

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

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

Elders present: Catherine Adams, Shelley Basnight, Clay Britt, Carol Cutler, Jessica Davenport, Kayce Dilday, Todd Fraley, Jeri Jackson, Jason Lee, Bill Lehman, Allen Lyle, Frances Mallison, Suzanne Morrow, Dorothy Muller, Mary Jon Pabst, Kathleen Randall, Ray Spears, Greg Steele, Elizabeth Swaggerty, Pete West, and Jim Worden.

Excused: Bill Farior, Mark Phillips, and David Webb.

Absent: Rob Ables, Doug Boyd, Linda Kean, and Will O'Rear.

Others Present: Dave McNeilly, Transitional Pastor and Moderator, Amanda Hines, Associate Pastor, Derek Perry, Church Treasurer, Dick Marks, Clerk of Session, and Elder-elect Ann McConnell.

Moderator McNeilly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; a quorum was present. Jeri Jackson led a devotional and a prayer for the meeting.

PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT

Illnesses:

Special mention was made for Betsy Baggett, John Brookbank, Martha Coffman, Thelma Flye, Ben Lattin, Joyce Lewis, Gerald McGowan, Linda Parham, Joe Sullivan, Sarah Whitehurst, Fred Wood, and Margie Wright.

Deaths:

Garland A. Anderson, on September 20, 2018
Barbara Janet Miller, on November 2, 2018.

Birth: William McLeod Koonce (son of Clay & Carolyn Koonce, grandson of Emmett and Kim Koonce), on October 4, 2018

COMMUNICATIONS

A card of thanks came from Boys and Girls Club.

A letter of thanks came from New Hope Presbytery for all the church does. The annual request for benevolence giving accompanied this letter.

A notification came that the Joy Soup Kitchen was awarded a Presbytery grant that was endorsed by the Session.

Notification was received that the Mission Study Report submitted to the Commission on Ministry was approved and FPC was granted approval to form a PNC.

The clerk gave an update on letters that have been sent to those members who live outside the area or appear not to be participating in the life of the church.

MINUTES

Minutes were approved for the stated Session meeting of October 21, 2018, the called Session meeting of November 4, 2018, and the called congregational meeting of October 7, 2018.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Administration Ministry (Rob Ables/Dorothy Muller)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve a building use request for the wedding of Ashley Hardee on April 6, 2019, with rehearsal on April 5, 2019.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve giving authority to the Church Treasurer to negotiate a lease for a 15-passenger bus with large storage area. An anonymous donor is funding at least the first 2 years of the anticipated 3-year lease.

Membership Ministry (Catherine Adams/ Bill Lehman)

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve an application form to be used by groups requesting sales events in the church (attached).

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve changing the date of a Moment for Ministry for Mayfest from January 6 to January 13, 2019.

The wild-game feast was on November 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

New dates for the pictorial directory were November 6-10, with a make-up date on December 11, which is nearly fully subscribed.

Mission Ministry (Linda Kean/ Mark Phillips)

The Ministry reported it is moving \$500 within its budget lines from Crop Walk to the Youth Ministry for their Christmas families.

Worship Ministry (Kathleen Randall)

A motion passed from the Ministry to allow Scouts to participate in worship and be recognized on Scout Sunday, February 3, 2019.

A motion passed from the Ministry to approve having bulletin inserts during Advent offering members the choice to purchase memorial poinsettias, or opportunities for alternative giving.

Session is reminded that help is needed getting ready for the greening service by meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 29. Members of UKirk will also help.

The Interfaith Service was held on November 18, with a small reception following.

Education Ministry (Ray Spears/Elizabeth Swaggerty)

Education Ministry is providing dinner after the Joy Gift Program on December 2, with a catered meal available for \$5 each, and opportunities for ornament making and other crafts after dinner.

Brian Dilday is interviewing candidates to take the place of Haley Smith, who has been a youth adviser.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Perry called attention to the financial report through October. With 83.3% of the budget year over, revenues have come in at 63% and expenditures at 75%, leading to a deficit of just over \$96,000. He said some of the pledges that usually come in on an annual basis have started to come in, and with typical year-end inflow to meet pledges, he is hopeful the funds will be close to the budget amount. The checking account balance is significantly lower than at the same time last year. The preliminary results from the Stewardship campaign show significant increases in most of the pledges. He figured that if the outstanding pledges are met at the same level as in 2018, the revenues should be about \$60,000 above last year's budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

A motion passed to approve tentative Ministry assignments for 2019 (attached).

Dorothy Muller gave a report for herself and David Webb, who were Commissioners to the October 27 stated meeting of New Hope Presbytery.

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

FPC Application for Sales Event

Date _____

1. Name of Event _____

2. Check with Janice Gray, Office Manager to determine if the Event date is open on calendar. Yes _____ No _____

3. Contact appropriate Ministry with application for the Event.
 - a. Name of Organization _____
 - b. Date & time of Event _____
 - c. Location of Event _____
 - d. Contact name & email/phone number for approval/denial notification:

4. Ministry will approve/deny request and bring to Communication Council for inclusion on Session agenda. Contact will be notified of results.

5. No Sales Event will be held in the Welcome Center. If Sales Event is not to be held in the Fellowship Hall, specify where it will be.

6. Applicant will be responsible to provide advertising information that TV programmer will use to create your TV announcement.

**ELDER MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS
2019**

Class of 2019

Adams, Catherine (Membership)
Barnhill, Kelly (Administration)
Britt, Clay (Mission)
Davenport, Jessica (Mission)
Farrior, Bill (Administration)
Lehman, Bill (Membership)
Mallison, Frances (Worship)
Muller, Dorothy (Administration)
Randall, Kathleen (Worship)
Webb, David (Education)
Dilday, Kayce (Youth)

Administration

Barnhill, Kelly
Farrior, Bill
Fraley, Todd (Co-chair)
Morrow, Suzanne
Muller, Dorothy (Co-chair)
Rushing, Matt
Williams, Jim
Staff, Pastor

Mission

Britt, Clay
Burgwyn, Lisa
Davenport, Jessica (Co-chair)
Lee, Jason
Pabst, Mary Jon (Co-chair)
Walker, Eric
Staff, Amanda Hines

Class of 2019

Betty Williams

Class of 2020

Basnight, Shelley (Membership)
Cutler, Carol (Education)
Fraley, Todd (Administration)
Lee, Jason (Mission)
Leissner, Jenna (Membership)
Morrow, Suzanne (Admin.)
Pabst, Mary Jon (Mission)
Steele, Greg (Education)
West, Pete (Worship)
Worden, Jim (Worship)
Ogle, Lucy (Youth)

MINISTRIES

Education

Cutler, Carol
McGowan, Thelma
Silvernail, Tina
Steele, Greg
Webb, David (Co-chair)
Staff, Kathleen Williams, Brian Dilday

Worship

Anderson, Tricia
Mallison, Frances
McConnell, Ann
Randall, Kathleen (Co-chair)
West, Pete
Worden, Jim (Co-chair)
Staff, Karrie Rushing, Brad Collier

Trustees

Class of 2020

Debra Mizelle

Class of 2021

Anderson, Patricia (Worship)
Burgwyn, Lisa (Mission)
Eckert, Rich (Membership)
McConnell, Ann (Worship)
McGowan, Thelma (Education)
Rushing, Matt (Administration)
Silvernail, Tina (Education)
Vinson, Brian (Membership)
Williams, Jim (Administration)
Walker, Eric (Mission)

Membership

Adams, Catherine (Co-chair)
Basnight, Shelley
Eckert, Rich
Lehman, Bill (Co-chair)
Leissner, Jenna
Vinson, Brian
Staff, Amanda Hines

Youth

Dilday, Kayce
Ogle, Lucy

Class of 2021

Vernette Dean