

**First Presbyterian Church  
Edenton NC**

**Stated Session Meeting August 20, 2009**

**8.1.2009**

**Members Present:** Elders Jean & Sid Stickles, Kathy Hynes, Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison; excused: Elders E.C. Toppin, Michael Pierce, Fran Ward. A quorum was present. Elder Sid Stickles opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer at 1:26 PM in the downstairs classroom.

**Minutes:** The minutes for the Stated Session Meeting of July 9, 2009 were approved by proper motion.

**Reports:**

**Congregational Life:** The Committee was congratulated on the outstanding success in hosting the Eden Korean Presbyterian Church youth group. The Ice Cream Social will be scheduled for Sunday, September 27 at 6:00PM.

**Building and Grounds:** Elder Sid Stickles reported that the tub in the manse is still an issue; roof shingles which were blown off in a recent storm have been replaced; the downstairs air conditioner has a new capacitor and recharged unit; there is water in the cellar and a plumber has been notified; a toilet seat has been replaced.

**Worship:** - no report. A pulpit supply will be needed as Moderator Eddy will be away on September 6. Upon proper motion, approval was given for Communion to be given on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

**Outreach:** Moderator Eddy reported that the brochure has been sent to a printing company for a quote and review but there has been no response so far. It was suggested he might try Eden House in Merry Hill. He will also try to contact Brian Ward about the web site.

**Clerk:** The Calendar for September was distributed and approved as amended.

**Pastor:**

- Moderator Eddy asked the Clerk to docket an evaluation of the Korean Presbyterian Youth Group meeting for the September Session Meeting.
- He asked for comments from Session regarding holding classes after worship and received positive observations.
- He is considering offering several sessions on death and grief which would probably be held on Tuesday evenings and be open to the community.
- Also under consideration is a book discussion on Blood Done Sign My Name by Timothy Tyson.
- He is also looking into the possibility of partnering with Indian Woods Baptist Church (Bertie County), an African-American congregation with whom he and Joanne Eddy have been working regarding health issues. He asked for and received permission from Session to continue pursuing this opportunity.
- He asked the Clerk to carry over the Congregational Care List review for the September meeting as well as discussion concerning Committee activities in the fall, setting of goals, etc.

**Christian Education** - Moderator Eddy will work with Elder Hynes to develop a Christian Education Committee and set some goals and objectives.

**Administration and Stewardship:** Upon proper motion the financial reports for June were received. Treasurer Brenda Toppin's mother's illness has prevented Brenda from providing

Elder Pierce with the July financial materials. The financial situation is satisfactory although Elder Jean Stickles expressed concern that the Congregational Life budget has been exceeded due to costs of the 100th Anniversary for which there was no budget.

**Old Business**

- Nominating Committee: Elder Jean Stickles reported that E.C. Toppin is willing to serve another term but Elder Ward is not. She and the Committee will continue to pursue someone to replace Elder Ward.

**New Business**

- Report on the July 21st. meeting of New Hope Presbytery. It was her first time as a delegate and she was generally impressed, particularly with the quality of the worship service.
- Upon proper motion, the Clerk was instructed to extend profound thanks to everyone who worked to make the Eden Korean Presbyterian Youth Group visit so successful.

Elder Kathy Hynes closed the meeting with prayer at 2:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_ Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session

Elder of the Month for August: Sid Stickles

Elder of the Month for September: Jean Stickles

Delegate to the October 17th Meeting of New Hope Presbytery - Jean Stickles.