

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STAUNTON, VA 24401  
December 2, 2009**

The session of Second Presbyterian Church held its November Stated Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 7:00p.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, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Steward Sherwood, Caroline Wuebke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright and Dan Williams.

**Excused:** Andy Easley, Mary McNamara, Mary Rainey and Eve Thomas

**AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES REVIEW**

Prior to the meeting, corrections were made in the submitted minutes and when presented, they were approved with the corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The October 2009 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and it was noted that receipts Y.T.D. are 84% of what was budgeted. Also noted was the receipt of the Patterson annuity payments (4 months). The annuity is \$1,437.41 a month for 10 years and is non-designated at this time.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**1. Membership actions.**

- Action was taken to remove Loretta Clemmer's name from the active roll due to her death on Dec. 1, 2009.
- Shari Hippeard's transfer to St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Tucson, Arizona was approved, as it had not previously been recorded in the Session Minutes.

**2. Average worship attendance.** The average worship attendance for November 1-29 was 78 with an addition of 37 for Thanksgiving Eve.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

**1. December meeting.** Session was reminded of the change in December's stated meeting to Jan. 6, 2010 because of the Holiday weeks.

**2. Annual reports.** All committees are asked to turn in their annual reports to the office by Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 to assist those preparing the report booklet.

**3. Elder training.** There were no elders elected in October who require pre-ordination training. A refresher meeting will be scheduled for early January and the Class of 2012 will be installed on Sunday, January 17, 2010.

**4. Communion assignments.** Communion will be served on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve and on Jan. 3. Assignments were discussed.

**5. Shenandoah 2010 study.** Shenandoah Presbytery has put together a study team to do a comprehensive study of the presbytery, to inform the process for calling a new executive. Sessions will take part in a survey related to this, and submit the results by March 15, 2010.

**6. Shenandoah Presbytery meeting summary.** The summary of the recent stated meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery was distributed and discussed with a special reference to the paragraph on Nominations Committee.

**7. Home Communion.** The Pastor reported that home communion is being served to persons on the care list and to date 6 people have been served in 4 visits.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Mission** – next meeting Jan. 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

- Session approved the transfer of our missionary support to Larry and Barbara Moir, missionaries in Ethiopia. This couple replaced the Hearty's, who Second previously were supporting. (\$750 per year, 2009-2011).

- Shenandoah Presbytery is marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partnership with the Illubabor-Bethel Synod of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus.
  - The committee clarified for Stewardship and Finance the remaining line items in the budget to be paid for 2009: Undesignated Support (Presbytery), Comfort Care Women's Center and the Ethiopian Partnership support.
2. **Property** – next meeting Jan 6, 2010, 6:30 p.m.
    - Painting of the outside is going slow due to the weather conditions, and may have to be delayed until the spring.
    - Part of the ceiling in the youth room is starting to fall. The reason for this is being looked into.
  3. **Stewardship and Finance** – next meeting is Jan. 4, 2010 at 6:30
    - The Bank of America CD that matured in November was rolled over.
    - A request will be sent to the Presbytery Corporation at the end of December for funds from the Bailey Scholarship account and Memorial Fund to reimburse expenditures from the General Fund
    - Two scholarship requests were approved for next semester. They were for Jonathan Williams and Michael Nuckols (\$500 each)
  4. **Worship and Music** – next meeting Jan. 6, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
    - Ushers and lay readers for December were announced.
    - The committee suggested that the donated money for new choir robes be returned to the donor, as the need is not in the foreseeable future.
  5. **Christian Education** – next meeting TBA
    - Christmas caroling is the next event planned. On Dec. 21, those wishing to participate will meet at the church at 6 p.m. and plan to return there around 8 p.m.
  6. **Membership and Outreach** – next meeting Jan. 6, 2010
    - No report
  7. **Personnel Committee**
    - Since there was no suggestion for rate of increase from the Presbytery, the committee recommends there be no change in staff salaries for the time being. The issue will be revisited in 6 months. Dan will inform the other employees.

#### UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

1. **Shenandoah Presbytery meeting report.** A report from the Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery was distributed. This meeting was attended by Elder Eve Thomas and Rev. Williams.
2. **Community Service Committee.** The Community Service Committee is led by Chuck Blackley and reported the following events:
  - Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be Sat., Dec. 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - The Salvation Army gift store at the mall needs 1-5 people to help stock shelves, and our day would be Saturday, December 5.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Session size.** Because the nominating committee is having difficulty enlisting members willing to serve on session, it was suggested that the by-laws be changed to allow couples to serve at the same time. A special committee will report to the next meeting a recommendation to the congregation to reduce the size of session from 18 to 12 members, over the next three election years. The committee is not recommending a change to the above-cited bylaw.
2. **Next meetings.**
  - a. **Session:** January 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This change is due to the Holidays.
  - b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
  - c. **Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Thursday, January 14, 2010, at Augusta Stone (6:00 p.m.)
3. **Baskets.** Jo and Danny Fields distributed Thanksgiving Baskets and reported that the receivers were most appreciative.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 8:15 p.m.