

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting Minutes February 11, 2010 2.11.01

Roll Call of Members: Present: Elders E.C. Toppin, Liz Woodbury, Kathy Hynes, Michael Pierce (via conference call), Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Clerk of Session Dennis Robison. Excused: Elders Jean and Sid Stickles.

The meeting was held in the Church kitchen and began at 1:33pm. Elder Toppin opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Upon proper motion, the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of January 21, 2010 were approved; the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of February 7, 2010 were received.

Reports:

Pastor:

- There is a request being circulated that every evening we stop and pray for our country. Rev. Eddy suggested that it might be more appropriate to pray for the world. He will publicize this in the bulletin and offer both options.
- He is working on the Lenten Studies which will be offered at 7:00pm on each Tuesday in Lent.
- He has been asked by the Executive Presbyter to be a mentor for the new Presbyterian minister in Williamston.
- The local clergy is having a bag lunch meeting at First Presbyterian Church on Ash Wednesday. He is going to ask Allene Renz if drinks and dessert could be provided.

Administration and Stewardship:

- Elder Pierce reviewed the January financial statement from the Treasurer. The Church was not open for worship on the Sunday of the snow storm, thus receipts were down about \$1,000. Upon proper motion the January Financial Report was received.
- The next meeting of the Committee will be in May.
- The audit is scheduled for March.

Congregational Life: No report.

Building and Grounds: No report

Worship Committee: Elder Woodbury reported the Committee had:

- reviewed the Lenten events, including approval of a Seder meal. Elder Kathy Hynes and Robbi Salak will take care of publicity relating to the events.
- approved the participation of Cub Scouts participating in the worship service on Scout Sunday, February 21. There will be cub scouts assigned as ushers, greeters, taking up the offering and reading scripture.

Outreach:

- The brochure is at the printer.
- The Moderator and the Clerk are working with Brian Ward on the Church website. The Committee recommended that the “contact” link on the website be the Church’s email account firstchurch1@embarkmail.com.
- \$450 has been collected for Haitian relief. Elder Pierce requested that the funds be appropriately accounted for in the financial report. Upon proper motion the Treasurer was instructed to deposit the funds in “special offerings” and charge it against “Outreach Special Benevolences.”

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Clerk:

- The Clerk presented the March and April calendar for review. Elder Woodbury wasn't certain about when in April the Boys and Girls Club supper was scheduled. She will let the Clerk know. After some adjustments and corrections, the Calendar was approved.

Old Business:

- Request from www.gaychurch.org: The Clerk received a request from this organization to place First Presbyterian Church in their directory as a church that would "provide a welcoming and affirming atmosphere to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Christians." After some discussion, this item was tabled until the next meeting until Elders had a chance to look at the site.

New Business:

- Statistical Report 2009: Upon proper motion, the Statistical Report for 2009 was approved.
- Wheel Chair and Walker donation: There is a campaign to collect used wheel chairs, canes, walkers, etc., for Haiti. Gil Burroughs suggested that since the Church has two wheel chairs and two walkers, that perhaps one set could be donated. Upon proper motion, the donation was approved. Dennis Robison will see that they are delivered.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Dennis Robison at 2:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session

Elder of the Month for February: E.C. Toppin
Elder of the Month for March: Kathy Hynes.