

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VA 24401
August 26, 2009**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its August Stated Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 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, Danny Fields, Earl Flower, Jerry Fry, William Jack, Darlene Mason, Kay Moyer, Mary Rainey, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Caroline Wobke, Paul Wolfe and Dan Williams.

Excused: Andy Easley, Mary McNamara, Bob Ridle, Eve Thomas and James Wright.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes from the June 24th meeting were approved with two corrections.

- In Unfinished Business, the garden was at the Valley Mission site instead of the Salvation Army site.
- The meeting of Presbytery is on Aug. 22, not Aug 2.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented and discussed with mention of the difference between total income and expenses being -\$3,700. It was then filed for audit.

CLERK'S REPORT

The average attendance for worship during June 28-July was 73, and during Aug. 2-23 was 72.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Linda Fry has been appointed to be the Jones Emergency Relief Officer (JERO) for the Boswell Jones Funds, which was previously done by Bobby Dale. The pastor will thank Bobby for his years of faithful management of these funds during an upcoming worship service.
2. A request from the Staunton Choral Society to hold their Winter Concert in the Sanctuary was approved by Session. The concerts will be December 5 and 6 with a rehearsal on Monday Nov. 23 or 30.
3. The schedule for the Stewardship Campaign's Minutes for Mission was handed out and Sundays for each Committee were noted.
4. Budget Request worksheets were distributed and need to be in the church office by Sunday, Oct. 18.
5. The schedule for Bible Study, which returns on Sept. 8th, was given to each elder. This study session goes through Dec. 8.
6. The final gathering of the Rehoboth group is from Aug. 30 through Sept. 5, in Duck, N. C.
7. Mary Rainey, Paul Wolfe, Earl Flower and Maxine Robertson volunteered to study the need our church has for the reducing the size of Session members. Further action on a change would need a Congregational vote.
8. While Kay Mader, our Christian Education Coordinator, is recovering, the Pastor will take on whatever duties cannot be handled by the committees.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Worship and Music

- This committee will work hand in hand with the Christian Education committee to ensure that Rally Day (Sept. 13) is planned successfully.
- The annual Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at Second Church this year.
- Minute for Mission during the Stewardship Campaign – Nov. 8
- Hanging of the Greens – Nov. 29
- The committee will meet next on Sept. 30, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

2. Christian Education

- Jon Williams applied for and was granted a scholarship from the Woodside Funds. Dan abstained from

the vote.

- Rally Day will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sept 13, with the recognition of the Choir members and Sunday Bible Study teachers. This will be followed by Bible Jeopardy at 9:30, and refreshments after that.
- The next meeting of the committee will be Aug. 31.

3. Membership and Outreach

- Reported on the success of the picnic.
- The committee is discussing other fellowship ideas, but have no plans at this time.

4. Mission

- The One Great Hour Of Sharing (\$800) has not been designated.
- Of the Pentecost Offering (\$446), 40% is to be designated by the Session for children at risk programs.
- Sept. 16 is the first family night supper of the fall season, with a program on July's Baja Mission Trip.
- Oct. 18 will be the World Food Day soup and sandwich luncheon and hunger offering, after the worship service.
- Next committee meeting will be Sept. 30, at 6:00 p.m.

5. Property

- The committee is receiving bids for the painting that needs to be done on the Lewis St. side of the church. It was noted that some of the newer paint is peeling, likely due to a previous application of paint. That problem will be looked into.
- The office computer needs to be replaced, but a new monitor and software is not needed. The cost will be about \$600, plus tax.

6. Stewardship and Finance

- Informed Session of the renewal of Certificates of Deposit, and the transfer of funds from investments into the General Fund.
- Tom Patterson left the Church an annuity valued at \$1,437.41 a month through 2019. The Committee is completing the necessary paperwork to receive this bequest.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

- 1. Shenandoah Presbytery meeting.** Dan Williams reported on the Aug. 22 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery, at the Warrenton Presbyterian Church. Bob Ridle was unable to attend due to illness.
- 2. Community Service Committee update:** The garden still has beans and corn; Salvation Army bell ringers were very appreciated; Service at the recent blood bank was a success. Report given by Chuck Blackley.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Session:** September 30, 2009 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 10, 2009 – Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
- c. Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, September 17, 2009 at Staunton First (?) (6:30 p.m.)"

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer by the moderator, which included prayer concerns that had been discussed prior to adjournment.

Kay M. Moyer
Clerk of Session