

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
March 30, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its March Stated Meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 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, Debby Camden, Barbara Daugherty, James Mader, Kay Moyer, Darlene Mason, Bob Ridle, Maxine Robertson, Nancy Swisher, Caroline Wuebke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright and Dan Williams.

**Excused:** Jerry Fry and Mark Robertson.

Dr. Williams referred elders to an article entitled "The Meaning of Membership" which is posted on the church website.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 23, 2011, Stated Meeting were approved.

**REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the two months ending February 28, 2011 was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that regular giving is on target as of this date.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

1. **Membership Actions** – Remove from Active Roll: Howard Wilhelm by Letter of Transfer to Christ Lutheran Church, Staunton, Virginia.
2. **Average worship attendance:** February 6 - 27 = 64; March 6 - 27 = 53
3. **Correspondence:**
  - A request from Jonnie Kern to use the Fellowship Hall was referred to the Property Committee.
  - Session's response to a request from the Middle Governing Body Commission was postponed to the April meeting of Session.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

1. **April 21 Communion Service** - Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Communion servers were reminded of their duties.
2. **Olivet moderator.** Olivet has retained the services of an interim pastor, The Rev. Dr. Harry Johns, who will begin his service on Monday, April 11. Dr. Williams will request that Dr. Johns moderate the next session meeting on Sunday, April 17. Dr. Johns will become the official moderator on May 10, thus ending Dr. Williams's service as moderator.
3. **Holy Week Schedule.**
  - Palm Sunday Parade: Sunday, April 17, 10:25 a.m.
  - Palm Sunday Worship: April 17, 11:00 a.m.
  - Palm Sunday Luncheon: April 17, 12:00 p.m.
  - Maundy Thursday Communion: Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.
  - Good Friday Service of Shadows: Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
  - Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.
4. **April Church Night.** The April Church night on Wednesday, April 6 will feature a Potato Bar Donation Dinner to help fund the Baja Mission Trip and the Presbyterian Women Global Exchange to India. Andy Easley and Dan Williams are taking part in the July 17 - 24 Baja Mission Trip. Pam Snyder is a delegate on the three week PW Global Exchange in October. During the meal people will be invited to make contributions toward these two trips.
5. **Amendments voting.** As of March 23, here are the votes on the three major issues being voted on by the presbyteries.
  - New Form of Government.....55 yes..... 43...no..... 87 needed to pass..... 75 to vote
  - Belhar Confession.....52 yes.....29...no.....116 needed to pass..... 92 to vote
  - Amendment 10-A .....65 yes.....43... no..... 87 needed to pass..... 65 to vote (ordination)

6. **Session Committee structure.** We are currently in the midst of reducing the size of the Session from 18 to 12 members. This reduction limits the number of elders available to each of the six program committees we have been using. Session may want to look at a committee restructuring, possibly combining the work of several committees and the need for a way to accomplish other work. Committee chairs will be called together to discuss the idea for Session's consideration at a later date.
7. **Wedding.** Session approved a request for Dr. Williams to officiate at the wedding of Carrie Camden and Brian Boyd on April 30.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Mission

- Session approved the committee's recommendation to disperse \$650 of the excess Hunger Fund monies as follows: \$250 to the Verona Food Pantry, \$250 to the Blue Ridge Area Food, earmarked for the "Kid's Café", and \$150 to the Volunteer Farm at Woodstock, VA.
- Committee is sponsoring the Potato Bar fundraiser.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be interpreted with a Minute for Mission on April 17. The OGHS offering will be received on Easter Sunday and until May 15.

##### 2. Property

- Paul Wolfe has repaired the walls in Fellowship Hall, replaced the flush valves in the ladies restroom, and put topsoil in the flower garden.

##### 3. Stewardship and Finance - no report

##### 4. Worship and Music

- New boutonnieres, featuring a flower for each month, have been made for the ushers.
- Committee requested suggestions for honoring the Dads on Father's Day.

##### 5. Christian Education

- Plans for the program for Vacation Bible School will include a guest speaker and Sunday Bible study. More information will be forthcoming.
- Committee will host a Graduation Event to honor students graduating from high school and college on June 12.

##### 6. Membership and Outreach

- Committee will co-sponsor with Presbyterian Women the Palm Sunday luncheon.
- Committee is discussing a Visitor Packet to be distributed to first time worshipers.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Community Service Committee** - no report

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Upcoming meetings

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** May 10, 2011 - Charles Town Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.)
- c. **Highland-Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, May 3 at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant, Staunton (11:45 a.m.)

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Nancy C. Swisher  
Clerk of Session