

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
February 23, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its February Stated Meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 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, Frank Brown, Barbara Daugherty, Jerry Fry, James Mader, Kay Moyer, Darlene Mason, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Nancy Swisher, Caroline Woebke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.
- Excused:** Debby Camden and Mark Robertson.

Dr. Williams distributed copies of an article by Cindy Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly. The article entitled, "The Awesome Task of Elders," addresses the subject of equal division of responsibility in the governance of the church between elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ms. Bolbach and Dr. Williams served on the Form of Government Task Force that reviewed the task of elders.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 2, 2011 Stated Meeting were approved. The minutes of the January 30, 2011 Congregational Meeting were approved.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The January 2011 Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that income is 3.9% ahead of Budget. Line item 1399 reflects YTD transfers totaling \$13,614.42 from investments. Line item 1202 includes contributions from individuals as well as donations to fundraising events. Under CHURCH OFFICE EXPENSES, Line item 8102 B will reference equipment leases in the future.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership Actions.**
 - Remove from Active Roll: Sue Lindamood (death on February 7, 2011)
 - Remove from Active Roll: Margaret Kesterson (death on February 14, 2011)
2. **Average worship attendance:** February 6 - 20 = 64
3. **Minutes Review:** Session's minutes for 2010 have been submitted for their annual review. Nancy Swisher is a member of the Sessional Records Committee of Shenandoah Presbytery.
4. **Minister's Terms of Call Report** is due.
5. **Correspondence:** Prayers were requested Helen Fisher, wife of Rev. Merle Fisher, who is receiving Hospice Care.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **Communion Schedule.** Elders scheduled to serve Communion on March 13 were reminded of their duties.
2. **Olivet moderator.** Olivet is hearing two candidates for the interim minister position, and they hope to have a person in the position by Easter Sunday (April 24). Dr. Williams service as Olivet's moderator will likely end after the next Presbytery Meeting on May 10.
3. **2011 Vacation.** Dr. Williams will be taking a week of vacation on March 21 - 28. No pulpit supply will be needed, as March 27 is Presbyterian Women Sunday, and a guest speaker has been arranged for that morning (Ramona Bosserman).
4. **Staunton Pulpit Exchange.** Dr. Williams will be preaching at Third Presbyterian Church on March 6. Either John Peterson or Amy Summers-Minette from Covenant will be at Second on that Sunday.
5. **March Church Night.** Worship and Music Committee will host the Ash Wednesday, March 9, covered dish supper. The worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m.
6. **New copier.** The new copier for the Church Office has been procured and is providing good service.
7. **Monthly tax deposits.** A new IRS procedure became effective this past month. This change in the church's fiscal procedure allows for making monthly deposits of tax withholdings electronically over the IRS' EFTPS internet system.

- 8. Amendments voting.** As of February 22, these are the votes on the three major issues being voted on by the presbyteries:
- New Form of Government....33 yes... 14 no....87 needed to pass... 126 to vote
 - Belhar Confession..... 28 yes.....13 no... 116 needed to pass...132 to vote
 - Amendment 10-A.....31 yes... 26 no....87 needed to pass....116 to vote
(ordination)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Membership and Outreach** - no report
- 2. Mission**
 - Committee has set dates for receiving special offerings and scheduled Church Night programs for 2011.
 - No decision has been made regarding the distribution of the excess Hunger Fund monies.
 - Committee is waiting for more information before responding to a need resulting from a fire which destroyed a Weekday Religious Education trailer.
- 3. Property**
 - Committee recommended approval of a request from the local chapter of the DAR to use the Fellowship Hall on April 2 and October 8. Session approved the recommendation.
 - Church Mutual Insurance Company will conduct a “walk thru” on March 1 to assess coverage needed and cost of insurance.
 - Changes to the phone service have been initiated at a savings of \$1200. Adding internet service would result in an additional savings of \$500.
- 4. Stewardship and Finance** - see Treasurer’s Report
- 5. Worship and Music** - see Pastor’s Report
- 6. Christian Education** - no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Presbytery Report:** Pastor Dan Williams and Elder Nancy Swisher reported on their attendance at the February 12 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. Elders also received copies of the printed report featuring highlights of the meeting.
- 2. Community Service Committee** - no report

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Upcoming meetings:**
 - a. Session:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
 - b. Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011- Charles Town Presbyterian Church, West Virginia (9:30 a.m.)
 - c. Highland Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Mrs. Rowe’s Restaurant, Staunton (11:45 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session