

**Agenda
Stated Session Meeting
April 23, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING DEVOTIONAL

David Moser

AGENDA REVIEW

Larry Hayward

CLERK'S REPORT

Paul Van de Water

Prayer partners basket

Carolyn Fraser

Homebound Communion: On April 13, 2008, Communion was taken to Elise Hardy, Edith Thompson, Eunice and Pat Prosperi, and Millie Altman by Deacons Karin Edgell, Elizabeth Martineau, Nancy Pitcher, Betsy Smith, Barbara Watts, and Fred Woods and the Rev. Karen Blomberg.

Baptisms: None.

Marriages: **Brittany Ann Rhodes** and **Noah Reade Riner** (non-members) on April 19, 2008, in the Westminster Sanctuary, the Rev. Thomas N. Riner, Jr., officiating.

Deaths: **John Van de Water** (non-member, father of Paul Van de Water) on April 9, 2008. Memorial service performed at the Hilltop Cemetery, Mendham, NJ, on April 19, 2008, by the Rev. Diane Curtis, interim pastor of the Hilltop Presbyterian Church, Mendham.

Member-ship Summary	Total Members 2/29/08	Joined 3/16	Reacti-vated	Dismissed or Deleted	Made Inactive	Deaths	Total Members 3/31/08
Members	849	4				1	852
Affiliates	21						21

CONSENT DOCKET

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of March 26, 2008.

Motion to accept all committee minutes and minutes of the Diaconate.

Motion to call a congregational meeting at noon on May 18, 2008, for the purpose of electing officers and acting on the report of the Session, acting as Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Motion to recommend that the congregation call Patrick Hunnicutt as Associate Pastor, with the same terms of call as approved by the congregation on February 10, 2008.

Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Larry Wynne as member of the Nominating Committee and Foundation Board, effective April 3, 2008.

Motion to elect the following commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on ____:

Motion to approve the following baptisms: **Deontre' Antoine Sanders** (born July 23, 1992) and **Elizabeth True Kotsch** (born December 30, 1992) on May 11, 2008.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches:

Lawrence Sumner Julihn (#1769) to Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, VA.

Liz Smith Moore (#___) to First Presbyterian Church, Independence, Kansas.

Motion to change the membership status of **Mary Ellen Ekblad** from affiliate member to active member.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Deacon Report

Envisioning Westminster's Future

Inquirer's Committee

Presbytery Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Task Force

None

Terry Grindstaff

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

Stewardship

Worship and Music

Administration and Finance

Building and Grounds

Christian Education

Communications

Congregational Life

Local Mission

National and International Mission

New Member and Assimilation

Nominating

Eileen Denne

Frank Fraser

David Roden

Lanny Griffith

Ken Niemann

Elizabeth O'Brien

Brian Laubscher

Patty Chamberlain

Priscilla Goodwin

Paul Neureiter

Gail Donley

Carol Skiba

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

Linc Cummings

Motions Received as of April 19, 2008

1. From Administration and Finance: To accept the treasurer's report
2. From Personnel: To appoint a search committee for the part-time Seniors Pastoral Care Assistant
3. From Worship: [see next page]

Motion from the Worship & Music Committee for approval by the Session.

DISCUSSION: The folding chairs currently in use in the Choir Room are not designed to provide the support necessary for good posture for correct breathing for singing. They are general use folding chairs. There are chairs specifically designed for musicians and singers that provide the correct structure and support to minimize muscle strain, to enable increased circulation, freedom of movement and diaphragmatic breathing. Having these issues met for rehearsals as long as two hours at a time is of significant concern. As funds were previously donated specifically for this purpose, purchase of new Choir Room Chairs is recommended. Purchase of Storage Carts to stack chairs on when floors are cleaned and to move chairs to the Sanctuary when needed for instrumentalists and singers for special musical services/concerts is also recommended.

Most of the current Music Stands are many years old, are very difficult or impossible to adjust and also occasionally “fall apart” which are safety issues. Therefore, it is also recommended that some new Music Stands (also with storage/moving cart) be purchased.

Funds were donated at the end of 2006 specifically to purchase Choir Room Chairs and these funds were placed in Foundation Fund G, in Account 960004. During the time since the funds were donated, several sample chairs have been obtained from manufacturers to be tried out. Also, since the purchase of Choir Room Chairs would require additional funds, sources for those funds have been sought. A significant milestone in reaching the financing goal was reached when Patricia Strother agreed that funds remaining in the music memorial account (960026), that were donated in memory of her late husband, LTC James Strother (USAF, Ret.), might be used for the purchase of the Choir Room Chairs. Additional funds needed to complete the purchase of the Choir Room Chairs, and also to purchase some new Music Stands are proposed to come from the Dorothy Neyman music account (960000). Funds in account 960000 were donated by Dorothy Neyman to be used for the Music Ministries program, and have been used for similar purchases in the past such as Choir Loft Chairs in the Sanctuary, for organ repair, and for purchase of the Timpani.

Session approval is being sought as these are expenditures from Foundation Funds.

Estimates for the Choir Chairs is about \$8,000, for the Storage Carts is about \$600 and for the Music Stands/Carts is about \$900. Taxes and shipping/handling will need to be added to this estimated total of \$9,500. The proposed Motion is attached.

MOTION: That the Session approve expenditure of funds available in the Westminster Foundation up to \$9,800 for the purchase of Choir/Musicians Chairs/Carts for the Choir Room and Music Stands/Carts, from accounts, as follows:

Account 960004 – Choir Chairs	\$2,863.61
Account 960026 – Strother Memorial Fund	<u>\$3,266.64</u>
Sub-total Choir Room Chairs	\$6,130.25
Account 960000 – Dorothy Neyman Music Fund	\$3,669.75
Balance, as needed for Chairs/Music Stands/Carts	