

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting of January 22, 2009

2009.01.01

Members Present: Elders Allene Renz, Michael Pierce, Jean Stickles, Fran Ward, Sid Stickles; Elder-elect Kathy Hynes, Moderator Doug Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison; Guest: Treasurer Brenda Toppin. Excused: Elder E.C. Toppin. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 1:33 pm and was held in Classroom 1. Elder Renz opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of December 11, 2008 were approved.

Reports:

Administration and Stewardship:

- The Treasurer's Report for December was reviewed and accepted.
- Audit Report: Marc Woodbury, Dennis Robison, Michael Pierce served as the Audit Committee and have submitted their report to Session. Upon proper motion the Audit Committee Report received by Session. It will be distributed to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 25.
- Budget for 2009: It was decided that the capital improvements items (copier and manse window replacements) will not be a part of the 2009 operating budget. These items will be funded if money is available. Upon proper motion the 2009 Budget was approved as a challenge budget i.e., estimated expenses exceed estimated income by \$1,700. Elder Pierce will present the approved challenge budget at the congregational meeting on January 25 showing major lines of income and expenses.
- Upon proper motion the Pastor's call for 2009 was approved and will be submitted to the Congregation on January 25, 2009 for their action.

Congregational Life: the report was received. Elder Renz noted that she will remain on the Congregational Life Committee and will be in charge of food for funerals. She was thanked by the Moderator and Session for her service.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: the report was received. It was noted that reflective strips are needed on the parking barriers behind the church as well as additional lights.

Worship: no report. Moderator Eddy noted he will be away February 5-9 therefore pulpit supply will be needed. Communion was offered on January 4.

Clerk:

- The Congregational Care List for 2009 was distributed. Moderator Eddy noted the importance of each elder being aware of those under his/her care and asked the Clerk to docket a report from each elder at every stated session meeting. Congregational Care responsibilities by the elders are particularly critical given the part time call of the pastor.
- The February 2009 calendar was reviewed.

New Business

Examination of Elder-elect Kathy Hynes. Moderator Eddy reported that he and Dennis Robison met with Kathy for training on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 10:00am. As part of the examination process, Moderator Eddy asked elders to share their faith journey by indicating why they joined this particular church and why, as an elder, they felt called by God to serve. He then asked Kathy Hynes questions about church polity and sacraments. Moderator Eddy requested a motion to arrest the exam and approve and welcome her as an elder on our Session. Motion was made and approved. She will be received and installed on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Michael Pierce, who was re-elected to Session, will also be installed at that time.

Acceptance of gift: the Church has received an anonymous gift of \$5000 gift which is restricted to outreach to the community for feeding the hungry subject to approval of Rev. Eddy. Upon proper motion, the gift was received with appreciation.

Upon proper motion the following actions were taken:

- Election of Brenda Toppin to be treasurer;
- Dennis Robison to be Clerk of Session;
- that Session meetings be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30pm;
- that Communion be offered at worship on the 1st Sunday of the month;
- that Elder Sid Stickles resignation from the Nominating Committee be accepted and Elder Jean Stickles be elected to serve as Session's representative on the Committee;
- that approval was granted for the Outreach Committee's regular offerings – Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking and Thanksgiving;
- that Gil Burroughs, Sid Stickles, Edna Harrell and Fran Ward be approved as Sunday School teachers along with the curriculum they have selected;
- elected Elder Dennis Robison to represent the Church at Presbytery Meeting on February 21; Elder Kathy Hynes of July 21; Elder Jean Stickles on October 17.

Moderator Eddy asked for an elder volunteer to join him in a triennial visit to Outerbanks Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Allene Renz at 4:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session