

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting September 24, 2009

9.1.2009

Members Present: Elders Jean & Sid Stickles, Kathy Hynes, Michael Pierce, Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison; excused: Elders E.C. Toppin, Fran Ward. A quorum was present. Elder Jean Stickles opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer at 1:34PM in the downstairs classroom.

Approval of Minutes: Elder Pierce moved, seconded by Elder Sid Stickles that the Minutes for the Stated Session Meeting of August 20, 2009 be approved. Motion passed.

Reports:

Building and Grounds: After months of delay, a new tub will be installed in the Manse. There was no lawn work done in September.

Worship: The Committee requested authorization to appoint a "Head Usher" to coordinate and train ushers. Upon proper motion, the Session granted the authority to the Worship Committee and, in addition, asked that they also appoint a similar position to coordinate and train elders serving communion. Motion passed.

Outreach: The Committee did not meet. There are two on going projects being worked on by the Moderator - the brochure and the web site.

Clerk of Session: Request was made by Liz Woodbury to use the facilities (fellowship hall and kitchen) by the Edenton Women's Club on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. Upon proper motion the request was granted. The Clerk will send Ms. Woodbury a facilities use form. Ms. Woodbury also asked that an announcement inviting the Church to participate in a fund raiser via a bake sale sponsored by the Edenton Yacht Club be placed in the bulletin. The funds raised would come to the Church. Upon proper motion, the Session authorized this insertion into the bulletin.

Pastor's Report:

- Upon proper motion, the Session approved Dr. Calvin Ellison as pulpit supply and guest preacher for Sunday, October 25, 2009. Rev. Eddy will be preaching at his church on the November 5 as well as giving, along with Joanne Eddy, a presentation on 9/11. Rev. Eddy is on a panel with his men's program at 7:00pm on Oct. 2, 2009. In addition, Rev. Eddy is continuing his work with Rev. Ralph White and the Indian Woods Church.
- Organ Dedication and memorial plaque: Upon proper motion the Session approved a dedication of the organ on Sunday, October 18 and a recital at 3:00pm followed by a reception. Upon proper motion, the Session approved the purchase and installation of a small engraved memorial plaque to be attached to the new organ.
- Use of the Parking Lot: upon proper motion, the Session approved the use of the Church parking lot for a wedding April 24, 2010.
- Food concerns: After some discussion regarding the local crisis with Meals On Wheels and the Food Pantry, the Session, upon a motion by Elder Pierce, seconded by Elder Sid Stickles, approved the expenditure of \$500 for Meals on Wheels and \$500 for the Food Pantry from a special fund held by Rev. Eddy for feeding the hungry.

- The use of the Congregational Care List was reviewed.

Christian Education - no report.

Administration & Stewardship: Elder Pierce reported that the financial reports have been delayed for about two months due to an illness in Treasurer Brenda Toppin's family. The Committee is meeting tomorrow (Friday, September 25). The Fish Fry was tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 18 at 6:00pm (*note: this has now been rescheduled for Sunday, November 1st*)

Congregational Life: Elder Jean Stickles noted that the Waterfront Worship Service lunch was successful and well attended. There will be an ice cream social this coming Sunday. The Christmas Dinner will be on December 6, 2009.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: Upon proper motion, the Session called for a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 8, 2009 following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee.

New Business:

Committee Goals: Moderator Eddy asked each of the committee chairs to develop a set of annual goals and objectives for their committee this Fall.

There being no other business before the Session, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session