

Stated Session Meeting June 27, 2007

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

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

Also present were Nancy Bea, Jim Buchanan, Laura Kopp, Henri Rush, and Art Sauer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carolyn Fraser distributed the prayer partners basket. Anne Pickett circulated a sign-up list for serving Communion. Paul Van de Water delivered the clerk's report, as follows.

Homebound communion: On Sunday, June 10, Deacons Barbara Wyman and Molly North took communion to Nancy and Ward Lasley; Deacons Fred Woods and Catherine Linton took communion to Walter Wendt.

Baptisms: **Christopher Mateus Dalton**, born February 8, 2007, son of **John Dalton** and **Yasmin Dalton** (non-members), at the 10:00 a.m. service on May 27, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating, Elder Eileen Denne assisting.

Allison Elizabeth Ulm, born April 8, 2007, daughter of **Lisa Kristin French Ulm** and **Aaron Nicholas Ulm** (inactive members), at the 10:00 a.m. service on June 24, 2007, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Memorial Services: **Samuel Lynwood Smith, Jr.** (non-member), at 11:00 a.m. on May 31, 2007, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt officiating.

Marriages: **Heather Carrie Edwards** (#2713) to **Gary P. Edwards** (#2712), on May 27, 2007, at the American Horticultural Society, Alexandria, VA, the Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt, officiating.

Mary Jane “Janie” Roden (# 2235) to **Nathaniel Alexander Bryant**, on June 2, 2007, in the sanctuary, the Rev. John Michael Bryant officiating.

Mary Beth Walker (#2678) to **Richard Lee Burkholder, Jr.**, on June 9, 2007, in the sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Deaths: **Guy Wendell Carmack, Sr. (#2641)** on June 5, 2007. (Ordained as an elder on June 5, 1955, and as a deacon on June 11, 1939, at the Church of the Pilgrims.)

Frances Dull Faught (member since Dec. 7, 1943) on June 12, 2007. A memorial service was held in the chapel on June 16, 2007, the Rev. Karen Blomberg officiating.

Thelma Ashe Hart (#436) on June 20, 2007. A memorial service was held on June 22, 2007, at Westminster at Lake Ridge.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket as follows:

Motion to approve the minutes of Session meeting of May 23, 2007, new member meeting of June 17, 2007, and congregational meeting of June 17, 2007.

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

Motion to confirm the appointment of Nancy Hall Berens as Interim Director of Children’s Ministries, effective June 11. (The Session previously approved this action by e-mail.)

Motion to approve the following baptisms:

Kenton Brim Buchanan, born July 28, 2006, son of Tiffany and Bradley Buchanan (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 1, 2007, Elder Herman Ferguson (Kenton's great-grandfather) assisting.

Emerson Marie Seward, born February 13, 2007, daughter of Gregory and Katherine Seward (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 22, 2007.

Susan Vera Jackson, born March 14, 2007, daughter of Caroline Boutwell Jackson (member) and Stephen Lewis Jackson (non-member) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007.

Caitlin Elizabeth Riley, born April 17, 2007, daughter of Allison Burling Riley and Philip Andrew Riley (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007.

Abigail Margaret Riley, born May 11, 2005, daughter of Allison Burling Riley and Philip Andrew Riley (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 5, 2007.

Isabel Josendale, born January 5, 2007, daughter of Erin Marie and Peter Barclay Josendale (members) at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 19, 2007.

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches: **Brooke Helmstetter (#2479)** to Peachtree Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The clerk read a letter of resignation from Katie Donley.

MSC: To accept with regret the resignation of **Katie Donley** as a member of the Session, effective June 30, 2007.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentations. Spencer Dickerson and Jim Buchanan presented the moderator with a certificate from the Colonial District of the Boy Scouts of North America recognizing Westminster Presbyterian Church for over 50 years of support for Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack No. 129.

Later in the meeting, the moderator presented Nancy Bea with a color print of the sanctuary to thank her for her role in managing the church renovation process.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Elizabeth O'Brien reported that the church information forms are now on-line.

Capital Campaign Coalition. Nancy Bea said that punch list items are still being completed and that the sound system is still being fine tuned.

Deacon Report. Laura Kopp distributed copies of a draft brochure explaining the role and activities of the deacons.

Encore Campaign. Nancy Bea reported that 222 pledges have been received totaling almost \$2.3 million.

Inquirer's Committee. The moderator announced that Nancy Hall Berens will take a leave of absence from the Session while serving as Interim Director of Children's Ministries. She will continue to serve as chair of the Inquirer's Committee for Amey Upton.

Nancy reported that Amey is in communication with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, which will soon appoint a liaison.

Presbytery Meeting. Nancy also reported on the Presbytery meeting of June 26. At the meeting, Larry Hayward on behalf of the Committee on Ministry presented the new clearance process for persons seeking a new call within National Capital Presbytery.

Long-Range Planning. Larry Hayward presented the document "Where Do We Go from Here?" He expressed his desire to begin a long-range planning process in which the Session would be closely engaged. David Roden, Linc Cummings, Paul Neureiter, Carol Skiba, and Frank Fraser volunteered to participate in a meeting to develop a planning process for consideration by the Session.

Treasurer's Report. Nancy Bea and David Hill presented the treasurer's report.

2007 Year-to-Date through May

Operating income	\$560,664
Operating expenses	609,078
Net Income	-48,414

Assets

Operating	\$342,312
Foundation	998,149
Capital Campaign	-1,427,619

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education. Eileen Denne and, later, Spencer Dickerson expressed their appreciation to Nancy Hall Berens for agreeing to serve as Interim Director of Children's Ministries.

Communications. Brian Laubscher presented a report on church branding. After discussion, the Session gave conceptual approval to using "Worship Well" as a tag line. The Communications Committee will continue to bring information and proposals for the development and uses of this tag line to the Session for review.

National and International Mission. Paul Neureiter described the establishment of a fund to maintain the newly purchased van for the United Orphanage and Academy in Kenya. Initial funding will come from First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Georgia. Old Presbyterian Meeting House will establish a scholarship fund to pay for the education of students at the orphanage beyond the fourth grade. The mission trip to the reservation in North Dakota has been cancelled because of a lack of participants.

Nominating. Carol Skiba reported that the committee is developing a slate of nominees for the fall.

Stewardship. Frank Fraser reported that the committee is developing an arrangement for on-line pledging. A blessings brunch will be held on pledge Sunday, November 4.

Administration and Finance. David Hill reported that members of the committee met with the church's insurance agent to discuss the extent of the church's insurance coverage and possible additional coverage for certain risks.

MC: To approve the recommendation of the Gifts and Bequests Committee to establish a restricted account in the Westminster Foundation's Fund G. The account would provide maintenance for the recently acquired van for United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya, and initial funding would come from First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Georgia, in the amount of \$15,000. Interest and principal could be spent from the account upon agreement of the chair of the National/International Missions Committee and the chair of the Westminster Foundation Board as long as the money was used for the purposes set out above. Spending for any other purpose would require further Session approval.

MSC: To approve payment of \$1,081.13 from the restricted account for Transportation and Maintenance (of vehicles) for the purchase of four new tires, alignment, and servicing of the Dodge van.

OTHER ITEMS

The next Session new member meeting will be held on July 22 (not July 15).

The Session decided not to meet on July 25.

Karen Olson closed the meeting with prayer.

The moderator adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session