

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

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

Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Shelley Basnight, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Sue DelVecchio, Bill Farrow, 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, David Webb, Jim Worden, and Jackie Wynne.

Absent: Carol Cutler, Jessica Davenport, Kayce Dilday, Sandy Jackson, Will O'Rear, and Pete West.

Others Present: David McNeilly, Interim Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Derek Perry, Treasurer, and Dick Marks, Clerk of Session.

Moderator McNeilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Doug Boyd led a devotional for the meeting.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Mary Ann Barnhill, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, Debbie Hahn, Jean Klein, Margaret Kugler, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Michael Nelms, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Jane Steele, Joe Sullivan, Odell Welborn, Harriet White, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Wilma Piner, on February 22, 2018.

Pat James (mother of Cynthia Harvey), on February 21, 2018.

Births:

Jacob Gregory Howard (grandson of G. W. and Barbara Lanford), on February 23, 2018.

Emily Jean Megee (granddaughter of Dave McNeilly), on March 2, 2018.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Rosalynn **Melissa** Parks, a member of Galatia Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, NC, indicated a desire to join with the church. She was asked about her journey of faith and what brought her to the area, and then a motion passed to approve her as a new member by transfer of her letter.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of thanks was received from the Presbyterian Homes Foundation for \$635 from the Mother's/Father's Day offerings.

An application for GA Mission Restricted Funds from Presbyterian Mission office in Louisville was received and transferred to Mission Ministry.

A letter was received from Rev. Darius Moore of Children's Home Society of NC concerning recruitment of foster and adoptive families and transferred to Mission Ministry.

Several items were received from New Hope Presbytery: a letter about the nomination process for the Outstanding Older Adult Award (passed to Membership Ministry); application information for the Hunger Grant (passed to Mission Ministry); a listing of the number of Commissioners for each church for 2018; and copies of the signed forms for Dave McNeilly as Transitional Pastor and for Amanda Hines as Associate Pastor.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of February 18, 2018, the called Session meeting of February 25, 2018.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry on April 15 to ask members to consider becoming a driver of the church bus.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve Carl Joyner and Ron Wooten as the team for the 2017 financial review.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for a) UKirk of East Carolina to use the church from 6 p.m. on April 13 to 7 a.m. on April 14 for a lock-in; and b) Choral scholar Elijah Cole to use the Sanctuary for a voice recital on April 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. and a rehearsal on April 9 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)

A motion passed from the Ministry to schedule the examination of 13 members of the 2018 Confirmation Class for the April 15 stated Session meeting.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve presenting a plaque to Fred and Peggy Woods thanking them for the donation of the Lenten crosses for several years.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the sale of raffle tickets on the Mayfest baskets on April 1 and April 8.

All were reminded about the Mayfest kickoff on April 13, to include the golf tournament, the live and silent auctions, and a buffet dinner, all at Ironwood Country Club.

Worship Ministry (Sue DeVecchio/Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve usher training sessions on April 15 (9:30-10 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall or on April 22 (9:30-10 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m.) in the Sanctuary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Derek Perry called attention to the financial report through February and noted revenues are at 11.5%, rather than the expected 16.7%, and that expenses are at 13.4%, leading to a deficit of slightly over \$15,000. He noted that at a similar time last year, the deficit was \$19,000. He said that there were 5 Sundays in April, including Easter Sunday, and was hopeful this would help the financial picture.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed to approve the request of Sandy Jackson to resign from the Session, for personal reasons.

A motion passed to approve Ray Spears and Bill Lehman to serve as First Presbyterian's representatives on a committee to help plan the July 24 Presbytery meeting with Peace Presbyterian.

Frances Mallison and Shelley Basnight gave a report as Commissioners to the 103rd Stated meeting of New Hope Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

Transitional Pastor McNeilly talked to the Session about his background, his interest in the church, and his plans in the near future toward beginning the process of re-writing the mission statement.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Dave McNeilly.

David McNeilly, 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.