

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

Meeting: Session
Type: Stated Monthly
Moderator: Dr Mike Anderson
Date: August 21, 2018 (As Amended 9/18/2018)
Place: Upper Room
Time: 7:00 PM (Officer Examinations Began at 7:30 PM)

Elders present

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

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

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

Others present:

Sharon Sullins, Debbie Miller, Amy Bergman, Rebecca Carr, Jean Robinson, ~~Craig Clark,~~
Marilynn Devine, ~~Kyle Russell,~~ Paul Green, Janet Martin, Rhonda Gaffoglio

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

Docket Approval: Randy Thompson moved to approve the Docket which was Approved Unanimously.

Clerk of Session: On a motion by Randy Thompson, the appointment of Phil Bridges as Clerk of Session was Approved Unanimously.

Congregational Care Report:

Cary Nelson is undergoing treatment for cancer. Roy Bethune fell playing croquet. Lolly White's Memorial Service is set for 8/25/2018 at 2:00 PM.

Clerk's Report:

The affirmative result of an email vote on the baptism of Olivia Grace Meckley and Carson Taylor McAlexander on August 12, 2018 after a motion by Scott Panter was Approved Unanimously although the McAlexander baptism was postponed at the father's request.

Scott Panter's motion to approve Rich Gaffoglio, Jean Gilliland, and Phil Bridges as Cherokee Presbytery Commissioners to the November 2, 2018 Stated Meeting (10:00 AM to 2:30 PM) at Ray Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4644 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, GA 30066 was Approved Unanimously.

The resignation of Molly Collins from the Session on a motion by Rich Gaffoglio was Approved Unanimously with regret.

Board Reports (Reports were abbreviated due to the Officer Examination)

Deacon's Report: No Report

Hands of Christ: Scott Panter reported that 107 students began the new school year yesterday.

Preschool Report: Rich Gaffoglio reported that the new school year began about a week ago and although there has been some teacher turnover, things are going well.

Committee Reports

Hospitality Ministry: No Report

Worship: Perry Rentz reported that planning for World Communion Sunday on October 7, 2018 has begun and children's choir time may be bumped up. The next 5th Sunday (Joint Services) will be on September 30, 2018.

Faith Development: Jean Gilliland reported that the Bible in 90 Days initiative is in full swing and seems to be going well.

Mission: Bill Devine reported that Sharon Sullins and Melinda Mauney will be Co-Chairs for the coming year.

Properties: Brad Hughes reported that a Work Day is coming up and Craig Clark and Dennis Collier will be Co-Chairs for the coming year.

Finance: Randy Thompson provided a Revenue & Expense Report as of July 31, 2018 (the 58.33% point of our calendar year) which showed that revenues are at 54.75% of the revenues budgeted, and expenses are at 57.94% of the expenses budgeted resulting in a \$22,537 deficit as we approach the end of the summer. With a current cash position of about \$40,000, FPC is in a much better position this year compared to last year. We have not had to tap our Line of Credit and we are on track to complete the year in the black.

The following actions have been taken by Stewardship & Finance:

- (1) That Asset Account #002059 Endowment Fund (Invested) which is our Edward Jones account currently containing about \$9,300 be closed
- (2) That Asset Account #002001 Endowment Fund (New Covenant Mutual Funds) currently containing about \$141,000 be closed
- (3) That \$90,000 of the \$150,300 in proceeds from these closed accounts be applied to Liability Account #002009 First Bank of Dalton thus reducing the loan balance from \$300,000 to \$210,000
- (4) That the approximate \$60,300 in the remaining proceeds from these closed accounts be applied to Asset Account #001077 Community Foundation of NW Georgia thus increasing that balance to approximately \$82,361

A motion by Trey Gaines to accept the Financial Report was Approved Unanimously.

Personnel: Rich Gaffoglio reported that Personnel has submitted its 2019 budget request to Stewardship & Finance.

Old Business:

Due to time constraints, action on the Youth Elders and Deacons initiative was Tabled.

New Business:

Officer Nominating Committee Report: Phil Bridges reported the results of an August 14, 2018 meeting of the FPC Officer Nominating Committee and moved that the following officer

nominations be approved subject to an affirmative vote by congregation: (a) Mary Gilreath was nominated to replace Molly Collins on the Session to complete Molly's 1-Year Term (Class of 2019), (b) Rhonda Gaffoglio was nominated to replace Mary Gilreath on the Diaconate to complete Mary's 2-Year Term (Class of 2020), and (c) Janet Martin was nominated to replace Jim Allen on the Session to complete Jim's 3-Year Term (Class of 2021). Phil's motion was Approved Unanimously.

In conjunction with the FPC Officer Nominating Committee Report, Phil further moved that we call a Congregational Meeting on September 2, 2018 (Sunday) at the conclusion of the 11:00 AM Service so that our three newly nominated officers could be voted on by the congregation, and this motion was Approved Unanimously.

Approval of Bank Account and Safety Deposit Box Signatures: Scott Panter, Frank Johnson, Mark Bridges, Earl Williamson, and Janet Martin will be the FPC Bank Account check signers and Rich Gaffoglio, Scott Panter, Mark Bridges, Earl Williamson, and Peter Olson will have access to the FPC Safety Deposit Box after a motion by Brad Hughes was Approved Unanimously.

Request to Sell Notecards: Jean Robinson's request to sell notecards of the church and church windows for \$5.00 per pack through the church office or through Jean with the proceeds going to the Deacon's Fund on a motion by Randy Thompson was Approved Unanimously.

Examination of New Officers: The 2018 Church Officer Faith Statements were received as information.

Sharon Sullins, Debbie Miller, Amy Bergman, Rebecca Carr, Jean Robinson, Marilyn Devine, Paul Green, Janet Martin, Rhonda Gaffoglio, and Janet Martin were examined by current members of the Session that were present to determine their fitness for service as new officers of the church and were found fit for service.

Craig Clark and Debbie Miller were examined on August 19, 2018 by Trey Gaines, Jo Clark, Scott Panter, Tinsley Cline, Rich Gaffoglio, and Nancy Kelly and were found fit for service.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion by Rich Gaffoglio to adjourn was Approved Unanimously.

Closed in Prayer: Dr Anderson

Next Stated Meeting: September 18, 2018, 7:00 PM, Cornerstone Room