

Stated Session Meeting February 27, 2008

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Elder Priscilla Goodwin read an excerpt from a 1948 Westminster newsletter about service, and the moderator offered a prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Brad Buchanan	absent	Paul Neureiter	present
Patty Chamberlain	present	Ken Niemann	present
Linc Cummings	present	Elizabeth O'Brien	present
Eileen Denne	present	Karen Olson	present
Gail Donley	present	Anne Pickett	present
Don Fowler	excused	Christopher Ptomey	present
Frank Fraser	present	David Roden	present
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Carol Skiba	present
Lanny Griffith	excused	Cathy Smyles	present
David Gunter	present	J.W. Wilson	absent
David Hill	present	Larry Hayward, pastor	present
Brian Laubscher	present	Karen Blomberg, as. pastor	present
Robin McFarland	present	Patrick Hunnicutt, as. pastor	present
Meredith Mitchell	present	Casey FitzGerald, as. pastor	excused
David Moser	present	Paul Van de Water, clerk	excused
Stephen Moss	present	Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk	present

Also present were Mike Barnhart, Nancy Bea, Nancy Hall Berens, Terry Grindstaff, and Sheila Weiss.

EXAMINATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

The Session examined three incoming officers: Mike Barnhart, Linc Cummings, and David Moser.

MSC: To sustain the examination of these new officers for 2008 and to approve their installation on March 8, 2008.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carolyn Fraser circulated the prayer partners basket and delivered the clerk's report, as follows:

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on February 3, 2008, the following were ordained and installed as elders: **Patty Chamberlain** (Class of 2008), **Brad Buchanan, David Gunter**, and **Ken Niemann** (Class of 2010).

The following previously ordained elders were installed as members of the Session: **Gail Donley, Lanny Griffith, and Anne Pickett** (Class of 2010).

The following were ordained and installed as deacons: **Christine Matthews** (Class of 2008), **Kim Davis, Marbeth Paulsen, Nancy Pitcher, Janet Riksen, Betsy Smith, and Sheila Weiss** (Class of 2010).

The following previously ordained deacons were installed on the Board of Deacons: **Ron Shoemaker and Sam Ulm** (Class of 2010).

Homebound Communion: On February 10 and 11, 2008, Communion was taken to Gloria Horning, Mary Hupper, Charlotte Kodrich, Ernie McIver, and Edith Thompson by Deacon Martha Girard, Elders Jill and Greg Ewell, and the Rev. Karen Blomberg.

Baptisms: None

Marriages: **Kristina Erika Webster and Andrew Robert MacKenzie** (non-members), on February 2, 2008, in the chapel, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Deaths: None

The annual report on the membership of the Nominating Committee, chosen in accordance with section G-14.0201b of the Book of Order, is as follows:

Elected by the Congregation

Anne Gross, Suzanne Neureiter, Fitz Woodrow, Larry Wynne

Designated by the Session

Carol Skiba (chair), Don Fowler (vice chair)

Designated by the Diaconate:

Chris Matthews

The annual report on the composition of the Session, required by section G-13.0301 of the Book of Order, is as follows:

	<u>Session</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
Men	15	324
Women	11	530
Age 25 and under	2	95
26-45	9	219
46-55	8	144
56-65	4	179
Over age 65	3	217
Nonhispanic white	26	836
Other	0	18
Total	26	854

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows:

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of January 30, 2008, the congregational meeting of February 10, 2008, and the Session new member meeting of February 17, 2008.

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

Motion to elect the following commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on April 1, 2008: Nancy Hall Berens, Anne Pickett, and Christopher Ptomey.

Motion to approve the following baptisms:

Sydney Marie Moss, daughter of Stephen and Lindsay Moss (members), on April 6, 2008.

Chase Allen Biliouris, son of Matthew Biliouris and Alicia Glassburn (members), on May 4, 2008.

Madeleine Emilia Ahrens, daughter of Michael Ahrens and Michelle Magrans (members), on May 4, 2008.

Sara-Marie Noel Small, daughter of Tim Small (non-member) and Amy Falconer Small (member), on August 3, 2008.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **Robert John Nelson** (#2633) and **Katherine Klein Nelson** (#2632) to Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, GA; **William Lee Davis** (#2626) and **Melissa Davis** (#2625) to Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ.

Motion to approve the following Communion service: Easter vigil, March 22, 7:30 P.M.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Deacon Report. Sheila Weiss reported that the Diaconate has met and is examining ways to expand home visits and home communions.

Treasurer's Report. Terry Grindstaff presented the treasurer's report.

2008 Year-to-Date through January

Operating income	\$ 108,396 (including budgeted carryover)
Operating expenses	110,478
Net income	- 2,082

Assets

Operating	\$ 387,462
Foundation	1,035,436
Capital Campaign	- 928,894

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel. Eileen Denne presented three motions from the Personnel Committee.

MC: To approve hiring Jim Buchanan for the part-time position of Facilities Manager.

MC: To accept the Personnel Committee's endorsement of calling Patrick Hunnicutt as associate pastor, and to request permission from the Transitions Team of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to call a congregational meeting to extend a call to Patrick Hunnicutt as associate pastor.

MC: To approve Spencer Dickerson and Leigh Dunlap as members of the Personnel Committee for the Class of 2010.

Worship and Music.

MC: To designate the offering collected during the 3:00 p.m. Palm Sunday service for the Music Offering account to offset the cost of musicians.

Administration and Finance.

MSC: To designate approximately \$436 for repairs to the church bus.

National and International Missions.

MSC: To approve a mission trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi, from April 12 through 19 to help residents restore homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Work will be done under the auspices of the St. John's Episcopal Church Sheetrock Ministry and the Rebuild Jackson County organization, both of Pascagoula.

The Session also heard reports from the New Member and Assimilation, Nominating, Building and Grounds, Christian Education, Communications, Congregational Life, and Local Mission committees.

CLOSING

Cathy Smyles led the Session in the Lord's Prayer as a closing. The moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk