

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

Meeting: Session
Type: Stated Monthly
Moderator: Dr Mike Anderson
Date: December 18, 2018
Place: Room 120
Time: 7:00 PM

Elders present

2019: Rich Gaffoglio, Jean Gilliland, Mary Gilreath, Perry Rentz, Randy Thompson

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

2021: Craig Clark, Marilyn Devine, Paul Green, Janet Martin, Kyle Russell

Docket: Rich Gaffoglio made the motion to approve the Docket which was Approved Unanimously.

Congregational Care Report:

Mike reported that Ron and Alice Baker are in need of prayer due to medical issues.

Quorum: A quorum was present so the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr Anderson.

Clerk's Report:

The Minutes from the 11/20/2018 Stated Meeting of the Session on a motion by Rich Gaffoglio were Approved Unanimously.

In response to a 10/15/2018 letter from St James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas that Sarah Tumlin Bronni was received into membership there, Randy Thompson made the motion to approve Sarah's transfer to St James which was Approved Unanimously.

Board Reports

Deacon's Report: Mike indicated that the Deacon minutes have been/will be sent out.

Hands of Christ: Scott Panter reported that the Georgia Title for the 20-passenger bus obtained from the Cartersville School System has still not been located.

Preschool Report: Rich Gaffoglio reported that all is going well with the Preschool.

Committee Reports

Hospitality Ministry: Mary Gilreath reported that we ran out of cups serving hot chocolate to those watching the Cartersville Exchange Club Christmas Parade on 12/6/2018.

Worship: Perry Rentz reported that all is going well with the Christmas services thus far with the next up being the FPC Christmas Eve services at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM. On 12/23/2018 and 12/30/2018 there will be one worship service and no Sunday School.

Faith Development: Jean Gilliland reported that her last written report provided to the Session by email on 11/24/2018 was for November/December 2018. That report included the following

topics: B90, Hands of Christ Transportation, Gift Story Bibles, Youth Events, Ministry Architects, Intergenerational Events, Older Adult Ministry, Wednesday Night program schedule, Safe Sanctuaries Abuse Prevention Policy, and Vacation Bible School. Jean also reported that discussions are underway about starting back a Stephen Ministry program in 2019.

Mission: Brad Hughes provided a written report that included the following information: (1) gift cards were presented to Hickory Log residents, (2) Melinda Mauney met with the Interim Director on ways FPC can help, (3) Red Cross Blood Drive is 1/9/2019 at FPC, (4) Souper Bowl is 2/3/2019 at FPC, (5) Friendship Table needs more adult help, (6) Summer Mission Trip was discussed.

Properties: Craig Clark reported that all is going well with expenses tracking the 2018 budget.

Finance: Scott Panter provided a Revenue & Expense Report as of November 30, 2018 (the 91.67% point of our calendar year) which showed that revenues are at 98.38% of the revenues budgeted, and expenses are at 91.87% of the expenses budgeted resulting in a \$38,470.22 surplus. Scott reminded the Session that the current surplus was assisted by the \$100,000 Looney bequeath. Randy Thompson reported that it appears that we may end the year about \$15,000 short of the \$560,000 budgeted for 2018 Pledges which is a slippage rate of just under 3% in line with previous years. Randy also reported that the current FPC debt is approximately \$650,000 with \$300,000 owed to the FNB of Dalton and \$350,000 to the FPC Endowment Fund. All or most of the expected 2018 surplus will be applied to the FNB of Dalton loan.

A motion by the Finance Committee to transfer the existing balance in the New Covenant Mutual Fund to the Northwest Georgia Community Foundation was Approved Unanimously.

A discussion of the proposed 2019 FPC Budget then ensued. It was explained that the \$30,000 increase in Non-Pledged gifts to \$115,000 is a conservative number. The Upper Room Band Director's compensation reduction was noted along with the addition under Properties of the Non-Budgeted Expenses line item. Marilyn Devine questioned the 43% Music increase from \$6,300 to \$9,000 then Mike and Scott explained the budgeting process. Kyle Russell called for unity and a renewed effort to work out our differences. Rich Gaffoglio reported that Robert Reed has accepted the salary reduction reflected in the 2019 budget. A motion by the Finance Committee to approve the 2019 Balanced Budget was Approved 12-1 with Perry Rentz voting no.

Personnel: Rich Gaffoglio reminded the Session that all staff including our Reinhardt students and nursery helpers will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Old Business:

Youth Elders and Deacons: Beth Gaines will meet with the Session on 1/15/2019 to further discuss the Youth Elders and Deacons initiative.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn: A motion by Tinsley Cline to adjourn was Approved Unanimously.

Closed in Prayer: Dr Anderson

Next Stated Meeting: January 15, 2019, 7:00 PM, Cornerstone Room