

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
August 31, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its August Stated Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 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, James Wright and Dan Williams.

Excused: Debby Cash Bibens and Caroline Woebke

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of the June 29, 2011, Stated Meeting were approved with one correction. On page 134, Line 17, change the word 'two' to 'one'. The minutes of the July 10, 2011, Special Meeting of the Congregation 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 3.24% behind the anticipated amount. The checking account balance is \$9,895.82. A \$1,000 gift from the estate of Ruby Knibbs appears in Line item 1398.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. **Membership Actions** - none
2. **Average worship attendance:** July 3- 31 = 60; August 7- 28 = 61
3. **Correspondence**
 - Prayer concerns were noted for the Strasburg Presbyterian Church, Kay Goodman, former Executive Presbyter and Hunger Enabler for Shenandoah Presbytery, and Susan Cromer.
 - Rev. Shari and Craig Dobyms welcomed a third son on August 3, 2011.
 - THE BIG EVENT will be held September 10 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center.
 - Congregations are invited to participate in "Many Voices, One Song" by including the following hymns in their worship services: September 4 - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and October 30 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."
 - A new hymn is available for use on the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attack.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **2012 Stewardship Campaign** - Minutes for Mission schedule (November 13 will be Stewardship Dedication Sunday):
 - October 2.....Stewardship and Finance
 - October 9.....Christian Education
 - October 16.....Mission
 - October 23.....Property
 - October 30.....Membership and Outreach
 - November 6.....Worship and Music
2. **Bible Study.** Bible Study on the book of Deuteronomy will begin on September 13.
3. **Baja Mission Trip.** The annual Baja Mission Trip was once again a success. Dr. Williams and Ruling Elder Andy Easley will report on their work at the September 21 Church Night.
4. **Vacation.** Dr. Williams has two weeks of vacation remaining this year. He will take one week, October 3 -9, including Sunday, October 9. He will use most of the other week after Christmas. He will not use January 1 since a celebration of the Lord's Supper is planned on that date.
5. **Staunton Choral Society.** The Choral Society again requests the use of the sanctuary for their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00p.m. This request has been passed onto the Property Committee.
6. **Coming up** - Future events on the Church calendar were announced. A schedule of events will be published in the church bulletin.

- Copies of the new Book of Order were provided for all ruling elders.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Christian Education

- Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 18. The event will honor Sunday School teachers, Adult Choir members and Bell Choir members.
- An outing to visit the JMU Arboretum is planned for late October. More information will be available soon.
- A recommendation to approve the application from Michael Nuckols for a \$500 scholarship grant from the Woodside-Bailey Fund was approved.

2. Membership and Outreach

- The Church Picnic was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- The final Patio Party of the season will be held Sunday, September 25, 2011, beginning at 10:15 a.m.
- Committee will maintain an Inactive Members Roll

3. Mission

- Session approved the committee's recommendation for the distribution of the remaining \$900 (\$893.42 rounded up) of Hunger Offering Monies as follows: Salvation Army - \$100; Blue Ridge Area Food Bank - \$200; Verona Food Pantry - \$200; SACRA - \$200; and Valley Mission - \$200.
- \$100 from Mission Program Budget (Line item #7108) was donated to the Windy Cove Presbyterian Church Haiti trip.
- Pentecost Offering totaled \$429. A recommendation to designate \$175 (representing 40% of the total received) to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank "BackpackProgram" was approved.
- Church Night programs sponsored by the committee include:
 - September 21 - Baja Mission Update
 - October 16 - World Food Day Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
 - December 11 - Joy Gift/Christmas Dinner and Program

4. Property

- Painting on the north side of the church has been completed, and Buck's Painting has been paid.
- With the help of Ruling Elder Paul Wolfe, several rotten windowsills were replaced and a leak in the choir loft was identified and repaired. Hoppy and Betty Casiday cleaned the windows. Andy Easley will paint the tool shed. Thanks was expressed to Paul, the Casidays and Andy.
- The boiler passed inspection, and a two year permit for its use was awarded.
- A decision will need to be made regarding what to do with the snow blower, since it is not being used.

5. Stewardship and Finance

- Worksheets for the 2012 Budget have been distributed to committee chairs.
- Kay Mader's office computer was replaced at a cost of \$283.

6. Worship and Music - no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Community Service Committee - no report

2. Shenandoah Presbytery Stated Meeting Report.

Elder Chuck Blackley and Pastor Dan Williams reported on their attendance at the August 27, 2011, meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery held at the Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church., Lexington, VA.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming meetings:

- Session:** Wednesday, September 28, 2011- 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at Opequon Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA (9:30 a.m.)
- Highland Augusta Mission Community:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Mrs. Rowe's (11:45 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:55 p.m.