

SESSION MINUTES
First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
February 18, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on February 18, 2018.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Clay Britt, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, Kayce Dilday, Bill Farrior, Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, 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, David Webb, Pete West, Jim Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Excused: Shelley Basnight, Todd Fraley, and Gail Joyner.

Absent: Catherine Adams, Doug Boyd, Carol Cutler, and Will O'Rear.

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

Moderator Stone called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.; a quorum was present. Bill Lehman led a devotional of thanksgiving for those who work in the church, and an opening prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, Linda Kean, Jean Klein, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Michael Nelms, Wilma Piner, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Jane Steele, Joe Sullivan, Odell Welborn, Harriet White, Sarah Winbourne, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Robert Ice (father of Tori Russ), on January 25, 2018; and Betty Madray (mother of Van Madray), on January 31, 2018.

New Members:

Joi and Eric Walker (letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Tallahassee, FL), on January 21, 2018.

Amanda Hines offered a prayer, which included thanks for lay leadership and those mentioned under celebrations and concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of thanks were received from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC for general support; from the Community Crossroads Center for donations received from sale of Honor Cards; from ECU DanceAbility Program for the Mayfest grant; and from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for support geared to recovery from hurricanes in the Caribbean.

Several items received from Union Presbyterian Seminary about their fund-raising program were passed to Mission Ministry.

The official signed version of the Agreement of Dissolution between First, Greenville and Bill Neely was received from New Hope Presbytery.

The Clerk noted that he and Elder Dorothy Muller had attended a meeting of the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry with the Rev. Amanda Hines in support of her request to change her ecclesiastical status to PCUSA and to assume the Designated Pastor position at FPC, and that the vote was unanimous in support of this request.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of January 21, 2018, the called Session meeting of February 4, 2018, and the Annual Congregational and Corporation meeting of February 4, 2018.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for a) New Hope Presbytery Healthy Boundaries training in Room 202 on November 8, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; b) New Hope Presbytery Greenville Cluster Clerks of Session Records Review in Room 202 on March 5, 2018 from 6:30-8 p.m.; c) Skylar McKee, using the Sanctuary for a student voice recital on March 20 (rehearsal) and March 23 (recital) from 6:30-8 p.m.; d) The Service League of Greenville for monthly general meetings (Fellowship Hall) and monthly board meetings (Room 202) on the first Monday of the month, September through May at 9-11 a.m. (general meeting), and the preceding Thursday at 9:30-11:30 a.m. (board meeting) and the Fellowship Hall four times a year for blanket workshops; and e) Terrence Clemons for a family gathering on February 17, 2018, from 3-6 p.m.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Jeri Jackson, Sandy Jackson, Todd Fraley, and Mark Phillips as the Session representatives to the 2018 Church Nominating Committee.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Betty Williams, Shelley Basnight, Eric Money, Betty Bailey, and Frances Mallison as members of the 2018 Columbarium Committee.

The Ministry reported that members of the Ministry's Building Renovation Committee are Bill Farrior (moderator), Gerald McGowan, Pete West, Pam Finch, Peggy Barnes, and Amanda Hines.

Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)

A motion passed from the Ministry for the Youth to sell tickets after both services on February 25 for the barbecue plate lunch on March 2.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Caroline Whaley and Beth Beasley to co-direct Vacation Bible School.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve UKIRK as the curriculum for the college Sunday School class.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry for Vacation Bible School on May 13.

The Ministry noted that VBS is June 11-14 (M-Thu), with the theme of Daniel in Babylon. Registration is Apr. 29-May 27, and tables will be set up after the 11 a.m. service on April 29 and May 13.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Life Touch as the agent for creating a new Member Pictorial Directory. Directory photos will be taken between October 20 and 30.

The Ministry is requesting help from other members of Session in providing homebound communion. There are changes coming for the Visitor's table in the Welcome Center.

The Ministry is working on a grief session series sponsored by Stephen Ministry.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the calendar for Mayfest (attached).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having the live auction, silent auction, raffle, and golf tournament of Mayfest all on the same date (April 13) as a Kickoff Event to help publicize and encourage participation in the yard sale and other events of May 6.

The Ministry is providing \$450 of its funds to Dale Kitchin, Ray Spears, and Hunt McKinnon to provide PDA assistance to Gatlinburg, TN, along with Gaithersburg MD Presbytery.

Worship Ministry (Sue DeVecchio/Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a schedule for December Sunday services for 2018: one service at 11 a.m. on December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, with the December 2 service as a congregational participative Greening Service and the December 9 service as a choir cantata.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve using proceeds from the Soup/Salad Luncheon on March 11 to support youth attendees to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve two opportunities for honors or memorials during Lent: providing Easter lilies for the Sanctuary, and scholarships for youth attendees to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a lingering after the 11 a.m. service on March 4 to welcome Transitional Pastor Dave McNeilly, and a lingering after the 11 a.m. service on March 18 honoring the Installation of the Rev. Amanda Hines as Designated Associate Pastor.

The Ministry requests help in bringing food contributions to the lingerings on March 4 and 18.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Administration co-moderator Rob Ables called attention to the financial report through January and noted that both income and expenses are slightly below what is expected at this time of year. The overall status of the budget is quite similar to that seen for January in most years.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed (Kean/Muller) to approve the request of the Presbytery for the church to serve as a drop-off site for nonperishable food to help establish a pantry for Anchor House, a shelter for young boys who are victims of human trafficking.

The Worship Ministry noted that the folding of palm crosses will be on March 24, and help is appreciated.

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

John (Rocky) Stone, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session

IMPORTANT DATES FOR MAYFEST 2018

Saturday, March 10, 9:30 - 11:30 am — Mayfest workday to clean up and inventory storage building.

Saturday, April 7, 9:30 - 11:00 am — Mayfest Planning/Coordination Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

April 21 — May 5 — Use of the Fellowship Hall

— Friday, April 20 — delivery of 30 rented tables.

— Saturday, April 21 — Mayfest workday to set up Fellowship Hall

— We will begin accepting Mayfest items in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship on April 22. We will stop taking in items for indoor sales on May 3 at 2:00 pm.

Sunday, April 22 — Use of Room 113 (Godly Play) beginning after Sunday Worship through May 5.

Sunday, April 29 — Use of Room 115 (children's classroom) beginning after Worship through May 5.

— Mayfest children's items may be placed in the back corner of the room beginning April 22; however, care will be taken not to block area used for Sunday School.

May 3 — Tents and remaining tables will be delivered and set up.

May 4 — All hands needed to set up outdoor sales.

May 5 — All hands needed for Mayfest event.