

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting May 28, 2009

5.1.2009

Roll Call: Present: Elders Kathy Hynes, Sid Stickles, Michael Pierce, E.C. Toppin, Moderator Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison. Excused: Elders Fran Ward, Jean Stickles. The meeting was held in the downstairs classroom and began at 1:36PM with a devotional and opening prayer by Elder Hynes.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2009 Stated Session Meeting by Elder Toppin, seconded by Elder Sid Stickles, was approved.

Reports:

Congregational Life: The Committee was commended for the hosting of the 100th Anniversary Celebration following worship as well as all of the support work for the dinner. There will be another celebration following worship on May 31st - the Koch family baptism and Christopher Bunch's birthday.

Building and Grounds: The windows in the Manse have been installed. There is continuing concern about the poor installation of the bathtub. Moderator Eddy will continue to pursue Nobel Brothers to get it resolved.

Worship: it was noted that Bob Harrell has acted as Chair of the Worship Committee until Fran Ward can return and is to be commended for doing an outstanding job. He and the Moderator are working on a training session for ushers, greeters, lay readers and elders. Moderator Eddy noted that he was interested in giving lay readers a more expanded roll in the service. It was suggested that he contact Allen Renz who had previously conducted an excellent training session for this very purpose.

Outreach: The brochure was distributed to Session for review. Elder Pierce moved, seconded by Elder Toppin, that Session approve the brochure and authorize expending up to \$250 from the Outreach Committee for its publication. Motion passed. Moderator Eddy also distributed an announcement for a workshop "Unity in Communities Creating Healthy Opportunities" which will be Friday, June 5th and asked approval for it to be distributed on Sunday, May 31st. A motion to that effect was made by Elder Toppin, seconded by Elder Sid Stickles, and passed.

Clerk of Session: the Clerk distributed a draft copy of the bulletin using an etching as a possible replacement for the church picture currently being used. It was suggested that the current bulletin cover might be more attractive if it were edited in Photoshop. It was also suggested that a picture of the cross in the fellowship hall might also be used. The Clerk will explore these suggestions. The Session took no action on the nomination of the Outstanding Older Adult award for 2009.

Christian Education: Elder Hynes expressed that she was still uncertain about what she is to do. Moderator Eddy said he will confer with her. The Shack study is an example of a Christian Education outreach to the community that should be emulated in the future.

Administration & Stewardship: Elder Pierce noted that Sunday, May 31st was the date for turning in new Building for Mission pledge cards. As of now, only seven had been received. A notice should be placed in bulletin for this coming Sunday. Elder Pierce will

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also write something for the June Newsletter. He also reviewed the Income & Expense Statement through April 30th. Upon proper motion the Statement was received.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Fran Ward is Elder of the Month for June and will be unable to serve. Dennis Robison volunteered to fill in for her.

There will not be a Stated Session meeting in June.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dennis Robison at 2:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session