

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
May 25, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its May Stated Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 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, Mark Robertson, Maxine Robertson, Nancy Swisher, Paul Wolfe, and Dan Williams.
Excused: Debby Camden, Caroline Woebke, and James Wright

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

he agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of the April 26, 2011, Stated Meeting were approved.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

The April 2011 Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that regular giving is 2.1% behind the anticipated amount.

CLERK’S REPORT

1. **Membership Actions** - none
2. **Average worship attendance:** May 1-22=64
3. **Correspondence**
 - Highland - Augusta Mission Community met May 3 at Mrs. Rowe’s Restaurant. A speaker from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank reported that the need for hunger assistance in the Shenandoah Valley has hit an all time high. Churches were requested to consider partnering in a 2012 Habitat Build.
 - The HAMC picnic will be held September 25 at the Spring Hill Presbyterian Church Shelter.
 - Information was received from the Task Force proposing a re-structuring of the Mission Community.
 - Shenandoah Presbytery’s “Big Event” is scheduled for September 10. A workshop entitled “The Small Church” will be offered.
 - Copies of the new History of Shenandoah Presbytery will be available in the fall at a cost of \$32 + \$5 shipping.
 - Prayers were requested for Rev. Charlie McFarlin, Rev. Fred Holbrook, and Rev. Otis Fisher.

PASTOR’S REPORT

1. **General Assembly Votes** - as of 5/25/2011; official tally from the Office of the General Assembly, based on reports by presbytery stated clerks.

AMENDMENT.....	YES.....	NO.....	TO VOTE
New Form of Government.....	83.....	72.....	12
Belhar Confession.....	73.....	47.....	53
Amendment 10-A.....	86.....	68.....	19

 - According to unofficial counts, Amendment 10-A has passed and will become effective July 10, 2011.
 - The new Form of Government requires 87 votes to pass.
 - The Beihar Confession requires 116 votes (67%) to pass. Currently, it is at 64%.
2. **Phone and Internet service.** Changes in the phone and internet service have resulted in 50% savings.
3. **2012 Budget.** The time is arriving for Committees to begin considering their requests for the 2012 Budget.
4. **Big Tent.** Pending passage of he new Form of Government, Dr. Williams has been asked to help lead Two workshops at the General Assembly’s Big Tent event in Indianapolis from June 30-July 2, on the impact on changes for Committees on Ministry and Committees on Preparation for Ministry.
5. **Baja Mission Trip.** Dr. Williams and Elder Andy Easley will serve on the Baja Mission Team. They will Travel together by car to San Diego. Dr. Williams will return to Staunton by Amtrak. He will be away July 17, 24, and 31.
6. **Pentecost Communion.** Elders scheduled to serve communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 12 were Reminded of their duties.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Stewardship and Finance

- Certificates of Deposit at Stellar One Bank will mature in June. The balance in the DDA Account at Community Bank has a balance of \$10,000.
- A person with financial ability is needed to conduct a financial review of the Church's Financial Records.
- Second Church has received a \$6,000 gift given in memory of Louis and Lucille Mader. The gift was given by their children, Fred, Joe and James Mader.

2. Worship and Music - no report

3. Christian Education

- Committee is planning an event to honor the graduates on Sunday, June 12 following the Worship service in Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.
- Rally Day will be observed on September 11.
- A recommendation to approve a \$500 scholarship from the Woodside/Bailey Fund for Katie Dice was approved by Session.

4. Membership and Outreach

- The first Patio Party of the summer is scheduled for Sunday, June 5. The event will start early to accommodate choir members schedules.
- The annual Church Picnic will be held at the American Legion Hall on August 17.

5. Mission

- A status report on the Baja Mission trip was given.
- Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing total \$844 to date.
- Pentecost Offering will be received on June 12.
- Schedule of future events is as follows:
 - ▶ September 21 Church Night: Hear report of Baja Mission Team
 - ▶ October 16: World Food Day Luncheon
 - ▶ December 11: Christmas Joy Offering program
- There will be no committee meeting in June and July

6. Property

- Thanks were extended to James Mader for the purchase and installation of a new air conditioner for Kay Mader's office.
- A request to relocate the Church Library to the classroom next to the Nursery was approved by Session. This move will allow for the creation of a "Reading Room."
- Thanks were extended to Dan Williams for his help with the new phone and Internet service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Middle Governing Body Commission survey.** Action postponed to the June meeting.

2. **Shenandoah Presbytery Stated Meeting Report.** Pastor Dan Williams and Elder Commissioner Darlene Mason reported on their attendance at the May 10, 2011 meeting of Presbytery held at Charles Town Presbyterian Church..

3. **Community Service Committee.** Elder Paul Wolfe is overseeing the garden at Valley Mission A sign indicating Second Church's sponsorship of the garden has been erected. Chuck Blackley will check with the Salvation Army regarding their request for help.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming meetings:

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 7:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** August 27, 2011 at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church (9:30 a.m.) Lexington, Va.
- c. **Highland Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011, Mrs. Rowe's (11:45a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session