

SESSION MINUTES
First Presbyterian Church
Greenville, NC
June 24, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on June 24, 2018.

Elders present: Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Sue DelVecchio, Bill Farior, Todd Fraley, Jeri Jackson, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Mary Jon Pabst, Mark Phillips, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Greg Steele, David Webb, and Pete West.

Excused: Shelley Basnight, Kayce Dilday, Suzanne Morrow, Dorothy Muller, and Elizabeth Swaggerty.

Absent: Carol Cutler, Jessica Davenport, Linda Kean, Jason Lee, Will O'Rear, and Jim Worden.

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

Moderator McNeilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Sue DelVecchio led a devotional for the meeting. David McNeilly led an opening prayer.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Bill Baggett, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Billie Fansler, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Gerald McGowan, Joe Sullivan, Victoria Whaley, Harriet White, Sarah Whitehurst, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Bertha Howell (Terrence Clemmons's mother).

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of May 20, 2018 and the called Session meeting of April 15, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP ITEM

A motion passed to approve a letter of transfer for Faye Ewell from the Inactive Roll to First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, NC.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for a) The Ulster Project having the annual welcome dinner on June 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; b) Service League of Greenville on August 29, October 1, November 5, and January 7 in the Parlor for meetings for planning of the Charity Ball; c) Cub Scout Pack 452 for several dates: August 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. as rain backup for opening meeting; March 1 (6-8 p.m.) and 2 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for Pack Pinewood Derby; March 22 (6-9 p.m.) and March 23 (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.) for District Pinewood Derby, May 19 (2-5 p.m.) for Blue and Gold Crossover Ceremony.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the use of the church bus by Ulster Project, provided they meet all requirements and the bus is not being used by FPC.

A motion came from the Ministry to approve recommendations for enhancing the security on Sunday mornings – a) lock the Welcome Center doors 5 minutes after the service starts; b) ask greeters to greet each arrival at the outside doors and make special greeting to visitors; c) the Elder assigned to Invitation to Discipleship will be in the center of the Welcome Center as a back-up for greeters and will remain in the Welcome Center for the entire service; and d) inquiries will be made with Greenville Police Department and/or Pitt County Sheriff Department about parking a car and/or stationing an officer in the

parking lot. After some considerable discussion, the motion passed as a working plan, with expectation to update as needed.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the attached calendar dates from Presbyterian Women.

A motion passed from the Ministry to schedule lemonade gatherings after the worship service on July 8 and August 12.

The Ministry reminded the Session about the Church Picnic at Boyd Lee Park on September 9 at 4 p.m.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve being a sponsor of a Presbytery Hunger Grant application by the JOY Soup Kitchen.

Worship Ministry (Sue DeIVecchio/Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve the installation of Coordinating Team officers for Presbyterian Women at the worship service on August 26.

The Ministry reported that volunteers for Liturgists for both services are being recruited, and the usher training manual is being updated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the Treasurer, Rob Ables called attention to the financial report through May. He noted that revenues are about 11% lower than for the comparable time in 2017, but that there was an unexpected windfall from a stock sale in 2017 that will not be repeated this year. Thus, Administration Ministry is somewhat concerned about the financial picture. Second quarter statements will go out soon, and perhaps that will help generate some further revenues.

OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Kay was present to discuss the final report of the survey from Mayfest 2018 (attached). She said that the net amount received was around \$30,000; a little more usually trickles in during the year.

Mary Jon Pabst presented a report from the committee elected to review the policy of money-raising in the Welcome Center (attached). A motion passed to receive this report, with the understanding that the calendar dates listed are only recommendations at this point. A vote on approval will take place at a later date.

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

David McNeilly, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session