

Session Minutes

Stated Meeting—April 22, 2007

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 1:17 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bob Reiss, Matt Parham, Becky Parmley, Ray Hill, Michelle Eaves, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Ham Brankstone, Brent Floyd, Jason Parolli, Bill Stepp, and Ralph Kennedy.

In addition, deacons Holly Neel, Mary Reiss, Julia Park, Pete Reeves, Pam Hill, and Robert Brankstone, DCE Joyce Dean, and Treasurer Betty Floyd were present.

Rev. Robert A. Hatcher, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Betty Floyd gave the treasurer's report. Year-to-date, the church is in a negative financial position (\$8,898).

Rev. Hatcher led a discussion on the deacon's redirection effort. After discussion, it was agreed to reduce the Board of Deacons from fifteen (15) to nine (9) and refocus deacon efforts to direct support of individual church committees; not elect a new class of deacons this year; and restructure the existing deacon classes into three new divisions. Upon completion of the deacon's redirection discussion, the deacons were excused from the meeting.

Communications:

It was moved, seconded, & unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the stated meeting of March 25, 2007.

A letter, dated March 30, 2007, was received from BancorpSouth (BCS) re: FPC's Letter of Credit (Beneficiary: City of Hernando) for future road construction in front of the church, which expires on May 25, 2007. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to renew the Letter of Credit for another year. The Clerk of Session was tasked with contacting BCS to facilitate renewal of the Letter of Credit.

Elder Ray Hill and Rev. Hatcher briefed the session on the called meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew held on March 26, 2007, and the draft Report of the Presbytery of St. Andrew's Task Force to the French Camp Presbyterian Church, dated March 13, 2007. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed, based on the March 13th draft and in this particular case, to oppose the Presbytery's recommendation and recommend that French Camp Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church without conditions.

Committee Reports:

Finance / Personnel – Elder Chris Brown

Property – Elder Brent Floyd. Elder Floyd updated the session on the progress of acquiring a new church bus. To date, the van/bus fund had a balance of about \$45,000. The committee recommendation was to purchase a new, 2006,

\$50,000. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the committee's bus purchase recommendation if an additional \$5,000 was raised.

Christian Education – Elder Becky Parmley

Mission – Elder Jason Parolli

Evangelism – Elder Ray Hill

Congregational Care – Elder Michelle Eaves

Worship – Elder Bob Reiss. Elder Reiss suggested dates for a planned "Homecoming" service (October 14, 2007) and "Healing" service (November 18, 2007).

Stewardship – Elder Ham Brankstone

Old Business:

Rev. Hatcher reported that Renewal Event Task Force membership had not been determined; however, efforts to identify task force members and develop an action plan would continue. In addition, Rev. Hatcher reported that he would be attending a pastor's monastery retreat in Conyers, GA, on May 6 - 11, 2007.

New Business: Elder Ralph Kennedy updated the session on the progress of the New Officer Nominating Committee. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved for the New Officer Nominating Committee Report to include the recommendations that a new deacon class not be nominated or elected this year, the Board of Deacons be reduced to nine (9) members, and the current Board of Deacons be divided into three new classes.

By common consent, the session approved either Elder Ray Hill (primary) or Brent Floyd (alternate) as commissioner to the Spring Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew to be held at Ripley Presbyterian Church, Ripley, MS, on May 1, 2007.

At 4:30 p.m., Elder Bob Reiss closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting—May 13, 2007

The called meeting of the session was held at the church at 10:47 a.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Jason Parolli, Chris Brown, Ray Hill, Taylor Buntin, Becky Parmley, and Ralph Kennedy. Rev. Annette Ragsdale (Ret.) was also present. The purpose of the meeting was a baptismal request.

Maurry and Debra Brown presented their son, Nicholas Allen Brown, and requested he receive the rites of baptism. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the baptismal request, for Rev. Annette Ragsdale (Ret.) to perform the baptism, and for Elder Donna Eiland to represent the session at the baptism.

In addition, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to re-schedule the congregational meeting, to elect new officers and to act on the session's recommendation concerning the deacons, for May 27, 2007.