

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
January 28, 2009**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its January Stated Meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall by the Moderator, Dr. Daniel S. Williams, who opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chuck Blackley, Frank Brown, Danny Fields, Earl Flower, Jerry Fry, William Jack, Darlene Mason, Mary McNamara, Kay Moyer, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Eve Thomas, Caroline Woebke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.

**Excused:** Andy Easley

**Guest:** Nancy Swisher

**AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted and the Order of the Day was established to be Session Reorganization.

**MINUTES REVIEW**

The minutes from the January 7, 2009 Stated meeting were approved.

The minutes from the January 25, 2009 Annual Congregational Meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The most current Treasurer's report appears in the Annual Report booklet. There being no discussion, the report was filed for audit.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1. **Membership Action** – Remove from Active Roll: Fritz Flower (death on 1/28/09)

2. **Worship Attendance**- Jan. 4-25 = 77

3. **Correspondence**

- General Assembly Council acknowledges our gift of \$750 toward our pledge in support of Bruce and Lora Whearty, missionaries in Ethiopia.
- Shenandoah Presbytery Renewal Net: information on upcoming Shenandoah Presbytery vote on Amendment 08-B
- Magnetic Church conference Feb. 20 and 21 at Tinkling Spring Church

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

**1. SESSION REORGANIZATION**

a. **Election of Clerk of Session** – Kay Moyer

b. **Election of Church Treasurer:** Jerry Fry, Assistant Treasurers: Danny Fields, Earl Flower, James Wright

c. **Nominating Committee** – Chair: Earl Flower and Vice Chair: William Jack

d. **Standing Committee Assignments and Chairs**

Christian Education: \* Mary Rainey + Caroline Woebke, Maxine Robertson

Membership and Outreach: \* Frank Brown +Eve Thomas, William Jack

Mission: \* Nancy Swisher + Mary McNamara, Bob Ridle, Earl Flower

Property: \*Chuck Blackley +Paul Wolfe, Andy Easley

Stewardship and Finance: \* Jerry Fry +Danny Fields, James Wright, Earl Flower

Worship and Music: \*Kay Moyer @ Stewart Sherwood, Darlene Mason

Personnel: \* Robert Ridle + Jerry Fry, Pam Snyder

*\* = Chair/ += Vice Chair/ @ = Communion Steward*

e. 2009 Session Meeting Schedule – Last Wednesday of the Month, except when it conflicts with holidays.

March 4, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, August 26, September 30, October 28, December 2 (for November 25), January 6, 2010 (December meeting), January 27, 2010. The Session will only meet in July if called by the Moderator.

2. **COMMUNION SCHEDULE.** The annual schedule for assigned servers for communion was handed out. The sheet includes 2 elders for preparation of the elements each time. Session members were reminded that they need to arrange for a substitute if they cannot serve when they are scheduled and to notify Stewart Sherwood of the change.

3. **G.A. STATED CLERK.** Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, will speak at a dinner gathering at Massanetta Springs on Friday evening, February 13.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Christian Education** – next meeting will be announced at a later date
  - The Christian Education Committee met on Jan. 19, 2009.
  - Tickets are on sale for the musical, “Children’s Letters to God.” 28 people have signed up and the chairperson will pick up the tickets at 2:30 from the office on Feb. 22, because the group seating is reserved. Kelly Johnson is performing in the play; this is the youth outing for February.
  - The next youth outing will be bowling on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. Youth and adults will meet at the Staunton Lanes and after bowling, there will be a pizza buffet at Cici's. Senior citizens and youth under 12 will pay \$2.75, Adults \$3.50, and shoe rental will be \$2.00. There are some funds available to help with the cost of pizza.
  - On March 18, (Family Night) Helen Burke from Valley Mission will give a program on how families can be helped to develop living skills.
  - The only graduate this spring will be Michael “Pickle” Nuckols. We will honor his graduation on June 14 or 28, depending on his schedule. He will be graduating from Buffalo Gap High School.
  - Kay Mader recently received a letter from Gena Adams of Emmanuel Episcopal Church wanting to arrange a meeting to discuss the possibility of several downtown churches working together on Vacation Bible School. If there is enough interest for the meeting Kay and Mary Rainey will plan to attend.
  - The committee also discussed budget cuts but did not take action on this at this time. The cuts will be forwarded to the financial committee when they are ready.
  - Some suggestions on how to attract new members were forwarded to Membership and Outreach.
2. **Membership and Outreach** – Next meeting will be March 4, 6:30 p.m.
  - It was decided by the committee to drop the advertising in the *News Leader* paper as it is expensive and not producing the results that were hoped.
  - Several suggestions were presented for attracting new members and community outreach. The committee was advised to take action on these in their committee meetings.
  - There are brochures that could be handed out to B & B's, hotels and such, but they need to be updated.
3. **Mission** – the next committee meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on March 4.
  - Budget cuts were discussed.
  - Some discussion of the Disaster Plan was brought up in the committee and they will have more information as time goes on.
4. **Property** – next meeting: March 4, 6:30 p.m.
  - The bell choir practice room has been moved to the room next to the Lucile Sanger classroom. This will save on heating a different part of the building.
5. **Stewardship and Finance** – will meet on March 2 at 6:30p.m.
6. **Worship and Music** – Will meet on March 4, 6:30p.m.
  - Ushers and lay readers names for February were announced on the agenda sheet.
  - The committee briefly discussed the final preparations for Ash Wednesday.
  - Upcoming Special Services were reviewed, especially the Communion Service on March 1.
  - The annual Staunton Presbyterian pulpit exchange will be on March 29. Our guest will be Jack Wilkers and Dan will preach at Olivet.
  - On March 8 the Presbyterian Women will do the service.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Community Service Committee.** Chuck Blackley talked briefly about the kinds of skills that might be discussed by Helen Burke on March 18, and how church members might respond to these needs.
2. **Shenandoah Presbytery meeting.** Jerry Fry previously agreed to serve as commissioner to this meeting on February 14, 2009.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Upcoming Meetings**
  - a. Session: Wed., March 4, 2009, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
  - b. Shenandoah Presbytery: Sat., February 14, 2009- Massanutten Church (9:30 a.m.)
  - c. Highland-Augusta Mission Community: Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Hebron (6:30 p.m.)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Kay M. Moyer  
Clerk of Session