

Stated Session Meeting April 23, 2008

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt offered a prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Brad Buchanan	excused	Paul Neureiter	excused
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	present		
Frank Fraser	present	David Roden	present
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Carol Skiba	present
Lanny Griffith	present	Cathy Smyles	excused
David Gunter	excused	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	excused	Casey FitzGerald, as. pastor	on leave
David Moser	present	Paul Van de Water, clerk	present
Stephen Moss	present	Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk	present

Also present were parents of the confirmation class. After dinner, the Session examined the following members of the confirmation class: **Rebecca Dickerson, Charlotte Halbert, Elizabeth Kotsch, Stephen Alexander Moser, Claire Niemann, Deontre' Sanders, Rebecca Stone, Connor Sullivan, John Robert Todd, Claire Yamada Watson, and Emily Zimmerman.**

MSC: To receive these confirmands by profession of faith into full membership of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 p.m. and resumed at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Also present were Terry Grindstaff, Elizabeth Martineau, Henri Rush, and Art Sauer. David Moser offered a devotional.

CLERK'S REPORT

Paul Van de Water presented the clerk's report, as follows.

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

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.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows.

- 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 May 27, 2008: Henri Rush.
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.
Elizabeth Smith Moore (#2630) to First Presbyterian Church, Independence, Kansas.
Motion to change the membership status of **Mary Ellen Ekblad** from affiliate member to active member.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Melynda Wilcox presented a report from the task force on Envisioning Westminster's Future, including a proposed scope and outline for a final report, a proposed timeline, and a summary of the officer intreat. Members of the Session asked questions and expressed their general approval.
Elizabeth Martineau presented a report from the diaconate, and Anne Pickett reported on the Presbytery meeting of April 1.
Terry Grindstaff presented the treasurer's report.

2008 Year-to-Date through March

Operating income	\$ 362,886 (including budgeted carryover)
Operating expenses	378,910
Net income	- 16,024

<u>Assets</u>	
Operating	\$ 404,824
Foundation	1,013,545
Capital Campaign	- 879,405

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Eileen Denne presented a report from the Personnel Committee on staff restructuring. The Session also received reports from other committee chairs or vice chairs and approved the following motions.

MC: To appoint a search committee for the part-time Seniors Pastoral Care Assistant composed of Karen Olson (chair), Rosa Fullerton (vice chair), Ruth Carlson, John Giles, and Catherine Linton. Staff members serving *ex officio* are Larry Hayward, Karen Blomberg, and Jill Ewell. Sandy Calhoun will serve as consultant. [From Personnel]

MC: To approve the 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 [From Worship]	

CLOSING

After general announcements, Linc Cummings offered a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session