

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**183 West Main Street**  
**Cartersville, Ga. 30120**

**Meeting:** Session  
**Type:** Stated Monthly  
**Moderator:** Dr. Mike Anderson  
**Date:** February 13, 2018  
**Place:** Cornerstone Room - **Time:** 7 p.m.

**Elders present**

**2018:** Mike Ball, Jo Clark, Bill Devine, Trey Gaines, Emma Johnson

**2019:** Molly Collins, Rich Gaffoglio, Jean Gilliland, Perry Rentz, Randy Thompson

**2020:** Phil Bridges, Tinsley Cline, ~~Brad Hughes, Nancy Kelly~~, Scott Panter

**Others present:**

Dr. Mike Anderson

**A quorum was present.** The meeting was called to order and **opened with prayer** by Dr. Anderson.

**Docket Approval:** **Motion** to approve docket by Randy Thompson as presented. Unanimous.

**Congregational Care Report:**

We rejoice that we have no members currently in the hospital, but we pray for those affected by the flu this season, especially those in our Preschool and After School programs.

**Clerk's Report:**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** to approve the minutes of January 9 Stated Meeting, and January 28 called meeting by Randy Thompson. Unanimous.

**Board Reports**

**Deacon's Report:** Minutes from the January Deacon's meeting were emailed prior to the meeting.

**Hands of Christ:** (Scott Panter) The board submitted their budget request for 2018-2019 school year to the donor, which includes in-kind service from church members. Currently there are just-under 216 total attending.

**Preschool Report:** (Rich Gaffoglio/Molly Collins) 2018 fall registration is open with 60 enrolled, tours continue. The board has received requests for a kindergarten class. Session approval is needed to start the process, and to determine feasibility and interest. It is estimated the first year would be limited to 10-12 students. Currently commitments from 8 preschool parents have been received. A certified teacher is required, but the school does not have to be certified. New curriculum is required, but not at cost to the church.

**Motion:** allow the board to proceed with the research to determine if the addition of a kindergarten class is feasible by Randy Thompson. Discussion. Unanimous.

## **Ministry Team Reports**

**Hospitality/Membership:** (Molly Collins) Short and long term plans are in the works which includes a preschool teacher breakfast, and snacks for Hands of Christ, both scheduled for March 1. Lenten luncheons begin on March 1. Visitor bags have been created for Easter. Efforts to eliminate waste on Wednesday dinners continue. Average attendance is 65 we receive 85 meals. A schedule for social events has been created, and they are looking forward to working with the worship committee on 175th anniversary of the church.

**Worship:** (Perry Rentz/Jo Clark) Brady Payne and Allen Stein have stepped in to steer children's choir. New oil candles for the Sanctuary have been ordered. A reduced budget was submitted at a savings of \$2400. Trees will be placed in the Sanctuary and Upper Room to which prayer ribbons will be attached during Lent, the completion on Palm Sunday. The children will process with branches on Palm Sunday. The Good Friday Service will be here with Kevin Lobello, Senior Pastor from Sam Jones preaching. There will be 2 Easter Services in the Sanctuary with combined music.

**Faith Development:** (Jean Gilliland) The Confirmation class is underway with 10 confirmands. Families are seeking sponsors for the students. *Read the Bible in 90 Days* (B90) will kick off on August 12. The Scripture will drive the Sunday School lessons and sermons the following weeks. VBS is set for the first week in June.

**Mission:** (Bill Devine) A bus driver is still needed. Recent blood drive received 34 pints, and the next drive will be March 14. BGAKAC program is scheduled for July 28, and the volunteer registration link is available. Last year served over 2k kids in 2 locations.

**Properties:** (Mike Ball, Emma Johnson) Regarding the sound in Sanctuary, an amplifier will first be purchased in the hopes of solving the problem. The next step would be to replace the entire system. A sample Sanctuary chandelier globe was available for preview, and the committee was encouraged to place an order, including extras for future repairs. The County's Safety Class originally scheduled for March 10 at Sam Jones was cancelled. The committee will look for someone to lead an "active shooter class." The committee reminds us of the need to replace the roof on the Education Building within 3 years, at an estimated cost of \$60k. A work day will be scheduled before Easter. Jean Gilliland suggests fire and/or tornado drill for Sunday School children. The Fire system for the kitchen is up to code and has passed inspection.

**Personnel:** (Rich Gaffoglio, Tinsley Cline) Committee member Tom Nebergall will soon complete his work on job descriptions for the staff.

**Finance:** (Randy Thompson) The 2018 balanced budget is complete at \$707,700. \$560k in pledges received, and non pledged income is estimated at \$85k. HOC is contributing more than the past, as is the Preschool. The committee feels secure on the expected income. The most notable changes in expenses are the committee's efforts in showing a realistic budget for properties, which is \$217,080 for 2018. Since this comes from committee, does not need 2nd. Discussion. **Motion carries.**

**Old Business: Membership rolls update.** The list of 144 names to be removed was distributed and discussed. Scott Panter added one deceased member who had been overlooked, increasing the number to 145 and bringing our membership to 388. Jo will ask Nikki if this will affect the commissioner requirement at Presbytery Meetings. **Motion** with regret to accept the list of names by Emma Johnson. Unanimous.

### **New Business:**

- **Officer Nomination Schedule:** Mike submitted the proposed schedule for 2018. **Motion** by Rich Gaffoglio to accept. Discussion, unanimous.
- **Presbytery Commissioners:** The list of 2018 presbytery meetings was passed around. Jean Gilliland and Molly Collins volunteered to serve as commissioners March 10. **Motion** to accept Jean and Molly to serve on March 10, seconded and unanimous. One more elder will need to be found.
- **Communion Dates for 2018:** Motion by Emma Johnson to accept dates in 2018 for communion to be served as scheduled by Worship Committee. Unanimous.
- **Trustee for 2018:** This item was tabled until clarity can be made.
- **Annual meeting:** The 2018 budget needs to be shared with the congregation. Several scenarios were discussed, and included thoughts of combining the meeting with the church's 175th anniversary. Originally considered for the fall, all agreed that isn't soon enough. It was decided that the budget will be shared immediately through announcements, mass email and the website. **Motion** to have the Congregational Annual Meeting/Celebration of 175 years on April 29 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Combined). 10:00 a.m. for worship, 11:00 for potluck, with meeting to follow around 11:30. Motion by Scott Panter, unanimous.
- **Ministry Worship Assignments and 2019 Budget and Stewardship Planning:** Mike distributed his proposed schedule for the 2019 budget with a completion date in November. Randy expressed his interest in presenting a needed capital campaign in 2019, but prefers to announce it in January, after the completion of a (hopefully) successful 2018. In doing so, he feels that success would generate a more-positive response to the campaign. Today's schedule is a proposal, and will continue to be re-worked, Randy's suggestion is appreciated.

In closing, Mike spoke to the session in recognition of the hard work put forth by those around the table, and expressed his appreciation of that work. He reminded us that we serve a great church and he feels honored to be here. His words were much-appreciated, especially to those who served during a very difficult 2017.

**Motion to Adjourn:** by Mike Ball, Unanimous

**Closed in Prayer:** Dr. Anderson.

**Next Stated Meeting:** March 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Cornerstone Room.

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**Dr. Mike Anderson, moderator**

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**Jo Clark, clerk**