

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
September 28, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its September Stated Meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 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:** 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:** Chuck Blackley, Debby Cash Bibens, and Caroline Woebke.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES REVIEW**

The minutes of the August 31, 2011 Stated Meeting were approved with two corrections. On Page 136, Line 16; change the last sentence to read: A \$1,000 gift from the estate of Ruby Knibbs will appear in Lane item 1398 in the August Treasurer's Report. On page 137, line 9, change the word Woodside to Marie Bailey.

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

The Rev. George Evans and Elder Don Myers from Shenandoah Presbytery Committee on Ministry were present to conduct the Triennial Visit for the Committee. Elders were requested to respond to questions related to describing our community, strengths of our Church, challenges facing our Church, our Church's Mission Statement, the congregation's support of Session, and the strength of our connection to Shenandoah Presbytery. Elders were thanked for their participation in the Triennial Visit.

**REVIEW OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. It was noted that regular giving is 4.75% behind the anticipated amount. The checking account balance is \$9,048.11.

**CLERK'S REPORT****1. Membership Actions**

- Remove from Active Roll: Robert T. Lightner (September 28, 2011)
- Remove from Active Roll: Lelia S. Lightner (September 28, 2011)

Session received letters from Robert T. Lightner and Lelia S. Lightner, dated September 13, 2011, noting their displeasure with Second Church's response to the approval of Amendment 10-A, and requesting that their names be permanently deleted from any and all of Second Church's membership rolls. It was noted that the preferred method for removing members from Church rolls is by dismissal to another congregation. A motion to grant their wishes to leave the Church with regret was offered by Elder Mark Robertson. Elder James Mader seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote by Session.

The Lightners further requested that copies of their letters be attached to the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting. A motion to decline their request to attach the letters to the minutes was offered by Elder Paul Wolfe. Elder Bob Ridle seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote by Session.

**2. Average worship attendance:** September 4-25 = 55

**3. Correspondence**

- Prayer concerns were noted for Rev. Jack Wilkers and Kay Goodman.
- Dr. Williams and Elder Nancy Swisher reported on their attendance at The Big Event on September 10.

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

- 1. World Communion Sunday.** Elders scheduled to serve communion on October 2 were reminded of their duties.
- 2. REMINDER—2012 Stewardship Campaign** - Committee chairmen were reminded of the Minutes for Mission schedule. November 13 will be Stewardship Dedication Sunday. Budget worksheets should be returned to the Church Office by Sunday, October 23, 2011.

3. **Congregational Meeting: Elections.** The congregational meeting to elect four ruling elders in the Class of 2014 and two trustees, one in the Class of 2013 and one in the Class of 2014, will be held on Sunday, October 30 immediately following worship.
4. **New Form of Government implications.** Information for review and study was provided regarding Congregation issues - bylaws, Session items - manual and other items. Bylaws changes can be done editorially, some changes will require action by the congregation, the Session Manual as a whole needs to be updated and other items require more involved discussion before they can be addressed.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Christian Education

- The outing to visit the JMU Arboretum is scheduled for October 16. Those attending will leave immediately following the World Food Day luncheon.

##### 2. Membership and Outreach

- Flowers were sent to Bobby Dale.
- Committee will pursue a Church Night program, featuring a Barber Shop Quartet.

##### 3. Mission

- Committee will sponsor the World Food Day luncheon on October 16. A Minute for Mission on that date will interpret the event.

##### 4. Property

- Thanks were expressed to Paul Wolfe for repairing the plaster in the Choir loft.

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

##### 6. Worship and Music

- Supply pastor for October 9 will be Don Reid.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

##### 2. Changes prompted by new Form of Government - Elders were provided information for study and review during the Pastor's Report, above.

##### 3. Session structure issue —to be considered later

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Presbytery commissioner - to be elected at October Stated Meeting

##### 2. Upcoming meetings:

- a. **Session:** Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- b. **Shenandoah Presbytery:** Tuesday, November 8, Opequon Presbyterian Church, Winchester, 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