

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
October 26, 2011**

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church held its September Stated Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 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-Bibens, Barbara Daugherty, Jerry Fry, James Mader, Kay Moyer, Darlene Mason, Bob Ridle, Mark Robertson, Maxine Robertson, Caroline Woebke, Paul Wolfe, James Wright, and Dan Williams.

Excused: Nancy Swisher

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

MINUTES REVIEW

The minutes of the September 28, 2011 Stated Meeting 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 5.03% behind the anticipated amount. The checking account balance is \$11,999.36. A transfer of \$500 from Invested Funds for a scholarship for Michael Nuckoles will be reflected in the October Report. Transfers of \$10,000 from Savings and \$1500 from the Bailey Scholarship Fund will be reported in the October report.

CLERK'S REPORT

1. Membership Actions - none
2. Average worship attendance October 2 - 23 = 62
3. Correspondence - none

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. **Communion:** Elders scheduled to serve communion on November 27, the First Sunday in Advent, were reminded of their duties.
2. **Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation Investments.** The annual report of the performance of our investments managed by the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation for fiscal year (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011) has been received. Our investments made money again this year, but the performance of the markets has been turbulent since July. Elders received copies of a partial 2011 Investment Report.
3. **Thanksgiving Eve Service.** It is our turn to host the joint Thanksgiving Service with First Presbyterian Church this year. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 23 in our sanctuary.
4. **Communion Schedule for 2012.** Recommended dates are as follows:

2012 February 26.....	Lent (First Sunday)
April 5.....	Maundy Thursday
May 27.....	Pentecost
August 5.....	Summer
October 7.....	World Communion
December 2.....	First Sunday in Advent
December 24 (Monday).....	Christmas Eve
2013 January 6.....	New Year/Epiphany
5. **Advent - Christmas Schedule**
 - Sunday, November 27: First Sunday in Advent - Communion, Lunch, and Hanging of the Greens
 - Saturday, December 10: Salvation Army Kettle Detail, Kroger's, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, December 11: Christmas Joy Offering Church Night - program by Mission Committee and Choirs
 - Sunday, December 18: Christmas Cantata presented by the Chancel Choir
 - Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 - Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day worship
 - Sunday, January 1: New Year's Communion

6. **Communication sent to Robert and Lelia Lightner.** Elders were provided copies of the letter sent to the Lightners. There were no objections to the letter. A copy of the letter is filed with these minutes.
7. **New Form of Government.** Elders were provided with additional information regarding New Form of Government implications.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Membership and Outreach**

- Committee may plan a Pizza Party for January 8, when the Christmas decorations will be taken down.
- Committee will plan a program for the January or February Church Night.

2. **Mission**

- A check for \$3,000 will be sent to Shenandoah Presbytery for our obligation of Undesignated Benevolence.
- The offering for World Food Day totaled \$593. The committee rounded up the amount to \$600 (by adding \$7 from Line item 7108), and recommended the money be designated as follows: \$300 to Salvation Army and \$300 to Valley Mission. Session approved the recommendation.

3. **Property**

- The contract with Messer Landscape for snow removal will be the same as last year.

4. **Stewardship and Finance**

- Letters for Estimate of Giving for 2012 will be available at the back of the church beginning next Sunday.

5. **Worship and Music**

- See Pastor's Report for Schedule of Events for Advent - Christmas.
- Staunton Choral Society will present their Christmas concert in our sanctuary on December 4, 2011.

6. **Christian Education** - no report

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS

1. **Community Service Committee.** Volunteers have been secured to ring the Salvation Army Bell outside Kroger on Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2. **Changes prompted by new Form of Government** - Volunteers were requested to work on these changes
3. **Report of the Triennial Visit.** Elders received copies of the report of the Triennial Visit conducted with the representatives from Shenandoah Presbytery's Committee on Ministry at the October 26 stated meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New business from Elders.** Elder James Wright requested that addresses of non-members on the prayer list be available.
2. **Presbytery commissioner.** Elder Bob Ridle was elected commissioner to the November 8 meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery.
3. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. **Session:** Wednesday, November 30, 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, January 31, 2012 -Mrs. Rowe's (11:45 a.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Kay Moyer
Acting Clerk