

SESSION MINUTES  
First Presbyterian Church  
Greenville, NC  
August 19, 2018

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, NC, held a stated meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm on August 19, 2018.

**Elders present:** Rob Ables, Catherine Adams, Doug Boyd, Clay Britt, Carol Cutler, Jessica Davenport, Kayce Dilday, Bill Farrow, Todd Fraley, Jeri Jackson, Linda Kean, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Dorothy Muller, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Greg Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, David Webb, Pete West and Jim Worden.

**Excused:** Shelley Basnight, Sue DelVecchio, Suzanne Morrow, Mary Jon Pabst, and Mark Phillips.

**Absent:** Jason Lee, and Will O'Rear.

**Others Present:** Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor and Moderator, Derek Perry, Church Treasurer, and Dick Marks, Clerk of Session.

Moderator Hines called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Rob Ables led a devotional and a prayer for the meeting.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

**Illnesses:**

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, Beth Clark, Martha Coffman, Karen Eckert, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Doris Robinson, Joe Sullivan, Earl Trevathan, Sarah Whitehurst, Fred Wood, and Margie Wright.

**Deaths:**

Mert Sutton on July 27, 2018.

Garland Becton (former member) on July 18, 2018.

Doris Mae Lewis (Brad Collier's grandmother) on July 19, 2018; Bill Raskery (Bill Lehman's in-law); and Stephen Charles's grandfather.

Amanda Hines led a prayer including all those mentioned under People are Important.

COMMUNICATIONS

Several letters of thanks came from the TEDI BEAR Children's Advocacy Center for the stuffed animals received during VBS week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report on benevolence giving was received from New Hope Presbytery.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of June 24, 2018 and the called Session meeting of July 8, 2018.

MEMBERSHIP ITEM

A motion passed to approve moving Ann and Dallas Taylor from the Active Roll to the Inactive Roll at their request.

MINISTRY REPORTS

**Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve building use requests for a) Churches Outreach Network from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 4, 2018, for a Senior Christmas celebration for the community b) Greenville Junior Cotillion in the Fellowship Hall from 7-9 p.m. on September 22, October 27, November 16, and December 8, 2018 and January 12, February 2, and March 9, 2019; and c) ECU Choral Department for spring concert of University Chorale and Concert Choir, in the Sanctuary from 6-9 p.m. on February 24, 2019 (rehearsal) and February 25, 2019 (concert).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve dissolving the choral scholar relationship with Baajah Mohammed, Caroline Miller, Darian Benton, and Henry Branson and hiring Payton Parker and Maggie Hemedinger as choral scholars for the current year at a rate of \$275/month.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve moving Stewardship Dedication Sunday from October 14 to November 11.

#### **Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve calendar requests from Presbyterian Women: Jan 6 and 13 – sale of tickets in the Fellowship Hall for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor (NTN) Lunch; Jan. 27 Raffle items on display and ticket sales for NTN in the Welcome Center; March 31 – use of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen from 1 to 6:30 p.m. for the spring PW birthday celebration.

The church picnic is on September 9 at 4 p.m. at Boyd Lee Park.

#### **Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)**

The final disbursement of Mayfest 2018 funds is attached. The Ministry is considering options for use of the Christmas Eve Offering for this year, and the Ministry has endorsed a grant application to the Presbytery by the Council on Aging for Pennies for Hunger/Meals on Wheels. No funds from the church are involved in this program.

#### **Worship Ministry (Kathleen Randall)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a Moment for Ministry for Presbyterian Women on September 30 and for Age Venturers on September 9.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve receipt of an offering at a community Hymn Festival in the afternoon on October 21, with liturgy planned by Brad Collier and Karrie Rushing and colleagues. The offering will support Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a spring choral concert with combined choirs of St. Andrews PC, Raleigh and FPC at afternoon or evening programs during the weekend of April 13-14, 2019.

The Ministry is exploring ways to make a modest annual commitment to Presbyterian Association of Musicians. It is also asking that all volunteers for Liturgists and Time for Young Disciples undertake these duties only after they have attended the training by our pastoral staff.

#### **Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)**

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve church school teachers for 2018-2019: K,1, 2: Alisa Fraley, Katy Kemble, Luanne Manning and Marigail Matthijs; 3,4,5: Peggy Barnes, Jason Lee, Melinda and Hunt McKinnon, and David Webb; Mid-high: TBA; Senior High: Greg Steele and TBA; College: Peggy Barnes, Karen Kay, and David Webb; Youth Advisers: Lisa Burgwyn, Sandy Jackson, John Ogle, Michael Scull and Haley Smith (Junior at ECU, who is the replacement for Ashtyn Clark.

August 26 is Blessing of the Bookbags Sunday, September 9 is Rally Day during the Sunday School hour with a continental breakfast preceding, and curriculum for the youth class is currently being researched.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial reports for June and July. He noted that at the end of July, 58.33% of the budget should be in play. Revenues are at 43% and expenditures at 52%, leading to a deficit in the budget at this point of a little over \$73,000. He said that he and the budget committee are concerned about this, although he is hopeful that the congregation will rally and bring in pledges. Suggestions were to give the congregation more information about how much it costs to carry out our mission here.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Catherine Adams gave a report as a Commissioner to the July Presbytery meeting.

A motion passed (Britt/Worden) to accept the request from Sue DeVecchio to resign from the Session because she is moving to Raleigh.

David Webb and Dorothy Muller were elected as Commissioners to the October 27 Presbytery meeting at Duraleigh Presbyterian in Raleigh.

Discussion about the policy on selling in the Welcome Center that was presented at the last meeting led to some concerns registered by a few members. A motion passed (Webb/Davenport) to send this policy back to the committee for further review based on some of the concerns noted. Following this vote, it was noted that Session had previously in this meeting voted to approve a request from PW to sell in the Welcome Center, so a motion passed (Muller/Ables) to rescind the approval of the PW request and to table that until a selling policy is approved.

There was some discussion of the Interim Mission Study that Pastor McNeilly sent out during the week, but by common consent it was agreed to bring it back at the September meeting for further discussion and possible approval.

The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Amanda Hines.

Amanda Hines, Moderator

Richard Marks, Clerk of Session