

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
December 1, 2010**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its November Stated Meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 7:05 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, Jerry Fry, William Jack, James Mader, Darlene Mason, Mary McNamara, Mary Rainey, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Stewart Sherwood, Nancy Swisher, James Wright and Dan Williams.

Excused: Debbie Camden, Andy Easley, Caroline Wuebke and Paul Wolfe

Dr. Williams led the Session in a review and discussion of the proposed Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, sections G-1 and G-2 - The Form of Government, a topic for action at the February meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2010 Stated Meeting were approved.

The minutes of the October 31, 2010 Congregational Meeting were approved.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that regular giving is 7.71% behind the 2010 projections. The Church year is 83.33% complete and 75.62% of the expected income has been received. The need to draw additional funds from the invested funds to cover scholarships is anticipated.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership Actions** - none
2. **Average worship attendance:** October 3 - 31 = 70 November 7 - 28 = 63
3. **Correspondence:** Prayers were requested for health issues of Rev. Tom Biggs, Doug Sterrett, and Rev. Jan Owen. Prayers were requested for the Ethiopian Mission Team, consisting of Rev. Randy Webb and elders John Fisher and Doug Sensabaugh. December 17 is the deadline for receiving donations for Zaccheus Kitchen.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **New Elder Training.** Dr. Williams has begun pre-ordination training for Barbara Daugherty. She is the only elder elected on October 24 who requires this training. The examination of new elders is scheduled for January 5, 2011.
2. **Olivet Moderator.** Dr. Williams has been appointed by Shenandoah Presbytery to serve as Olivet's moderator until they retain the services of an interim and presbytery names that person moderator. Dr. Williams will be preaching at Olivet on Sunday, January 9. Olivet's service is at 10:00 a.m., hence no conflict with Second's service. Rev. Joe Brandon (Olivet) and Rev. Bob von Oeyen (Bethany) are both retiring effective December 31, 2010.
3. **Choral Society concert.** The Staunton Choral Society will hold its Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 5.
4. **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** Elders scheduled to serve communion on December 24 and January 2, 2011 were reminded of their duties.
5. **Annual Reports.** Committee Chairs were requested to turn in their annual reports to the Church Office by Sunday, January 9, 2011.
6. **Advent Devotions.** Dr. Williams is preparing devotional pages for Advent and Christmas this year. These will be available on Sunday mornings and on the church web site. One devotion is offered for each day from the beginning of Advent, November 28, until the end of the season, the Day of Epiphany, January 6.
7. **Advent - Christmas schedule** was announced as follows:
 - Staunton Choral Society Christmas Concert: December 5, 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary).
 - Christmas Joy Offering will be interpreted at the Church Night program on Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Mission Committee is the host for the meeting, offering will be received.
 - A Christmas Cantata, will be presented by the Adult Choir on Sunday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion -Friday, December 24, 7:30 p.m

- Sunday, December 26 -First Sunday in Christmas.
 - Sunday, January 2, 2011 - Second Sunday of Christmas, including New Year's Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- 8. Rotary Children's Christmas Party Radio-thon.** Dr. Williams participated in this event on Tuesday, November 30, from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. on WTON.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Stewardship and Finance

- Thanks were extended to Committee Chairs for 2011 Budget requests received
- Work on the 2011 Budget to begin as soon as more intent of giving cards are received

2. Worship and Music

- Members were thanked for their help decorating the Church for the Christmas season
- The program for the Joy Gift Church Night on December 12 will be presented by the Adult Choir, the Bell Choir and the Children's Choir. The Adult Choir will present a Cantata on Sunday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m.

3. Christian Education

- The wreath workshop was attended by 15 members.

4. Membership and Outreach

- Committee plans to send Christmas cards to shut-in members.
- Committee is planning a review of all Church rolls in 2011.
- Undesignated. Benevolence Funds (Line item 7101 - \$3,000) will be disbursed to Shenandoah Presbytery.
- A recommendation to designate \$432 remaining from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for SACRA, earmarked for utility assistance, was approved.
- November Church night was well attended
- Fundraisers are planned for the future to provide funding for the BAJA Mission trip and Pam Snyder's trip to India. More information will follow.

6. Property

- Paul Wolfe has repaired the plaster in the Men's downstairs bathroom.
- The amplifier on the sound system needs work.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

1. Amendments to the Constitution -handled at beginning of the meeting

2. Committee Service Committee.

- Members were reminded of their duties as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army.
- Volunteers are needed for the Salvation Army toy store and main store.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Shenandoah Presbytery. Elder Bob Ridle and Dr. Williams reported on their attendance at the November 9 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. Elder Ridle commented that 13 out of 15 times he voted with the majority on Amendments to the Book of Order.

2. February 12 Presbytery Commissioner. Elder Bob Ridle was elected commissioner to the February 12 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.

3. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Session: Wednesday, January 5, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. Shenandoah Presbytery: Saturday, February 12, 2011-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Staunton (9:30 p.m.)
- c. Highland Augusta Mission Community: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 (Shoney's or Rowe's) 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:25p.m.

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session