

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
October 1, 2008**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its September Stated Meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The regular schedule of this meeting was delayed one week due to the Pastor's travels. Dr. Daniel S. Williams, Moderator, called the meeting to order and opened with a special devotional item from the Foundations of Presbytery Polity, F-1.01. The selection is entitled "God's Mission." A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Danny Fields, Earl Flower, Jerry Fry, James Mader, Kay Moyer, Mary Rainey, Stewart Sherwood, Caroline Wuebke, Paul Wolf and Dan Williams.

Excused: Chuck Blackley, Frank Brown, Andy Easley, Mary McNamara, Bob Ridle and Nancy Swisher.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with no additions.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of the August 27, 2008, Stated Meeting was approved.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and with some explanations as to transfers between funds, the report was filed for audit.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Removed from active roll: Louis Mader (death, September 16, 2008)
2. Average worship attendance: Aug. 3-31= 84; Sept. 7-28= 80

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **World Communion Sunday** – Session members were reminded of their assignments for Oct.5, 2008.
2. **2008 Stewardship Campaign.** The committees' responsibility schedule for Minutes for Mission was presented. 2009 Budget Request - a reminder was given to have all budget request into the Church Office by Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008.
3. **Bible Study.** The Pastor announced that about 25 members attend the Bible Study classes either in the morning or evening sessions.
4. **Form or Government Task Force.** The Pastor updated the Session on his work with the General Assembly's Form of Government (FOG) Task Force. A revision of the FOG has been produced, based on the input received through the 218th General Assembly, which will be made available for study and response by sessions and presbyteries. The Pastor has to make one more scheduled trip this year to speak about the Task Force's work, October 13-15, at the Presbyterian Coalition's annual gathering in Newport Beach, California.
5. **Highland Augusta Mission Community.** The Pastor reported that he is working on giving up the convener position of the Highland/August Mission Community, having served in the position for the past five years. This would remove responsibility for eight meetings a year, leading four mission community gatherings, and attending four meeting of Presbytery Council.
6. **Presbytery Renewal Network.** The Pastor explained what this group is – a meeting of pastors and elders concerned about the direction of the denomination, and committed to advocating for traditional and evangelical positions before the Presbytery. Paul Wolfe agreed to attend the October 2 meeting of the Network with the Pastor, at First Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Christian Education

- Next meeting: October 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Rally Day was a big success, with 57 adults and 10 children present for a program presented by Chaplain Norris Burkes for the adults and a presentation by Emily Johnson and Kemper Snyder on their camp experiences.
- Future youth activities are planned as follows: Saturday, October 25, a costume party dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m.; November 2, a Fall hike after Worship; December 14, making Christmas ornaments to take on a visit to nursing homes or homebound friends; and December 21, Christmas caroling at Loyaltown. Youth

are also considering other activities such as bowling, roller-skating or ice-skating, and are available for light yard work including raking leaves.

2. Membership and Outreach- No Report

3. Mission

- Next meeting - October 29, 6:00 p.m.
- Five church members attended the Disaster Preparedness Event and two members will explain what we need to do to be prepared for emergencies at the November church night.
- October 12 is World Food Day, with a special offering and soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall after Worship.

4. Property

- Next meeting-October 29, 6:30 p.m.
- All projects concerning the roof and steeple repair and painting have now been completed.
- Need to arrange for snow and ice removal on the walks around the church.

5. Stewardship and Finance

- Next Meeting- October 27, 6:30 p.m. On 9/18/08- moved \$51,485.45 from Community Bank to an 11 mo. Certificate of Deposit at Stellar One Bank with and APY of 3.5%.
- On 9/19/08 moved \$51,491.50 from Community Bank to a 7 mo. CD at Bank of America with an APY of 3.1%.
- On October 14, Danny Fields with renew a CD coming due at Community Bank for nine more mos. On a penalty free basis, at the best interest rate he can negotiate, insuring that all our investments are now protected by F.D.I.C.
- The committee has moved \$10,000 from our saving account at Community Bank into the operating checking account At Stellar One Bank to cover the cost of repairs and painting to the Church property.
- The Stewardship Campaign Letter and Estimate of Giving Cards will be sent out by the week of 10/6/08.
- An extension of the Roof campaign, indefinitely, was recommended and Session approved this action.
- The possibility of establishing a Building Fund in the future was discussed briefly.

6. Worship and Music

- Next Meeting- October 29, 6:30 p.m.
- Special services were announced for the rest of the year including Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 30, the first Sunday in Advent. The Advent wreath and candles will be in place by that Sunday and there will be a light lunch after Worship. Those who wish may stay for the lunch and then for the decorating of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The Christmas decorations will stay in place until Jan. 4, 2009.
- Families will be asked to light the Advent candles each Sunday.
- A supply minister will be secured for December 28th because of the Pastor's vacation.
- CE indicated that the youth are willing to Lay Read.

Personnel Committee

- Committee recommends a COLA of 4.5 % for all staff for the year 2009. Session voted to postpone action until the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Community Service Committee** reported that there are new plans as of now but they will welcome any new ideas for projects.
- 2. Meetings reports.** Handouts were distributed to report the previous meetings of Presbytery and Mission Community Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Session:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008
- b. Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 11, 2008- Keyser, WV, Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
- c. Highland Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 at First Church, Waynesboro (6:30 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m.

Kay M. Moyer,
Acting Clerk of Session