

STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
March 3, 2010

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its February Stated Meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 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, Debby Camden, Andy Easley, Jerry Fry, William Jack, James Mader, Darlene Mason, Mary McNamara, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Nancy Swisher, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.

Excused: Caroline Wuebke

Guest: Sue Gochenour

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY – Examination of New Members

Sue Gochenour shared her faith journey. Elders were given an opportunity to ask Sue questions. A motion to receive Sue as an active member by reaffirmation of faith was approved. She will be received at the worship service on Sunday, March 14.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 27, 2010 Stated Meeting were approved as distributed.

The minutes of the February 14, 2010 Congregational Meeting were approved as distributed.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The January 2010 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that income is down about \$2,000 per month over the first two months of 2010 due to weather related issues that resulted in the cancellation of several worship services. Stewardship and Finance Committee will transfer \$5,000 into the General Fund to cover expenses.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's Report included:

1. **Membership Actions** - see Order of the Day, above
2. **Average worship attendance:** January 3 - 24 = 68 (Worship cancelled January 31)
February 14 - = 60 (Worship cancelled February 7)
3. **Correspondence:** Several items of information were shared: HAMC Pulpit Exchange proposal; Staunton City Police on National Child Safety Council proposal - Session took no action on the latter proposal.
4. **Minutes Review:** Session's minutes for 2009 have been submitted for their annual review. Nancy Swisher is a member of the Sessional Records Committee of Shenandoah Presbytery.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The printed report included:

1. **Communion procedure.** The six - elder model for serving communion received favorable comments. Members appreciate having more time to meditate on the meaning of the sacrament. Session decided to continue the model several more times and then re-evaluate it.
2. **Holy Week events:** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
3. **Meeting reminder:** Session was reminded that there is no March meeting of Session.
4. **Highland Augusta Mission Community pulpit exchange.** Session addressed the idea from HAMC of participating in a pulpit exchange on May 18, 2010. The consensus was that such an event would be better in the fall. If the event is scheduled for spring, Second Church will not participate.
5. **Presbytery Council.** Dr. Williams reported that he has been elected to serve as the Vice Chair of Presbytery Council for the rest of this year, which will put him in line to serve as Chair of Council next year. This involves three meetings this year, and four next year.

6. **Vacation - Study Leave:** Dr. Williams reported that he will be away on the following dates:
 - Sunday, July 4 (Vacation: 219th General Assembly attendance)
 - Sunday, July 25 (Study Leave: BAJA Mission Trip)
 - Sunday, August 1 (Study Leave: BAJA Mission Trip)
7. **Shenandoah 2010 (Mission Study).** In response to a questionnaire for Sessions, a fact sheet was provided as a backdrop. Elders Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Andy Easley, and Nancy Swisher will assist with the completion of the questionnaire.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Worship and Music**

- Elders scheduled to serve communion on Maundy Thursday were reminded of their duties.
- Preparations are in place for the luncheon after worship on March 28.

2. **Christian Education**

- The Bowling event scheduled for February has been rescheduled for March 13.
- Kay Mader, C.E. Consultant returned to work on March 2.

3. **Membership and Outreach**

- Committee will co-host the Palm Sunday luncheon with Presbyterian Women
- Flower policy for members in the hospital has been reviewed
- Elder Care lists will be updated

4. **Mission**

- Committee will sponsor the Church Night on March 10. Rhonda Howdyshell from SAW Habitat for Humanity will be the featured speaker.
- The April 14th Church night gathering will feature a BAJA Fundraiser Baked Potato Bar. Other fundraisers are being planned.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 4. A Minute for Mission on March 28 will interpret the OGHS offering.
- Committee recommended that the excess Hunger funds from 2009 be disbursed as follows: \$1,000 to Shenandoah Living Waters Team, for repairs to water system installations in Haiti; \$900 to Presbyterian Hunger Program for a seed program for Haitian farmers. \$18.32 from Line item #7108 was added to the offering received to make an even \$1900.

5. **Property**

- Committee is having Jesse O'Brien come to inspect and correct the ice and snow damage to gutters and down spouts.

6. **Stewardship and Finance** – no further report. (See Treasurer's Report, above.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Presbytery Report:** Pastor Dan Williams and Elder Mary Rainey reported on their attendance at the February 13 Stated Meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. Mary Lou Cox was installed as the new Presbytery moderator. Two overtures were approved to General Assembly, one about standing rules was submitted by Dan Williams and Jonathan Lovelady.
2. **Community Service Committee** – no report

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Upcoming meetings.**

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, May 13, 2010 - Cook's Creek Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg area (9:00 a.m.)
- c. **Highland - Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Mount Horeb Church, Grottoes (11:00 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

Concerns were shared and the meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:15 p.m.