

STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
April 28, 2010

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its April Stated Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 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, William Jack, James Mader, Darlene Mason, Mary McNamara, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Nancy Swisher, Caroline Woebke, Paul Wolfe, and Dan Williams.

Excused: Jerry Fry and James Wright

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 3, 2010, Stated Meeting were approved as distributed.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The March 2010 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that the year to date income is 2.5% behind in terms of regular offering. Bills and salaries have been paid, and the Treasurer is beginning to pay out budgeted amounts for Mission causes.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Membership Actions

- Sue Gochenour and Larry Brown were received as active members on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Action to restore Larry Brown from the Inactive Roll was approved, effective that date.

2. Average worship attendance: March 7 – 28 = 72; April 4 – 25 = 74; Maundy Thursday Service = 36; Good Friday Service = 48

3. Correspondence: A letter received from the Board of Pensions contained information on changes to the Benefits Plan.

4. 2009 Sessional Records have been read by the Presbytery's Sessional Records Committee and were found to be in good order. The comment "well done" was included in the report. One of the minutes of the congregational meetings needed to be signed by the clerk.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Communion schedule. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Dr. Williams has reworked the communion schedule for six-elder teams. Copies of the revised schedule were distributed, and Elders scheduled to serve on May 23 were informed of their duties.

2. Middle School Conference. Two youth have registered for the conference at Massanetta Springs June 17 – 20, and Dr. Williams will attend as a chaperone for the boys. The Conference closes on Sunday morning, but Dr. Williams hopes to get away early so as not to miss worship here. He will be away on June 27 to visit his son, who is doing a summer internship with NOAA in Charleston, SC..

3. June meeting. Dr. Williams' attendance at the General Assembly meeting presents a conflict with the June 30 Stated Meeting of Session. A recommendation to move Session and Committee meetings up one week to June 23 was approved.

4. Highland- Augusta Mission Community pulpit exchange. HAMC is going with the May 16 pulpit exchange date, with nine of the 30 churches participating. According to our earlier decision, Second Church will not be participating. *[Please see page 100, Pastor's Report, Item #4.]*

5. Shenandoah 2010 Survey. The group that volunteered to work on the survey has completed and submitted the Shenandoah 2010 survey. Copies were distributed to Elders. *[Please see Appendix A, page 104, for the survey.]*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Christian Education

- The Bowling event for Youth was well attended. Youth events for the future include: May 1 – Fishing at Tams Lake; TBA – Spring Hike; TBA – Staunton Braves Game

- In lieu of Vacation Bible School several Church Family events are planned: June 13 – “The Faithful Men”, a local singing group, will present a concert at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The public will be invited, and refreshments will be served following the concert. June 27 – Featured speaker, Don Reid, will talk on “Life After the Statler Brothers.” An Ice Cream Social will follow the 6:30 p.m. gathering.
 - New Bibles have been purchased for the Adult Sunday School Class.
- 2. Membership and Outreach**
- Updated Elder Care lists were distributed.
 - The first Patio Party of the season will be held on June 13.
 - Preliminary plans for the annual Church Picnic are being made.
- 3. Mission**
- Acknowledgment of our \$900 gift to the seed program for Haitian farmers was received.
 - The \$750 gift to SACRA has been sent to comply with the deadline for applying for a matching grant from the Feinstein Foundation.
 - The Potato Bar fundraiser for the BAJA Mission trip netted \$893 in contributions.
 - The One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$1,364.
 - Pentecost Offering will be received on May 26. A Minute for Mission will interpret the offering on 5/13.
 - A motion to receive a special offering on World Communion Sunday (October 3) to benefit Shenandoah Presbytery’s Mission Challenge for World Mission support was approved.
 - An informative presentation on plans for our local church Disaster Preparedness Plan was received. A handout describing the information needed from Session Committees was distributed to elders.
- 4. Property**
- Thanks were expressed to Trenton and Betty Casiday and James Mader for their work cleaning the carpet on the patio and replacing the sump pump.
 - Jesse O’Brien’s estimate for repair and replacement of gutters and down spouts damaged during the ice and snow storms this past winter is \$10,600. The insurance should cover the cost of the repairs minus the \$1,000 deductible.
 - Painting on the outside of the Church has been delayed by the cold temperatures.
 - Committee is researching cost of hanging microphones to replace the handheld ones in the choir loft. Funds will be available from the Memorial Fund by June 30. Session requested an estimated cost of the microphones.
- 5. Stewardship and Finance** – No report
- 6. Worship and Music**
- Thanks were expressed to those serving as ushers and lay readers.
 - Second Church will host the Staunton Choral Society concert on May 1 and 2.
 - Supply pastors have been secured for July 4 and August 1.
 - Mothers will receive flowers on Mother’s Day.
 - The number of These Days (devotional booklet) ordered will be adjusted to reflect the number used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Shenandoah Presbytery meeting.** Bob Ridle will be the commissioner to the May 11 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery at Cook’s Creek Presbyterian Church. Nancy Swisher will be the alternate commissioner.
- 2. Community Service Committee.**
 - a. Paul Wolfe is heading up the “Garden” project at Valley Mission. All residents will be required to help with the garden.
 - b. Sue Gochenour will organize a “gift box” project for those serving in active duty in the military.

NEW BUSINESS

1 Upcoming meetings

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. **Highland Augusta Mission Community:** TBA (Spring Hill Church)
- c. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, May 11, 2010 – Cook’s Creek Presbyterian Church, Harrisonburg area, (9:00 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m.