

## Stated Session Meeting May 23, 2007

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Elder Nancy Hall Berens opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Louise Anderson	present	Paul Neureiter	present
Nancy Hall Berens	present	Elizabeth O'Brien	present
Linc Cummings	absent	Karen Olson	excused
Judy Curtis	present	Anne Pickett	present
Eileen Denne	present	Gopi Pitcher	excused
Spencer Dickerson	present	Betsy Preston	present
Katie Donley	excused	Christopher Ptomey	present
Don Fowler	present	David Roden	present
Frank Fraser	present	Carol Skiba	present
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Cathy Smyles	present
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	excused		

Also present were Nancy Bea, Terry Grindstaff, Joan Taylor Reid, Art Sauer, and Melynda Wilcox.

### CLERK'S REPORT

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

Homebound communion: On April 29, communion was taken to Ernie McIver by deacon Martha Girard, and to Nancy Lasley and Karen Hoben by Karen Blomberg and deacon Catherine Linton.

Baptisms: **Julia Dickinson Kelly**, born December 12, 2006, daughter of Debra Dickinson Kelly (member) and John F. Kelly, Jr., (non-member) at the 8:30 a.m. service on May 13, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Amey Upton assisting.

**Benjamin Edward Harrington**, born February 11, 2007, son of Melissa Lynn Harrington (member) and Michael Kevin Harrington (non-member), at the 8:30 a.m. service on May 20, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating, Elder Paul Van de Water assisting.

Marriages: **Sara Hunnicutt** (non-member) and **Christian Sorensen** (non-member) in Reeders, PA, on April 27, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

## CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket as follows.

Motion to approve the minutes of Session meeting of April 25, 2007, and new member meeting of May 20, 2007.

Motion to accept all committee minutes.

Motion to approve the solicitation of funds for a farewell gift for Joan Taylor Reid.

Motion to approve the Flying Solo retreat to be held at Berkeley Springs, WV, on September 21-23, led by Casey FitzGerald, with a charge of \$180 per person.

Motion to elect the following nominees to the board of the Westminster Preschool for two-year terms: **Beth Cutler** (member), **Jim Girard** (member), **Lyn Loveng** (member), and **Michelle Loesch** (non-member).

Motion to approve the baptism of **Julia Dickinson Kelly**, born December 12, 2006, daughter of Debra Dickinson Kelly (member) and John Kelley, Jr., (non-member) at the 8:30 a.m. service on May 13, 2007.

Motion to approve the baptism of **Allison Elizabeth Ulm**, born April 8, 2007, daughter of Lisa French and Aaron Ulm (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on June 24, 2007.

Motion to approve serving Communion at the final DISCIPLE class on May 24, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **John (Jay) Cottle** to First Church, Lewisville, TX.

## SPECIAL REPORTS

*Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.* Elizabeth O'Brien and Melynda Wilcox presented the proposed church information forms.

**MC:** To approve the church information forms for the associate pastor/church educator search.

*Capital Campaign Coalition.* Terry Grindstaff reported that the coalition is likely to set aside a small contingency allowance to provide for additional building-related needs that will be identified as moving-in continues.

*Deacon Report.* Karen Blomberg reported that the Diaconate is continuing to discuss arrangements for providing pastoral care.

*Encore Campaign.* Nancy Bea reported that, based on pledges received on May 20, the Encore Campaign is likely to meet its goal. Larry Hayward stated that the success of the campaign will provide a strong basis for the planning process that will begin in the fall.

*Inquirer's Committee.* Nancy Hall Berens reported that Amey Upton is in the process of being reinstated as an inquirer, that she will be studying Greek this summer, and that she will begin a 2-year internship at Georgetown Church in the fall.

*Presbytery Meeting.* Nancy Hall Berens summarized the May Presbytery meeting.

*Treasurer's Report.* Terry Grindstaff presented financial reports for the operating fund, the Westminster Foundation, and the Capital Campaign.

2007 Year-to-Date through April

Operating income	\$450,359
Operating expenses	483,847
Net Income	-12,062

Assets

Operating	\$370,692
Foundation	997,270
Capital Campaign	-1,144,806

MC: To accept the treasurer's reports.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*Administration and Finance.* Lanny Griffith and David Hill reported that the church has property and liability coverage to protect its facilities, vehicles, programs, and officers, including members of the Session, staff, board of trustees, and deacons, as required by section G-10.0102 of the Book of Order. The committee will conduct a further evaluation of insurance needs now that the building renovation is nearly complete.

MC: To accept the committee's review and finding that the current property and liability coverage is adequate and in force.

Lanny notified the Session that the committee has completed the financial review of the Westminster Preschool for 2005-2006. The financial records were found to be in good order, although a few recommendations were noted.

MC: To accept the Westminster Preschool's financial review for 2005-2006.

*Christian Education.* Eileen Denne reported that planning for adult education for 2007-2008 is nearly complete. Joan Taylor Reid will be recognized on June 10. Painting of the Creation Station rooms continues. Patrick Hunnicutt reported on the youth trips to conferences at Montreat and Massanetta in June. Karen Blomberg announced that there will be an informational session about DISCIPLE and the Authenticity series on June 17. Joan Taylor Reid announced that M&M week will take place from June 18-22.

*Congregational Life.* Nancy Hall Berens reminded elders of the Kosher picnic on June 3. Art Sauer explained the volunteer job fair that will take place on September 16.

*Local Mission.* Christopher Ptomey said that the committee will be recruiting volunteers, including liaisons with SOME and ALIVE and a replacement for Judy Hansen.

*National and International Mission.* Paul Neureiter described developments at the United Orphanage and Academy in Kenya, including receipt of \$7,000 from the Presbytery's Second Alexandria fund. There will be four mission trips this year. Additional participants are need for the trip to North Dakota in late July and early August. This year's Bread for the World letter-writing campaign will focus on redirecting farm subsidies to nutrition assistance as part of the new farm bill.

**MC:** To approve participating in the Bread for the World letter-writing campaign on July 1.

*New Member and Assimilation.* Betsy Preston distributed information about the new members received on May 20. Session new member meetings will continue to take place on the third Sunday of each month.

Art Sauer reported on the annual review of the membership rolls, including contacts made with those who have not participated actively in the activities of the church, as required by section G-5.0502.

**MSC:** To make inactive the following members: Alan Anderson (#983), Barbara Anderson (#984), Christopher Anderson (#1918), James Currie (#1055), Janis Currie (#1056), Edwin Engman (#1698), Leila Engman (#1699), Joe Franklin (#2363), Patty Franklin (#2364), Paul Franklin (#2484), and Emily Richburg (#1676).

**MSC:** To delete from the rolls the following affiliate member: Elizabeth Harvey.

**MSC:** To renew the membership of the following affiliate members: Mildred Breedlove, Edward Clancy, Constance Clancy, Kathryn Crawley, Vincent Crisler, Marcy Crisler, Mary Ellen Ekblad, Charles Goodrum, Sally Griffith, James Hardy, Elise Hardy, Frances (Gayle) Longest, Albert (Mike) Marschall, Barbara McMillan, Eloise Ray, Andrew Remson, Reid Stuntz, Frederick Upton, Elizabeth Weihe, and Thomas Young.

*Nominating.* Carol Skiba reported that the committee will nominate J.W. Wilson as youth elder.

The members of the Nominating Committee, chosen in accordance with section G-14.0201b of the Book of Order, are as follows:

Elected by the Congregation

Douglas Anderson, Steve Denne, Anne Gross, Howard Kitzmiller

Designated by the Session

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

Designated by the Diaconate

Jim Silverwood

*Personnel.* Spencer Dickerson reported that the Personnel Committee has conducted the annual review of the adequacy of compensation of lay staff, as required by section G10.0102n of the Book of Order.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Elder Louise Anderson closed the meeting with prayer.

The moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water  
Clerk of Session