

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
May 30, 2010**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held a special meeting on Sunday, May 30, 2010, at 11:55 a.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, Jerry Fry, William Jack, James Mader, Darlene Mason, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Nancy Swisher, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.

Excused: Andy Easley, Mary McNamara, and Caroline Woebke.

AGENDA

The purpose of the meeting was to act on recommendations from the Property Committee pertaining to the ongoing work of Dominion Power along Frederick Street in front of the Church. The work being done will raise the voltage of the power lines in front of the Church from 4,000 volts to 23,000 volts. This will make it impossible for any work (such as painting) to be done along the front of the Church buildings without additional expensive procedures being done to shut down the power lines. Information regarding this work has been shared with Session members via email.

Elder Chuck Blackley, chairperson of the Property Committee, provided elders with a detailed report of pertinent information regarding the issue. A copy of the report is included with these minutes. (*See Appendix 1, page 109, for this report.*) Questions were asked, and suggestions were offered, including the installation of cantilever lines which would hold the power lines an additional two feet out from the building.

A recommendation that the Property Committee be authorized to proceed with painting the front of the Church and the front of the Educational Building, including repairing the parapet along the top of the latter building, was approved, with the cost of \$18,000 to be taken from invested funds. This is in addition to the ongoing painting along Lewis Street, approved last year, with a remaining cost of \$7,000.

Elder Blackley was further authorized to talk with Mr. Bain from Dominion Power regarding other alternative solutions to this issue, and to speak with Senator Emmett Hanger if it is believed that his input would be helpful.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 12:25 p.m.

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session