

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VA 24401
April 29, 2009**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its April Stated Meeting on Wednesday, April 29, 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: Andy Easley, Earl Flower, Jerry Fry, William Jack, Darlene Mason, Kay Moyer, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Eve Thomas, Caroline Wobke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright and Dan Williams.

Excused: Chuck Blackley, Frank Brown, Danny Fields and Mary McNamara.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes from the March 4 Stated meeting were approved with no corrections.

The minutes from the March 15 Special meeting were approved with corrections to the attendance and the corrected spelling of Brookie Fish's name.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was received, discussed and filed for audit with a note made about the Scholarship for Jonathan Williams.

CLERK'S REPORT

- 1. Membership action.** Debby Camden and Brookie Fish were received into active membership on Sunday, March 15, 2009. Session approved membership in a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and welcomed the new members during the Worship Service that followed.
- 2. Average attendance.** The average worship attendance for March 2009 was 76 and for April 82. Special services reported 47 on Maundy Thursday, 55 on Good Friday, and 112 on Easter.
- 3. Annual Review of minutes.** The following exceptions were noted by the Record Review Committee from Presbytery:
 - Minutes need to be signed by the clerk and moderator.
 - Annual financial review was not present.

Note: The first comment is due to our minutes not being in the permanent book. Our copier will not accept the new book's pages, and the pages are too big for our computer printers. We haven't figured out another way to get the minutes in there. Second, the annual financial review is reflected in the Annual Meeting of the congregation, and the annual report booklet, which we always include with our minutes.

- 4. Correspondence.** All mail was previously distributed to the proper committees.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- 1. New Members.** Debby Camden and Brookie Fish were welcomed as active members as per the Clerk's Report.
- 2. Holy Week events** were reviewed and pronounced as being well attended and well received.
- 3. Parking issues,** as a result of one member receiving a ticket while parked briefly in front of the church, were discussed. A letter to the city responding to this issue was approved by Session. *[See Appendix A, page 8.]*
- 4. Communion servers.** Session was reminded of the Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. The assignments for that service were handed out.
- 5. Baja Mission Trip.** Two issues that are being monitored by the Baja Mission Trip Leadership team are: first the U. S. State Department travel advisory, who considers the safety of travel to Mexico; and second the Swine Flue outbreak. Deterioration of either of these issues could cancel the upcoming trip. The team will be notified if the trip is cancelled.
- 6. Natural Gas usage.** An updated natural gas usage chart was presented. We still have a credit on our current plan, and this year is the earliest that we have reached that point.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mission

- The following expenses were approved and recommended to Session by the committee. All were equal to or less than previously approved amounts within the budget.

Account	Account name.....	Amount
7104	Weekday Religious Education.....	\$2,000.00
7105	Valley Mission.....	900.00
7109	Comfort Care Women’s Center.....	750.00
7113	Teen Challenge.....	450.00
7114	Meals on Wheels.....	450.00
7115	Augusta Free Clinic.....	540.00
7116	Habitat for Humanity.....	450.00
7120	Covenant Church/Massanetta Springs.....	500.00
7201B	SACRA-Hunger.....	750.00
7201E	Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.....	500.00
7103	Missionary Support (Baja Project).....	500.00

A transfer of \$7,800 from the Interest Checking Account at Community Bank (Contingency Fund) to the operating account at Stellar One Bank will fund these amounts

- A potato bar is planned in early June for the Baja Mission team
- The disaster plan for our church is being worked on.

2. Property – no report: next meeting May 27, 2009

3. Stewardship and Finance

- CD at Bank of America was renewed at a 1.45% rate with a balance of \$52,413.67

4. Worship and Music

- Lay readers, head ushers and ushers were announced for the month of May
- Mother’s Day flowers and Father’s Day gifts will be given on the appropriate days. Jo Fields volunteered to provide for these days.
- Discussion for the needs that we will meet for the Choral Society’s programs on May 2 and 3 were presented and arranged for.
- Dates that we will need to find a Supply Pastor were listed and members were asked for recommendations.

5. Christian Education

- The community Bible School is a no-go because of lack of interest
- Our only graduate this spring, Michael Nuckols; will be honored at a reception on May 31, after Worship.
- Two members wish to attend The Massanetta Springs Youth Camp in June. They are Chandler and Jaidon Snyder. Funds can be provided if they have an adult male chaperone.
- Plans are being made for a Back to School Party on Aug. 15.
- The committee will meet next on May 18, at 6:30 p.m.

6. Membership and Outreach

- The patio parties will begin on June 14.
- The Church picnic is planned for Aug.12 at the Cedar Green American Legion.
- Care lists for elders will be available soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (OLD)

- 1. Shenandoah Presbytery**- Meets May 12 with Eve Thomas as our commissioner
- 2. Community Service Committee Update** - no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Session:** May 27, 2009- 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- b. Shenandoah Presbytery**- Tuesday, May 12, 2009- First Winchester-9: 30 a.m.
- c. Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Hebron 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. with prayer by the moderator.