

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting Minutes January 21, 2010

1.21.01

Present: Elders Jean Stickles, Sid Stickles, E.C. Toppin, Michael Pierce, Elder-elect Liz Woodbury, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison, Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy. Excused Elder Kathy Hynes. The meeting was held in Classroom 1 and began at 1:43PM. A quorum was present. Elder Sid Stickles gave the devotional and the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Upon proper motion the minutes of the December 10, 2009 Stated Session Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Clerk of Session: Clerk Dennis Robison distributed the February 2010 Calendar. Elder Jean Stickles asked that a soup supper be scheduled for Sunday, February 28 at 6:00pm. He also noted the Congregational Care List for 2010 and the Elder of the Month Schedule for 2010 had been distributed earlier. Elder Pierce noted that he was going to be gone during the month of March. He and Elder-elect Liz Woodbury traded months March and June.

Pastor: Moderator Doug Eddy reported he had participated in the Martin Luther King Day events and found it a rewarding experience. He noted some new contacts were made among the African-American community.

Christian Education: Joanne Eddy's class is currently on hold until she can free up some time.

Administration and Stewardship:

2010 Budget: Elder Pierce presented two versions of the 2010 budget for consideration. It includes a \$2,000 raise for Rev. Eddy. Based on anticipated income, both will run a potential deficit of either \$3,000 or \$7,000 depending on which number is selected for estimated income. Upon proper motion the 2010 Budget was approved with an estimated income of \$124,470 and estimated expenses of \$132,830 (deficit of \$7,360).

Pastoral Call: Elder Pierce distributed the Pastoral Call for 2010. The Pastoral Call will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 31, 2010.

December 2009 financial report: Elder Pierce reported that the Church had come within 2.7% of meeting the budget with the Building for Mission income actually coming in \$113 over budget. Overall, due to under expenditures the Church spent \$553 less than income.

Financial Statement: In distributing the Financial Statement, Elder Pierce noted that there had been a decrease in the value of the Church's net worth of \$220,417 due to the decreased value of real property.

Other: Upon proper motion, the audit will be done during the month of March for the proceeding year. Upon proper motion the financial reports were received. Elder Pierce informed Session that he would be away February-April but would be available via conference call.

Congregational Life: A Soup Supper will be held on February 28 at 6:00pm.

Buildings & Grounds: no report.

Worship:

Classroom Heater: The Committee requested that a better heater be purchased for the Classroom. Elder Stickles reported he will take it under advisement.

Seder Service: The Committee is considering a Seder Service for Maundy Thursday.

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Committees: The Committee requested that once a year all committees, their members and their purposes be listed in the Newsletter. Clerk Robison will gather the information.

Acoustics: The Committee noted that until acoustics are improved in the Fellowship Hall it cannot effectively be used for worship services and community programs. By consensus Session asked that Building and Grounds obtain the services of an acoustical engineer to get an estimate of what it would take to solve this problem.

Outreach Committee:

Website: Moderator Eddy and Clerk Robison met with Brian Ward for training to maintain the Church's website (firstpresbyterianedenton.com/). Both suggested progress was made. Robison has placed the 2009 Session minutes on the site. The Clerk will docket the site for discussion at the February Session meeting to address Outreach expectations of what will be on the site as well as privacy issues. Elder Toppin suggested the next step would be to develop Church Facebook page.

Old Business:

Outreach to Haiti - Cary Pittman held a meeting with concerned members of the congregation to determine what help the Church can give to the people of Haiti. He will make a Minute for Mission presentation on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

New Business:

Examination of Elder-Elect Woodbury: Moderator Eddy read the questions that will be presented to Elder-Elect Woodbury and asked the members of Session as well as the candidate to respond. Once completed, upon proper motion Elder-Elect Woodbury was accepted and will be ordained on Sunday, February 7, 2010. She will be invited to serve Communion as her first official act.

Elections: Upon proper motion Brenda Toppin was elected Treasurer; Dennis Robison was elected Clerk of Session; Kathy Hynes was elected as the Session Representative to the Nominating Committee.

Outreach Offerings: Upon proper motion regular outreach offerings - Joy, One Great Hour, Pentecost, Peacemaking and Thanksgiving were approved. Elder Toppin will contact PCUSA to make sure the Church receives the appropriate materials for each of these offerings.

Session Meetings: Upon proper motion Stated Session meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 1:30pm.

Communion Upon proper motion, Communion will be held on the first Sunday of the month.

Teachers and Curriculum: Upon proper motion Gil Burroughs, Rev. Doug Eddy, Dennis Robison and Joanne Eddy were approved as teachers for 2010.

Presbytery Meetings: Upon proper motion, the following Elders were elected as representatives to New Hope Presbytery meetings; February 20 (Dennis Robison); July 20 (Jean Stickles); October 16 (Liz Woodbury)>

Relay for Life plaques: By consensus, Relay for Life plaques will be placed on the corridor wall, kitchen side. Elder Toppin volunteered to see that it was done.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 3:55pm.

Elder of the Month for February E.C. Toppin

Elder of the Month for March: Liz Woodbury

Revised Elder of the month assignments:

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Elder of the Month 2010

January - Sid Stickles	June -Michael Perice	November - Jean Stickles
February - E.C. Toppin	July - Sid Stickles	December - Liz Woodbury
March -Liz Woodbury	August - E.C. Toppin	
April - Kathy Hynes	September - Michael Pierce	
May - Jean Stickles	October – Kathy Hynes	

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session