

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting March 12, 2009

2009-03-01

Present: Elders Kathy Hynes, Jean Stickles, Sid Stickles, E.C. Toppin, Michael Pierce; Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis E. Robison; Excused Elder Fran Ward. The meeting, held in Classroom 1, was begun with prayer by Elder Jean Stickles at 1:39 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of January 22, 2009, the Called Session Meeting of February 15, 2009 and the Congregational Meeting of January 25, 2009 were approved by proper motion.

Reports:

Congregational Life: Elder Jean Stickles reported that preparation and planning was underway for the Lenten Lunch on Maundy Thursday.

Building and Grounds: Elder Sid Stickles reported that he has ordered the replacement windows for the Manse (6) at a cost of \$1,921. He also is arranging for the painting of yellow stripes for the parking area and sidewalk. Three pressure switches for the heating units have been replaced. Moderator Eddy mentioned that the floors in the manse seem to be sagging.

Worship: Bob Harrell is chairing the committee during Elder Ward's recovery.

Moderator Eddy reported that the Committee has been scrambling to find documentation about various services. He recommended that all committees document what they are doing including but not limited to a calendar of events. He asked that these be given to the Clerk for compilation of a Session Manual. Regarding whether or not to bring in the collection plates as part of the Easter restoration of the communion table, it was decided to do this as a symbolic gesture of the importance of our returning to God a small part of our blessings.

Outreach: After some discussion and upon proper motion the Session accepted the Outreach Committee's recommendation that questions concerning the Angel Food Ministries program of feeding the needy be pursued and if the way be clear, for First Presbyterian Church participate in this ministry.

Clerk: The calendar for March and April were distributed. The April calendar needs to include the Maundy Thursday Service. It was also decided that the Stated Session Meeting be rescheduled from Thursday, April 9 to Thursday, April 16 at 1:30PM due to conflicts. The Clerk also reminded Elder Hynes that she was to represent the Church at the July 21, 2009 meeting of New Hope Presbytery at Trinity Church, Raleigh and informed Session that the minutes for 2009 were approved without exception. He noted that Session may have to consider the purchase of a fire-proof file cabinet and offered to bring a proposal to the Session for consideration. Moderator Eddy raised concern that the minutes were not in the appropriate kind binder. The Clerk will investigate this to determine if the Church is out of compliance.

Pastor: Moderator Eddy has been active in the community, spending time with Sheriff Goodwin, working with the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group and conducting the

Lenten Study with Joanne Eddy. He noted Rev. Tom Rickenbaker's comments before the Family Breakfast the proceeding Saturday regarding church growth indicating that in the near future Session will need to address this and develop strategies that are not dependent on individuals moving into the community. He informed Session of his intent to baptize Lucy Koch, daughter of Jeff and Hannah Koch, sometime in the next month or so.

Christian Education: No report.

Administration and Stewardship: Elder Pierce reviewed the Treasurer's financial statement through February, noting that over all the Church was over budget by \$2,736. Moderator Eddy questioned the accounting of the Minister's reimbursements, noting that some of the cost of the computer should have come from the 2008 funds rather than all of it coming for the 2009 line. Elder Pierce indicated that the invoice for the computer came in 2009 and therefore must be paid for in 2009. Should funding be adequate to meet the 2009 budget, a comparable amount of that which would have been paid in 2008 will be available in 2009. Elder Pierce also asked that a request budget be prepared by the 100th Anniversary Committee. Dennis Robison, who serves on that committee, will inform the committee.

Old Business

Web site – Moderator Eddy has been unable to make connections with Brian Ward. Once Fran Ward health has returned, he will make an effort to contact him.

Building for Mission article Elder Pierce will write once the campaign is designed.

New Business

Review of the Rolls; The Rolls were reviewed. Two members will be contacted regarding their inactivity – Ruth Thorensen who has moved, is believed to be attending another church, will be encouraged to request a letter of transfer; Fritz Ard, who left the Church over two years ago, will be encouraged to find another church. The Clerk and Moderator will take the appropriate action.

New Members: Moderator Eddy will schedule a date soon to propose membership for Peter and Barbara Wood and Susan, Thomas and Ashley Birkhead.

Cleaning up behind sanctuary: The Worship Committee wishes to consolidate all of its resources and materials in one place. This provides an opportunity to clean up the area behind the sanctuary and discard unused and unnecessary material. The Clerk was requested to notify the congregation that this work would be done after Easter and anyone who has an interest in maintaining material in that area needs to notify Elder Sid Stickle.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 3:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session