

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

Meeting: Session
Type: Stated Monthly
Moderator: Dr. Mike Anderson
Date: April 10, 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 **opened with prayer** by Dr. Anderson, and then called to order.

Docket Approval: **Motion** to approve docket by Perry Rentz as presented.
Unanimous.

Congregational Care Report:

Jean Daugherty is home from the hospital, but struggling with respiratory issues. Prayers for **Norman** as he cares for her.

Allen Weirick is out of the hospital in TN following a stroke and surgery. Should be home soon.

Dixie Bailey, long-time Friendship Table guest has been diagnosed with cancer.

Clerk's Report:

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** to approve the minutes of March 13 Stated Meeting, and by Trey Gaines. Unanimous.

For Information: Jonathon Orth requested transfer to Lower Providence Presbyterian in Norristown, PA. His name was included in the roll cleaning at the February meeting.

Presbytery Meeting Commissioners. The sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers. Both June and November meetings are covered with the exception of one slot. Jo will bring the 3 names to our May meeting for approval.

Board Reports

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

Hands of Christ: (Scott Panter) The HOC board is preparing for annual meeting. The submitted budget is still pending as they wait to hear from the primary donor, which should be within next 30 days.. 200 students currently enrolled. .

Preschool Report: (Rich Gaffoglio/Molly Collins) Currently 84 students registered, with more tours scheduled this week. Preschool will present at the April 29 Congregational Meeting. They have a strong candidate for the new kindergarten teacher. Registration going well, with new faces. New kindergarten class currently has 9 enrolled with the new kindergarten class.

Ministry Team Reports

Hospitality/Membership: (Molly Collins) Averaging 1-2 visitor sign-ins each week. The committee is working hard on the meeting annual meeting. Docket of summer activities ready to go

Worship: (Perry Rentz/Jo Clark) Lenten tree was well received, and will remain on display for visitors to see. Easter services went well, very organized, and good crowds. Great blend of both music programs. July Worship planning begins. Considering more tables and less chairs to eliminate flipping the room each week. Combined worship will go through August 5, closing out with the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Faith Development: (Jean Gilliland) Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch went very well with record attendance. Confirmation will wrap up at our annual meeting April 29. Planning for VBS is underway and going well. B90 – planning continues. Registration form is online, tables to be set up in May, and the program begins August 12.

Mission: (Bill Devine) The committee submitted 2 projects for Operation Inasmuch on April 21. Stripping and waxing the floors at Hickory Log was selected. The other project; odd jobs for Norman and Jean Daugherty was not selected, but will be done by the youth and adults in church. Backpack Buddies specifically needs Mac and Cheese and Beanie Weanies. Friendship table guest, Dixie Bailey has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Properties: (Mike Ball, Emma Johnson) Mini-Workday is scheduled for April 13 to change light bulbs to led. The next church-wide work day will be in August and include playground mulch. The carpets are scheduled to be cleaned this summer. In efforts to keep lights off around the church, an occupancy switch was placed in room 120 as a test. The Presbytery Office's men's room sink overflowed. The problem was repaired by reducing the water pressure, eliminating pressure buildup on that faucet.

Finance: (Randy Thompson) Scott Panter reported that of our ideal budget mark of 25%, we have revenues at almost 30%, and expenses at 27%. Properties budget has expended less this year than last year at this time.

Personnel: (Rich Gaffoglio, Tinsley Cline) A few blips discovered in the employee benefits lines, which should even out by year end. Final benefits for Chris Jones, the amount of which was spread over 12 months by the software, will pay out in 4, causing the budget to appear skewed. The committee meets April 11.

Old Business:

Annual meeting: One worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, then move to Fellowship Hall. Our 175th birthday will be celebrated with cake and Roy Bethune cutting the first piece. The meal will be catered by Scott's Walk-Up BBQ. The program will include the Confirmation Class, reports from selected committees and the 2 school programs, with anticipated wrap-up by 2:00 p.m. A book of full committee and budget reports will be available for handouts.

Active Shooter Policy update: Mike attended crash training event at Kirkwood Presbyterian. He has talked to sheriff Milsap, who has referred him to a contact who does trainings, and has forwarded a policy example. Committee members are currently being recruited.

Directory Update: Mike presented instantchurchdirecotry.com. Membership rolls and pictures are uploaded and then available by phone app, as well as logging in on the internet. Pictures (not formal) and information can be updated any time. Cost is \$80 per year. **Motion** by Randy Thompson that we subscribe to the service and begin the work of creating the new directory. Discussion, unanimous.

Motion to Adjourn: by Phil Bridges , Unanimous

Closed in Prayer: Dr. Anderson.

Next Stated Meeting: May 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Cornerstone Room.

Dr. Mike Anderson, moderator

Jo Clark, clerk