

**Session Meeting
March 28, 2007**

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation. Elder Christopher Ptomey opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. The following members were present:

Louise Anderson	present	Paul Neureiter	excused
Nancy Hall Berens	present	Elizabeth O'Brien	present
Linc Cummings	present	Karen Olson	present
Judy Curtis	excused	Anne Pickett	present
Eileen Denne	present	Gopi Pitcher	excused
Spencer Dickerson	present	Betsy Preston	present
Katie Donley	present	Christopher Ptomey	present
Don Fowler	absent	David Roden	present
Frank Fraser	present	Carol Skiba	present
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Cathy Smyles	excused
Lanny Griffith	present	Larry Hayward, pastor	present
David Hill	present	Karen Blomberg, as. pastor	present
Brian Laubscher	present	Patrick Hunnicutt, as. pastor	present
Robin McFarland	present	Paul Van de Water, clerk	present
Meredith Mitchell	present	Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk	present
Stephen Moss	present		

Also present were Nancy Bea, Terry Grindstaff, Joan Taylor Reid, Henri Rush, and Barbara Watts.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carolyn Fraser distributed the prayer partners basket. Paul Van de Water delivered the clerk's report as follows.

Homebound communion was distributed to Ernest McIver on March 11, 2007, by Deacons Elizabeth Martineau and Ron Shoemaker.

Baptisms: None

Marriages: None

Deaths: None

CONSENT DOCKET

The consent docket was approved with one exception, as noted below.

Motion to approve the minutes of Session meeting of February 28, 2007, and new member meeting of March 18, 2007.

Motion to accept all committee minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2007.

Motion to reactivate the membership of Ella Thomas.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: John B. Allen, Carolyn Milton Allen, and Marilyn McKenney (#2107) to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, VA.

Motion to remove from the membership rolls Laura Hudson Hamre (inactive), who joined Edenton Street United Methodist Church on December 17, 2006.

The following item was removed from the consent docket and approved separately.

MSC: To approve the baptism of Christopher Mateus Dalton, son of Yasmin Dalton and John Dalton (non-members) at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on May 27, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Capital Campaign Coalition. Terry Grindstaff reported that everything is on track for the congregation to return to the church building on April 1. A guide for a walking tour of the renovated facility will be available.

Deacon Report. Barbara Watts reported that deacons are continuing their regular service of home Communion, flower distribution, and transportation.

Encore Campaign. Larry Hayward reported that five families will serve as coordinators for the campaign—the Dennes, Goodwins, Griffiths, Hills, and Todds. The campaign will take place from April 29 through May 20, and First Fruits Sunday will be June 3.

Inquirer's Committee. Nancy Hall Berens reminded the Session that Amey Upton will be preaching at the early service on April 15.

Presbytery Meeting. Christopher Ptomey summarized the March 27 meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Lanny Griffith presented the treasurer's report and noted that income has been below the amount budgeted.

2007 Year-to-Date through February

Income	\$190,302
Expenses	<u>228,654</u>
Net Income	-38,351

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

Terry Grindstaff presented the statement of financial position of the capital campaign. Through the end of February, the campaign had borrowed \$250,000 from Cardinal Bank. Final figures will be available in June.

MSC: To accept the financial statement of the capital campaign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education. Eileen Denne informed the Session that Youth Sunday will take place on April 22. The youth are looking forward to furnishing and decorating the new youth rooms. An adult education planning meeting was held on March 27.

Communications. Brian Laubscher presented the report and recommendations of the *ad hoc* committee on technical dissemination of sermons and special events.

MC: To approve in principle the audio/visual recording and dissemination of sermons and special events, to authorize the Communications Committee to develop and implement a plan for accomplishing this work, and to authorize reimbursement of the monies expended to date on equipment and systems.

Congregational Life. Nancy Hall Berens reported that Cathy Smyles will coordinate coffee after the 8:30 worship service and that Chris Matthews and Lauren Smith-Papke will coordinate coffee after the 11:00 service. She also noted that Clara Beth Van de Water had led an excellent women's retreat.

Local Mission. Christopher Ptomey reported on the status of two building projects in which Westminster is participating. On behalf of the committee, he also called for a discussion of fundraising guidelines. At present, the Administration and Finance Committee considers requests to hold fundraisers on a case-by-case basis, with final approval by the Session. The A&F Committee will review this policy.

National and International Mission. Linc Cummings delivered the report of the committee. The church is sponsoring four mission trips this year—to Mississippi; Spirit Lake, SD; West Virginia; and Reynoso, Mexico. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Easter Sunday. The committee will hold its next meeting on April 17 and is seeking new members.

New Member and Assimilation. According to Betsy Preston, the committee is seeking additional members to go along with its additional functions.

Nominating. Carol Skiba noted that the committee will nominate members for the new search committee, if it is approved later in the meeting.

Personnel. Spencer Dickerson delivered the report. A special event to recognize Judy Hansen will take place on April 29, and a special event to recognize Joan Taylor Reid will take place of June 10. The committee is working on updated job descriptions and on a new facilities manager position. Spencer presented two motions.

MC: To approve the appointment of Brian Folkerts to the Personnel Committee (class of 2009).

The other elected members of the committee are Greg Ewell (2007), Karen Olson (2007), John Smithers (2008), Ruth Kane (2008), and Rosa Fullerton (2009).

MC: To request permission of the National Capital Presbytery Committee on Ministry to establish a position of Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church and request permission for Westminster to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) for the purpose of identifying a non-ordained Director of Children's Ministries to be hired by the Session or an Associate Pastor to be called by the congregation. The position will be filled by either an ordained or non-ordained candidate to ensure broadest possible search. The session calls a meeting of the congregation on April 15, 2007, for the purpose of electing an APNC under the fast track process as determined by the Presbytery. The Nominating Committee will make recommendations to the congregation for members of the APNC.

Stewardship. No report.

Worship and Music. David Roden reported that the committee will hold a work day on March 31 to prepare the sanctuary for worship. He also presented the following motion.

MC: To accept the donation of monies specified for the purchase of new choir robes and to authorize a robe committee of choir members, in coordination with the Director of Music Ministries, the choir, the individuals donating the monies, and the pastor, to proceed with the selection and purchase of robes.

Administration and Finance. Lanny Griffith offered the following motion.

MC: To elect Terry Grindstaff as church treasurer for 2007, effective May 1, 2007.

Building and Grounds. Stephen Moss indicated that help is needed for the move-in. The committee is also considering options for a cleaning contract and for landscaping.

CLOSING PRAYER

Elder David Roden closed the meeting with prayer. The moderator adjourned the meeting at about 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session