

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VA
March 4, 2009**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its February Stated Meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Daniel S. Williams, Moderator called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chuck Blackley, Frank Brown, Andy Easley, 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.

Absent: None

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes from the January 28, 2009 Stated Meeting were approved with no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was received, discussed and filed for audit.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership Action** – pending active membership request from Debby Camden and Brookie Fish. A special meeting to receive these persons by reaffirmation of faith will be held Sunday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
2. **Average worship attendance** for February was 78.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **March 24 - 26:** the Pastor will attend a meeting of COGA and the GAC in Louisville, KY.
2. **March Meeting.** Due to the Pastor being away, it was moved, seconded and approved by Session to cancel the next Stated Session Meeting (March 25, 2009). The next Session meeting will be on April 29, 2009.
3. **Communion Servers.** The Session members were reminded of the Communion Service on Maundy Thursday, April 9. Servers were announced and instruction on serving that night were discussed.
4. **Holy Week services** were announced as follows:
 - Sunday, April 5- Palm Sunday Parade at 10:25 and the luncheon following the Worship Service.
 - Thursday, April 9- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m.
 - Friday, April 10- Good Friday Service of Darkness at 7:30 p.m.
5. **Synod PW Meeting.** The Synod of the Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Women will meet here on March 13-14. Pam Snyder is hosting this meeting and there will be dinner served on Friday.
6. **GA FOG Task Force.** The pastor has the following Task Force commitments upcoming:
 - March 24-26– COGA/GAC meetings in Louisville, KY
 - May 4-5 – Synod of the Covenant, Toledo, OH
 - June 11-13 – The Big Tent event in Atlanta, GA
 - August 12-14 – Task Force meeting in Dallas, TX

None of the above meetings require the Pastor to be away on Sundays. In June, the pastor will be on vacation that week.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership and Outreach

- Plans are being completed for the Palm Sunday Luncheon and the committee will provide rolls and fruit.
- The News Leader advertisement has been dropped, as it is felt that it gets little or no response.
- Eve Thomas is placing signs and/or brochures in the local Bed & Breakfasts to invite people to our church.
- The Church brochures are being updated.
- A new updated membership list is being compiled.
- The Care Lists for elders will be forthcoming.

- For the annual picnic, the committee will try to get the “High on The Mountain Boys” to perform.
 - Discussion on an Open House at the church during Victorian Days was held.
 - The committee plans to meet on April 29 at 6:30
- 2. Mission**
- The committee has been able to cut 10% from their initial budget.
 - They have approved \$200.00 for Pam Snyder's trip.
 - Helen Burke from Valley Rescue Mission will speak at the March 18th covered dish meal. Those attending will learn what plans the Mission has to educate their clients in life skills.
 - April 5- there will be OGHs minute for mission and on April 12 the funds will be collected for One Great Hour of Sharing.
 - The committee will meet next on April 29.
- 3. Property**
- Paul Wolfe has been busy updating the men’s restroom across from the kitchen. He replaced the floor and did some other repairs.
 - Projects for work needing to be done at the church will be announced but a full day's work is not planned at this time.
 - The next meeting will be April 29.
- 4. Stewardship and Finance** – No report (beyond the Treasurer’s report earlier, above.)
- 5. Worship and Music**
- Announcement of ushers and lay readers for March
 - Holy Week services as discussed in Pastors Report.
 - March 29 will be the pulpit exchange with Jack Wilkers in our pulpit while Dr. Williams will be at Olivet.
 - Jo Fields will work with Melissa Archer to set up a lending library of Christian books in our church
 - At this time there has been no commitment from the Choral Society as to whether their spring concerts will be held at our Church, but they seem interested in doing this.
 - Our Pastor will need to be away and a substitute obtained for the Sundays that are involved: June 14, July 5, July 19 and 26, Aug 30 and Oct. 11.
 - The committee will meet next on April 29.
- 6. Christian Education**
- There was a good turnout for the play and thanks to all who came.
 - A reception for our graduate (Michael ‘Pickle’ Nuckols) will be held May 31.
 - Plans for a community Bible School program are being attended by committee members and Kay Mader.
 - The next meeting will be March 23 in the parlor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Presbytery Report.** A report on the February 14 Stated Shenandoah Presbytery Meeting was handed out for review. The meeting was attended by Jerry Fry and Dan Williams
- 2. The Community Service Committee** reported that Valley Mission may want help planting a garden for their residents. This would be a teaching experience.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Church Night issue.** Concern was expressed that some members with health issues do not come to the meals because they cannot bring dishes and carry their health equipment at the same time.
- 2. Upcoming meetings:**
 - **Session** – April 29, 2009; 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - **Shenandoah Presbytery** – Tuesday, May 12, First Winchester (9:30 a.m.) Eve Thomas volunteered to serve as elder commissioner.
 - **Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, April 30 – Hebron (6:30 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with prayer.

Kay M. Moyer
Clerk of Session