on November 26, 2017.

The Elders in the class of 2017, who are finishing their terms, were given an opportunity to reflect on their service on Session and to give advice to those who will serve in 2018.

Bill Neely also reflected on his 14+ years as pastor at First Presbyterian Church and challenged the Session to continue working for the people of the church and the community.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Bill Neely

William K. Neely, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session