

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

Meeting: Session
Type: Stated Monthly
Moderator: Dr Mike Anderson
Date: November 20, 2018
Place: Cornerstone Room
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~~

Quorum: A quorum was present so the meeting was opened with prayer by Dr Anderson and then called to order.

Docket: Randy Thompson made the motion to approve the Docket which was Approved Unanimously.

Congregational Care Report:

Mike reported that Ed Thomasson recently celebrated his 94th birthday. Mike also passed on the following prayer concerns: (1) Kyle Kelly (Cathy Wall's son), and (2) Valerie Lavender (Debra Tate's daughter).

Clerk's Report:

The Minutes from the 10/30/2018 Called Meeting of the Session on a motion by Scott Panter were Approved Unanimously.

In response to a 11/1/2018 written notification from Bryant Harris, Pastor of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (Acworth) that Gus Cook was received into membership there, Scott Panter made the motion to approve the transfer from Cartersville to Mars Hill which was Approved Unanimously.

Bob and Judy Frink recently requested a transfer of letter from FPC-Cartersville to Central United Methodist Church in Milbank, SD so on a motion by Scott Panter their membership transfers were 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 3 FPC surplus vehicles (van, 15-passenger bus, and 20-passenger bus) that he was given authority to sell by the Session on 10/16/2018 have been sold for \$9,000. Scott has not yet been able to locate the Georgia Title for the 20-passenger bus obtained from the Cartersville School System which is needed so that it can be transferred to the new owner. The Hands of Christ ministry handles 100% of the maintenance expense for all FPC vehicles.

Preschool Report: Rich Gaffoglio reported that enrollment is currently at 103 students with much interest in the January enrollment numbers. The Preschool Board is firm on not overloading classes.

Committee Reports

Hospitality Ministry: Mary Gilreath reported that the Cartersville Exchange Club Christmas Parade is on 12/6/2018 (Thursday) at 6 PM. Mike and Monnie Anderson will host an Open House at their home on 12/7/2018 for church officers, staff, and spouses.

Worship: Perry Rentz and Nancy Kelly reported that FPC Christmas Eve services will be 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.

A 'Service of Light and Hope' (aka Blue Christmas or Longest Night) will be on 12/12/2018 (Wednesday) which is a service of remembrance that honors those who have lost loved ones during the previous year.

A 'Service of Lesson and Carols' will be on 12/16/2018.

Faith Development: Mike reported that Jean Gilliland due to her absence tonight would email a Faith Development report soon to all Session members.

Mission: Brad Hughes reported that Bill Devine is requesting more hands-on assistance from our church at Hickory Log. Marylynn Devine also reported that the Director at Hickory Log resigned this past weekend.

Properties: Craig Clark distributed a handout to all Session members present entitled 'Interior & Exterior Signage Policy' which applies to temporary signs, banners, permanent, and legally mandated signage and includes the steps necessary to obtain signage approval. On a motion by Randy Thompson, this policy was Approved Unanimously.

Craig and Mike confirmed that FPC plans to live stream via Facebook Live both FPC worship services beginning with the first Sunday of Advent on 12/2/2018.

Craig reminded the Session that those that have signed up to open and/or close the church can find written instructions in the Session Room on the left side of the mailbox trays.

Finance: Randy Thompson provided a Revenue & Expense Report as of October 31, 2018 (the 83.33% point of our calendar year) which showed that revenues are at 90.33% of the revenues budgeted, and expenses are at 83.35% of the expenses budgeted resulting in a \$41,855.36 surplus. This surplus was assisted by receipt of the previously announced \$100,000 Looney bequeath credited to a new account (004012-Looney Gift Income). Randy reminded the Session that we have not had to draw on our Line of Credit and we are still on track to complete the year in the black. It is still the plan that any year-end surplus will be used to pay down debt.

Randy provided an update on the 2019 Stewardship Campaign that includes 87 Giving Units of which 54 have completed a 2019 pledge representing \$506,000. There are 23 Giving Units that have not yet turned in a 2019 pledge. These same 23 Giving Units cumulatively pledged \$65,000 to the 2018 budget. Our 2018 Budget included \$560,000 in total pledges from 89 Giving Units.

Personnel: Rich Gaffoglio reported that the Personnel committee met to review the 2019 Budget proposal and the committee concurs with the numbers proposed. Personnel will follow-up on the recommendations in the recent Perry Rentz Report and will begin regular monthly meetings in January which will engage all staff including Reinhardt students and nursery helpers.

Old Business:

Youth Elders and Deacons: Mike Anderson reported that Beth Gaines had agreed to meet with the Session on 1/15/2019 to further discuss the Youth Elders and Deacons initiative.

New Business:

Cherokee Presbytery Meeting Report: Phil Bridges reported that he and Jean Gilliland served as Elder Commissioners to the 11/3/2018 Quarterly meeting of Cherokee Presbytery held at Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marietta. Mike attended as well and participated in the worship service at this meeting.

David Gregory Request: On 10/25/2018, David Gregory requested approval from the Session to hang a banner promoting FPC Youth in the Adairsville Middle School Gym. David will pay the \$175.00 cost of the banner with no cost to FPC. On a motion by Scott Panter, this request was retroactively Approved Unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion by Craig Clark to adjourn was Approved Unanimously.

Closed in Prayer: Dr Anderson

Next Stated Meeting: December 18, 2018, 7:00 PM, Room 120