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Stated Session Meeting
March 28, 2011

The Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee was convened on Monday, *March 28, 2011*

Members: **Class of 2011**

Phil Bailey (A)
Aaron Brooks(P)
Sheena Hunter (P)
Julie King (P)
Tom King (A)

Class of 2012

Nancy Allerton (P)
Don Evans (P)
Bill Linderman (P)
Roger Sikorski (E)
Loretta Thomas (P)

Class of 2013

Scottie Bales (P)
Lee Galliher (P)
Karen Pennington (P)
Karen Vann (P)
David Worley (P)

Staff Present: Dr. Gordon A Turnbull, Pastor (Moderator)
Betsy Galliher, Church Business Administrator

Gordon called the meeting to order, opened with prayer and declared a quorum. The agenda was approved without objection after a request by Julie King to be added to Other Business. Approved by common consent were the minutes of the Stated Session meeting of February 28, 2011.

CLERK'S REPORT

The session without objection two wedding applications:
August 20, 2011 – Caitlin McElroy and Jordan Reynolds
July 7, 2012 – Bethany Anderson and Nathan Bryant

Changes to Roll of Active Members:

There were no changes to the Roll

DEVOTIONAL

The Devotional and Reflection was offered by Lee Galliher, who shared his observations after viewing the movie "The King's Speech". Lee encouraged the members to look for God working today in the details of our lives in the same way He worked in the details of the lives of Moses and Paul. Lee saw how God worked in the details of the life of Lionel Logue, an unsuccessful actor turned speech therapist, who worked with King George VI to overcome the King's speech impediment. God designs each of our lives in such a way as to be equipped for the work He has planned for us. Lee then offered a prayer in closing.

STAFF REPORTS: See attached reports submitted by Gordon and Dave. Gordon offered background information regarding the history of the Missionary Emergency Fund and the purposes of the Interfaith Hospitality Network in response to the query of session members.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Aaron Brooks distributed a Capital Funds Report for 2010. He and Gordon will prepare a report on the status of the Capital Campaign to be distributed to the congregation by a special email and by regular mail to those who do not have access to email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation of the committee as requested by the Buildings and Grounds committee for the purchase and installation of brackets and banners for the new exterior light poles along the walking trail. The walking trail is a project of the Neighborhood Initiatives Steering Committee. The motion was approved without objection.

A second recommendation was made that the Administrative Committee hire a third support staff person, and that the church office close on Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. as outlined in attached documents. The Session unanimously approved the recommendation.

Building & Grounds: See attached report

Christian Education & Nurture: No report

Evangelism & Outreach: See attached report

Finance: A recommendation was brought that the committee transfer all but \$500 of the funds held at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (approximately \$9061) and liquidate all of the money held in the New Covenant Funds (\$79,467 as of 12/31/10) and hold the monies in the church's Citizen's Bank Money Fund Checking account. This will make the funds readily available to place in a new and better type investment when the Trustees make that determination. The recommendation was approved without objection.

Stewardship: No report

Worship: The Session approved unanimously the committee's request that \$1200 from the Memorial Funds be allocated to cover the costs of guest musicians for the Easter 2011 worship service; however, Aaron Brooks strongly cautioned against any future commitments by any committee of funds not in the budget

OTHER BUSINESS: A signup was made available for Session Devotional for the months of June and July. A second signup was made available for openings at the Holston Presbytery meetings, 2 for September 6, 2011 in Banner Elk, NC and 1 for December 6, 2011 in Morristown, TN.

Julie King read a letter on behalf of the Personnel Committee expressing "gratitude, appreciation and thanks to the First Presbyterian Staff." The committee offered words of praise to Gordon, Dave, Steve and Vicki, Chad, Cathy, and to each and every support staff. The Session agreed enthusiastically with the sentiments of the Personnel Committee.

A TIME FOR REFLECTION:

Gordon expressed appreciation at the spirit of cooperation among the Session that allows any and all questions and opinions to be asked and offered. He also expressed appreciation for the extensive and careful work of the Finance Committee.

Assignment of Session members to committees will be made soon.

Session members remarked that the Women's Retreat was well attended, well organized and very enjoyable.

Session Member shared that her mother was doing well after a stay in the hospital; Session Member's grandson is recovering beautifully after cardiac surgery. The Session was reminded of Don's upcoming knee surgery

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed with prayer by Karen Vann and adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Approved:

Nancy Allerton
Clerk of Session

Gordon A Turnbull
Moderator