

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
June 29, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its June Stated Meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 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, Jerry Fry, James Mader, Kay Moyer, Darlene Mason, Bob Ridle, Mark Robertson, Maxine Robertson, Nancy Swisher, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.

Excused: Caroline Woebke

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of the May 25, 2011, Stated Meeting were approved.

REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. The balance in the checking account is \$18,832. It was noted that regular giving is 2.21% behind the anticipated amount. The \$6,000 gift from the Mader family appears in Line item 1398. The Certificate of Deposit at Stellar One Bank, totaling \$53,869.43 was cashed. \$10,000 of the total was deposited in the Savings account, and the balance was reinvested in two CDs at Community Bank.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership Actions** - none
2. **Average worship attendance:** June 5 - 26 = 66
3. **Correspondence**
 - The Rev. Shari Dobyns' father died on May 31, 2011.
 - The New Form of Government (nFOG) has been approved by a majority of the presbyteries. As a result, the Presbyterian Church (USA) will have a new Form of Government effectively on July 10, 2011.
 - A prayer request for the Rev. Harry Johns was received. He has been diagnosed with cancer.
 - Further information has been received regarding the Big Event on September 10.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **General Assembly Votes.** - all amendments have been decided.

AMENDMENT

New Form of Government. approved 6/7/2011

Belhar Confession. disapproved; cannot achieve required 2/3 vote

Amendment 10-A (Ordination Standards). previously approved 5/10/2011

All approved amendments, including the new Form of Government, will go into effect July 10, 2011. The passage of Amendment 10-A is causing much distress for many in our denomination, including members of this congregation. Each elder received a letter from two such concerned Second Church members. In response to the concerns of many members and those expressed in the letter, Session approved a motion to call a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, July 10, 2011, immediately following the worship service. In addition, elders were provided with copies of three articles that address this issue.

2. **Interim action.** In light of the new Form of Government's passage, Session approved Dr. Williams' recommendation that Session use the 2009 - 2011 Form of Government as a supplemental manual in areas where the new Form of Government gives discretionary powers to the Session. Some items are already covered by our current Session manual and congregational bylaws, such as quorums for meetings, and when meetings will be held. We will need to act on other items, such as what constitutes reasonable notice for special meetings. For now we can be covered by the 2009 - 2011 FOG in these areas.
3. **Big Tent Conference.** Dr. Williams will be leading two workshops at the Big Tent Conference. The workshops are sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and are part of the Healthy Ministries Conference.

4. **August 7 Communion.** The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Sunday, August 7. Elders scheduled to serve were reminded of their duties.
5. **Elder Commissioner.** Elder Chuck Blackley was elected to serve as commissioner to the meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery on August 27 at the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church. Mark Robertson will serve as alternate commissioner.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Worship and Music**

- Supply pastors have been secured for the Sundays that Dr. Williams will be away. They are as follows: July 17 - Ramona Bosserman, July 24 - Mark Wilson, July 31 - Mark Wilson
- Chuck Whisman will serve as substitute organist on July 31.
- Presbyterian Women are considering sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper as a fundraiser to help fund Pam Snyder's trip to India. An application has been made for a \$250 grant from World Wide Ministries to help fund Pam Snyder's trip.
- New boutonnières have been made for use by the ushers. They were made by Jo Fields.
- Fathers in the congregation were honored with gift cards to Kline's Dairy Bar on Father's Day.

2. **Christian Education** - no report

3. **Membership and Outreach**

- The first Patio Party had good attendance.
- The annual Church Picnic will be held August 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

4. **Mission** - no report

5. **Property**

- The north side of the Church will be painted this summer.

6. **Stewardship and Finance** - no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

2. **Middle Governing Body Commission survey** was completed and submitted electronically on June 30, 2011.

3. **2012 Habitat Build** was discussed briefly.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Upcoming meetings**

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, August 31, 2011 - 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Saturday, August 27, 2011 - Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Lexington, VA (9:30 a.m.)
- c. **Highland Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Mrs. Rowe's (11:45 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:45 p.m.

Nancy C. Swisher
Clerk of Session