

SESSION MINUTES
First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
January 21, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on January 21, 2018.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Shelley Basnight, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, Kayce Dilday, Bill Farrior, Todd Fraley, Jeri Jackson, Gail Joyner, Linda Kean, Jason Lee, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Suzanne Morrow, Dorothy Muller, Mary Jon Pabst, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Greg Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Pete West, Jim Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: David Webb.

Absent: Carol Cutler, Sandy Jackson, and Will O'Rear.

Others Present: Rev. John (Rocky) Stone, Guest Moderator, Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, and Derek Perry, Treasurer,

Moderator Stone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Jackie Wynne led a devotional and opening prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Mary Ann Barnhill, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Jerry Cox, Thelma Flye, Michael Horton, Linda Kean, Jean Klein, Margaret Kugler, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Michael Nelms, Wilma Piner, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Joe Sullivan, Harriet White, and Margie Wright.

Death:

Tamara Chitwood, on December 27, 2017.

Baptisms:

Brewer McKinnon Kee, son of Matthew and Rebecca Perry Kee (grandson of Derek and Georganne Perry), on December 24, 2017.

Eric Wade Jarman (A), on December 24, 2017.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

After they had an opportunity to describe their journeys of faith, a motion passed to approve receiving Eric Clark and Joi Phelps Walker into the fellowship of the church by transfer of their letter from First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks were received from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC for a \$1200 donation, from the Community Crossroads Center for a \$3600 donation, and from Union Presbyterian Seminary for finishing our pledge.

The year-end benevolence contribution report from New Hope Presbytery was received.

The Clerk passed around a signup sheet for devotionals at 2018 Session meetings and a revised list of email addresses to be checked.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of December 17, 2017, and the called Session meeting of December 24, 2017.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve calling a congregational meeting at 10:45 a.m. on February 4, 2018, for the purpose of making a request to the Commission on Ministry to recommend to the Presbytery that the Rev. Amanda Hines be approved for transfer from Disciples of Christ to the Presbyterian Church, USA, and that she be permitted to assume a Designated Associate Pastor position for three years at First Presbyterian Church, pending approval by the Presbytery. Any business for the annual congregational and corporation meeting will also be on the agenda.

The Ministry reported that a survey of all Information Technology is being done, and updates will be coming.

Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)

A motion was approved from the Ministry for the Youth to sell tickets on January 21 for the Youth Pancake Fundraiser on January 27.

A motion was approved from the Ministry to solicit local businesses for Spirit Night fundraisers for the Youth mission trip.

A motion was approved from the Ministry to let the Youth auction their services to the congregation during the spaghetti lunch on February 18.

A motion was approved from the Ministry to have a Moment for Ministry for the Souper Bowl on January 21.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

The Ministry reported that the annual chili cookoff has been re-scheduled for January 31 at 6 p.m.; that the schedule for homebound communion is being set up, with the next time on February 11; that publication of a new Member Directory is being researched; and that the glass top on the visitor's Table in the Welcome Center is broken and will be replaced.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

A motion was approved from the Ministry to provide \$500 from Mission Ministry funds to support Emily Steele on a mission trip to Haiti June 16-23, 2018.

The Ministry is working on the Mayfest 2018 application process. The deadline is March 24.

Worship Ministry (Sue DeVecchio/Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve inviting the Rev. Ted Churn, Executive Presbyter, to preach at both services on February 4, 2018.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve using the proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and king cake auction on February 13 to support sending 23 youth to attend the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having only one service at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday and to have folding of palm crosses on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m.

A motion passed from the Ministry (with 3 negative votes) to approve a summer worship schedule for 2018 with one service at 11 a.m. starting May 27 and continuing through September 2. Communion will be served by intinction on the first Sunday of each month.

The Ministry reported that the format of the Lenten Luncheon Series is being revised. The five-week, 40 minute program will be more open and informal, to be designed and delivered by Amanda Hines and Kathleen Williams.

The Ministry requested help for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, for ushers for the Ash Wednesday and Tenebrae services, and for being Elder Assistants.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Clerk, with input from the staff and the Membership Ministry, has reviewed the Active Roll of the church. After some discussion and input from the Session, a motion passed to approve moving the following members, for whom there is no available contact information, from the Active Roll to the Inactive Roll: Derek James & Jennifer Crawford Abbott, Garret Brandon Beaver, Peggy Ann Branch, Barbara Jean Brown, Margaret Grace Frazer, Patricia Ann Gesulga, Monica Gay Williford & Patrick Jones, Jane Keller, Barbara Eileen Lazio, Priscilla Ryland Melchior, Amanda Mullis, Edmond Thomas Nelson, III, Leslie Carter Powell, Christina Marie Quinton, Sheri Strickland, Stephen Wheeless, Michael Alexander & Shannon Lee McCraw White, Virginia Sexton Anderson (Ginnie) Williams, and Julia Blythe Worley. Several names on the original list have been removed because contact information has now been provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report for 2017 and noted that there was a surplus of about \$18,000, so it was a good year. With an increased budget for 2018, there may be some challenges. He also noted that some members have not yet turned in pledge cards.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed to approve the Annual Statistical Report for 2017 (attached).

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

John (Rocky) Stone, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session



Church Report 2017

PIN Number **20827**

Presbytery Number **150443**

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Membership

Prior Active Members **703**

Gains		Losses	
17 & Under	5	Certificate	2
18 & Over	3	Deaths	14
Certificate	6	Other	0
Other	0		
Total Gains	14	Total Losses	16

Total Active **701**
Members

Baptized	154
Other Participants	50
Total Adherents	905
Female Members	396

Average Attendance **252**

Affiliate Members **2**

Baptisms

Child Baptisms	2
Adult Baptisms	1

Officers

Male Session	16
Female Session	16
Male Deacons	0
Female Deacons	0

Age Distribution of Active Members

		Male	Female
25 & Under	83	42	41
26 - 45	170	81	89
46 - 55	97	46	51
56 - 65	110	42	68
Over 65	241	94	147
Total Distribution	701	305	396

People with Disabilities

Hearing	45
Sight	20
Mobility	25

Other **10**

Christian Education

Birth 3	5	Grade 7	15
Age 4	6	Grade 8	8
Kindergarten	12	Grade 9	12
Grade 1	6	Grade 10	15
Grade 2	8	Grade 11	14
Grade 3	6	Grade 12	9
Grade 4	9	Young Adults	21
Grade 5	7	Over 25	160
Grade 6	12	Teachers/Officers	53
Total	378		

Racial Ethnic	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	7	0	0	2	5
Black	0	0	0	0	0
African American	2	1	0	1	1
African	0	0	0	0	0
Middle Eastern	4	0	0	2	2
Hispanic	1	0	0	0	1
Native American	0	0	0	0	0
White	687	31	0	300	387
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	701	32	0	305	396

Potential Giving Units **451**

Budgeted Income **786,400**

Budgeted Expense **789,049**

Receipts

Regular Contributions **769,582**

Bequests **0**

Capital Building Fund **138,160**

Other Income **24,107**

Investment Income **32,409**

Subsidy or Aid **0**

Expenditures

Local Program **669,375**

Per Capita Apprt **5,600**

Local Mission **71,907**

Validated Mission **15,000**

Capital Expenditures **89,271**

Theological Fund **14,000**

Investment Expenditures **31,265**

Other Mission **0**