

SESSION MINUTES
First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
May 20, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on May 20, 2018.

Elders present: Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Carol Cutler, Kayce Dilday, Bill Fariior, Todd Fraley, Jeri Jackson, Linda Kean, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Dorothy Muller, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Greg Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, David Webb, and Jim Worden.

Excused: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Shelley Basnight, Jessica Davenport, Sue DelVecchio, and Mary Jon Pabst.

Absent: Jason Lee, Suzanne Morrow, 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. David Webb led a devotional for the meeting emphasizing Pentecost. David McNeilly led an opening prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Ron Sessoms, Jr., Carol Scull, Joe Sullivan, Harriet White, Sarah Whitehurst, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Odell Welborn, on May 10, 2018.

John Nasea (father of Melissa Nasea), on May 3, 2018, Rosalee Adams (mother of Todd Adams), on May 8, 2018, and Robert Gilbert Stanley (father of Craig Stanley) on May 20, 2018.

New Members:

Timmy and Maggie Clifton, Eugene and Ann Shannon, Penny Lockhart, and William and Olivia Lynch on April 15, 2018; Ned Puchner on April 29, 2018.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of April 15, 2018 and the called Session meetings of April 29, 2018 (2 meetings).

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for a) Greenville Police Department, using the Fellowship Hall on June 21 from 6-8 p.m. for an annual community stakeholders meeting, with a waiver of fee denied; and b) Caroline Whaley using the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on June 5 for a violin recital, with fee waiver approved.

Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)

In light of discussions about fundraisers, the Youth will try to balance timing of their fund requests and limit to one week rather than several. Vacation Bible School registration will be set up on May 13 and remain open until May 27 – open to age 3 ½ to rising 5th grade. The Senior breakfast for high school graduates will be on June 3 and there will be a reception after church as well.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the request of Peace church for help with the July presbytery meeting: borrowing 8 round tables, 50 folding chairs, and a tent; providing breakfast food;

providing volunteers of 5 youth to direct traffic and 4 adults to help register attendees. The offering will go to the 5 campus ministry programs of New Hope Presbytery.

A motion passed from the Ministry to have lemonade gatherings after the worship service on June 10 to see how this time works.

The Ministry reported that information for Harding Sugg as the Older Adult nominee has been submitted, that the plaque for Fred and Peggy Wood was presented on May 13, and that new signage for the visitor table will be prepared.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

The Ministry reported that 13 grant requests for Mayfest funds, totaling about \$70,000 have been received, and the Ministry is now looking at them.

Worship Ministry (Sue DeVecchio/Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve liturgist training sessions on June 24, July 15, and August 19, following the worship service.

A motion passed from the Ministry to suspend the Elder Assisting in Worship program, with thanks to all who have helped out with this.

Usher training sessions are being planned for the early fall following conversations about changing some of the job description. The Ministry is still evaluating alternatives to radio broadcast of our services. Liturgists will also be recruited for the early service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Derek Perry called attention to the financial report through April and that the Administration Ministry is beginning to be concerned about the status of this year's budget. Revenues are only 25% of the year's expectation, whereas it should be 33%. We are about \$17,000 behind in giving for a comparable period last year. More emphasis will need to be made to the congregation to keep up with their pledges. On the expense side, we have been running a pretty "tight ship," but the overall deficit is about \$30,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

David Webb told the Session that he had been approached by some regular 8:30 worshippers who were upset about the summer service scheduled only at 11 a.m. He made a motion (seconded by Clay Britt) to change the time of the single summer service from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m., beginning on June 10 and continuing through September 2. Following input from a number of Session members, the motion passed (14 in favor, 5 opposed).

The clerk noted that there needs to be a replacement for Gail Joyner as Commissioner to the July Presbytery meeting. Since there were no volunteers, the decision will be postponed until June.

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

David McNeilly, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session