

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VA 24401
October 28, 2009**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its October Stated Meeting on Wednesday, October 28 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, Mary McNamara, Kay Moyer, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Steward Sherwood, Eve Thomas, Caroline Wobke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright and Dan Williams.

Excused: Andy Easley.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes from the September 30 Stated Meeting and from the October 25 Congregational Meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and notes were made that the regular offering is just about on budget. The Mission Budget is based on \$3,000 in receipts or better. Overall projections indicate that another transfer of \$15,000 may need to be transferred unless other incomes exceed the budgeted amounts.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Membership Actions- Remove Linda Jenkins from active membership due to her death, which occurred October 26, 2009.
2. The average Worship Attendance for October 4-25 was 81, with the soup and sandwich meal being 50 and 14 members participated in the Hay Ride.
3. No correspondence was reported.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **Next Meeting.** Session's Stated Meeting for November was changed to December 2, 2009 because of the Thanksgiving Eve service.
2. **Thanksgiving Eve Service.** The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held with First Presbyterian Church at Second. The service will be in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25.
3. **Communion Servers.** The next scheduled celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday in Advent. A list of those serving and preparing communion was handed out.
4. **2010 Communion Schedule.** The dates recommended for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in 2010 were approved: February 21 (First Sunday in Lent), April 1 (Maundy Thursday), May 23 (Pentecost), August 8 (Summer), October 3 (World Communion), November 28 (First Sunday in Advent), December 24 (Christmas Eve), January 2, 2011 (New Year).
5. **Advent-Christmas Events.** As the Christmas season approaches the following special events were discussed:
 - Poinsettias will again be ordered from Cross-B-Crest Farms.
 - The Advent special focus this year will be interpretation of the Chrismon.
 - The Christmas Joy Offering Church Night dinner and program will be Sunday, Dec. 13. Pam Snyder is preparing the program for that evening.
 - Christmas Caroling for the youth and other members will be Sunday, Dec. 20th or 21st. The time will be announced.
 - Our annual candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service will be on Thursday night and will begin at 7:30 p.m.
6. **Memorial Fund Policy.** Upon request of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, the use of the Memorial Fund was reviewed. Since the policies were written in 1987, it is recommended that the committee consider the need to update the policies that govern these funds. A hand out of the Local Benevolence Program was given to each elder.

7. **Investments.** A brief discussion of the Presbytery Corp.'s status as of June 30, 2009 followed. The Corporation's report received Nov. 10th indicated that all investments lost money in fiscal year 2009, but since its end on June 30 have begun to increase.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership and Outreach

- The committee is looking into the suggestions that nametags be used to make visitors more familiar with who we are. They will look to get feedback from members as well as cost of having them done.
- It was noted that the visitor cards were not being refilled in the pews often enough.

2. Mission

- Items of expenditures have been dealt with so far this year.
- OGHs collected \$781 and rounded it to \$800, which was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Relief. OGH offering supports hunger, people development and natural disasters.
- The Pentecost Offering of \$446 was distributed and our 40% was allotted for New Directions. That amount was \$178.40.
- \$316 was collected for World Food Day and designated for Valley Mission.
- A new mission couple will be sought for.

3. Property

- Renewal of the contract with Messers for the removal of snow on the sidewalks.
- Painting of the building has started with the scraping of the old paint on the Lewis St. side. A bonding agent will be applied before the actual painting is done. The estimate of this is \$6,600.
- Paul has been cleaning the boilers and repairing doors.
- A request from the organist for the tuning of the organ and piano brought to our attention that this had just been done in late Sept. or early Oct. A discussion of the necessity of doing it again so soon followed.

4. Stewardship and Finance

- Reminded committees that there are budget worksheets still out that need to be turned in.

5. Worship and Music

- Through the bulletin, the committee will ask for volunteers to clean the nursery on Nov. 14th. It has not been used and the toys have not been cleaned for some time. Last year there were families attending the Choral Society performances that need to bring young children into the nursery.
- The hand bells will perform on Nov. 22.
- Communion service schedule was discussed.
- Reminders of special upcoming events were discussed.

6. Christian Education

- Committee reported that the Hayride was a success.
- A 50's dance will be held on Nov. 7th from 6 p.m. to 8ish
- Dec. 13th family night will include the youth.
- Christmas Caroling will be on the 20th or 21st of December.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

1. **Shenandoah Presbytery meeting** November 10; Elder Commissioner is Eve Thomas.
2. **Community Service Committee** update from Chuck Blackley informed us that the Salvation Army is in need of Bell Ringers during the Christmas Season.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Next meetings:

- **Session Stated Meeting-** Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.- Fellowship Hall
- **Shenandoah Presbytery** -Tuesday, November 10, 2009-Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church- 9:30 a.m.
- **Highland-Augusta Mission Community-** Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010- Augusta Stone(?) -6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with prayer by the moderator