

**First Presbyterian Church  
Edenton NC**

**Stated Session Meeting July 9, 2009**

**7.1.2009**

**Roll Call:** Present : Elders Kathy Hynes, Jean & Sid Stickles, Michael Pierce; Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis E. Robison; Excused: Elders Fran Ward, E.C. Toppin. Guest: Gil Burroughs, Choir Director. The meeting was held in the downstairs classroom and began at 1:31 p.m., with a devotional and prayer by Elder Pierce.

**Organ donation;** by consensus the agenda was adjusted to permit Gil Burroughs to make a presentation. The Church as an opportunity to replace our existing organ with a newer (digital) organ. Gil Burroughs presented the gift for approval, stating that the current Alley organ (c1950) is woefully outdated (vacuum tube) and difficult to maintain due to lack of parts. The Allen organ (c1971) being offered is the first model by Allen Organ that is digital. It has been in the home of a professional organist in Wilmington NC who is willing (and delighted) to give it to a Presbyterian Church. The cost will be approximately \$300 to fine tune it once it is in place. A motion to accept the gift of a 1971 Allen Organ was made by Elder Sid Stickles, seconded by Elder Michael Pierce with gratitude to Gil Burroughs for his work in bringing the gift into fruition. Gil Burroughs stated that there would be no cost involved in transporting the Organ to Edenton. Elder Kathy Hynes and Gil Burroughs will present a plan to the Session for the disposition of the old Allen organ. Suggestions included contacting the African American community, advertise on Craigslist, etc.

**Approval of Minutes:** Elder Pierce moved, seconded by Elder Sid Stickles that the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of May 28 be approved. Motion passed.

**Reports:**

Administration & Stewardship: Elder Pierce reviewed the May financial data with Session and reported that there was marked improvements relative to the projected budget presented in January. At that time we were facing a \$6,000 + deficit which has now been halved. Both pledges and plate offerings have exceeded expectations. The Building for Mission pledges, however, remain a challenge. Elder Pierce will have an article in the upcoming Newsletter about this issue.

Congregational Life: Elder Jean Stickles reported that Congregational Life will be working with the efforts to host the youth group from Eden Korean Presbyterian Church in late July.

Building and Grounds - no report. Moderator Eddy continues to have problems with the bathtub which was installed in the Manse several months ago. An attorney may need to be contacted to persuade Noble Brothers to take the issue seriously.

Worship: No report.

Outreach: Moderator Eddy reports that the brochure needs “photoshop” quality work. He has located someone who will work on it.

Clerk: no report.

Pastor: Moderator Eddy reported on the ad hoc committee, headed by Lois Lavery, which will be meeting Saturday to plan for the visit of the Eden Korean Presbyterian youth group.

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It is anticipated that there will be between 30 and 35 youth and leaders, including the Pastor, Youth Pastor and Peter Mitchener, an advisor to the group. He also reported on efforts being made by he and Joanne Eddy to work with African-American pastors to address health issues in their community.

Christian Education - no report. Moderator Eddy and Elder Hynes will meet to discuss the future of this particular position on Session.

**Old Business**

Training of ushers, greeters, lay readers, etc., Moderator Eddy reported that there had been little response from the congregation regarding a time to meet for training. He will put something in the bulletin.

**New Business**

Nominating Committee: Elder Jean Stickles report that the Committee will be meeting soon and some queries about potential candidates have been made. She will meet with Moderator Eddy to discuss process and strategies. The terms of Elders Fran Ward and E.C. Toppin expire this year.

Communion: Moderator Eddy asked for authorization for himself and the clergy visiting from Eden Korean Presbyterian Church to offer communion on Friday, July 2009. By common consent permission was given.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. Dr. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session

Items of note: Peter and Barbara Wood and Shirley Largeant were received as new members by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, June 14, 2009