

**First Presbyterian Church
Edenton NC**

Stated Session Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 13, 2010

5.13.01

Roll Call of Members: Elders E.C. Toppin, Michael Pierce, Liz Woodbury, Jean Stickles, Sid Stickles and Kathy Hynes were present as well as Moderator Rev. G. Douglas Eddy and Clerk of Session Dennis Robison. The meeting began at 1:35pm with a devotional and prayer by Elder Jean Stickles.

Approval of Minutes: Upon proper motion, the minutes of the Stated Session meeting of April 15, 2010 were approved.

Reports:

Congregational Life: Elder Jean Stickles commended Elder Woodbury for taking charge of the Mill Pond worship event coming up this Sunday which includes making arrangements for food, etc.

Building and Grounds: Elder Sid Stickles reported that the work on the Manse is completed and looks very good. He needs advice on the kind and amount of shelving needed in the area behind the sanctuary. Elder Woodbury will confer with the Worship Committee for direction. He is also in process of making arrangements to have the area by the cross (facing W. Queen) power washed. Moderator Eddy reported he had been in conversation with John Mitchener and Jerry Thompson about replacing this cross with one of a design more appropriate to the reformed church tradition. Elder Sid Stickles questioned why this needed to be done; Elder Pierce suggested the design be brought before Session and that no direct cost from the current budget be involved in replacing it.

Worship: Elder Woodbury reported that everything was in place for the worship service at the Millpond. There will be a "charisma" service on May 23 in celebration of Pentecost which will provide opportunities for those worshipping to reaffirm their baptism and discipleship.

Outreach: Elder Toppin distributed the committee report, noting that the GED program was being monitored and appears successful thus far. The Committee will be considering applying for Presbytery's Self Development of People program. Brochures about the Church have been distributed around town.

Clerk The June calendar was distributed. Worship Committee meeting time was moved to the 2nd Tuesday and the Boys & Girls Club program was deleted. Elder Hynes asked of the approved calendar could be put on the website. Robison will find out.

Pastor - Moderator Eddy may be appointed as moderator of the Session for Cann Memorial. Rev. Gillis is in the process of moving. He reported that the local Clergy group had met and decided that their primary mission was to minister to each other.

Christian Education: no report. It was noted that the Adult Sunday School class was studying suffering.

Administration and Stewardship - no report due to the crash of the Treasurer's computer.

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Old Business:

Gaychurch.org request: Upon proper motion, Session approved the request from gaychurch.org to be listed on their directory as a welcoming congregation.

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Facilities Use Policy: upon proper motion, the Facilities Use Policy, including the revised policy on funerals was approved.

New Business: There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:25PM by Elder Sid Stuckles.

Elder of the Month for May: Jean Stuckles

Elder of the Month for June: E.C. Toppin

Elder of the Month for July: Michael Pierce

Respectfully submitted,

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Rev. G. Douglas Eddy, Moderator

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Dennis E. Robison, Clerk of Session