

Stated Session Meeting November 28, 2007

Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Elder David Hill opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. The following members, constituting a quorum, 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	Betsy Preston	excused
Spencer Dickerson	present	Christopher Ptomey	excused
Don Fowler	present	David Roden	present
Frank Fraser	present	Carol Skiba	present
Priscilla Goodwin	present	Cathy Smyles	present
Lanny Griffith	excused	J.W. Wilson	excused
David Hill	present	Larry Hayward, pastor	present
Brian Laubscher	present	Karen Blomberg, as. pastor	present
Robin McFarland	excused	Patrick Hunnicutt, as. pastor	present
Meredith Mitchell	absent	Casey FitzGerald, as. pastor	present
Stephen Moss	present	Paul Van de Water, clerk	excused
		Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk	present

Also present were Terry Grindstaff, Henri Rush, and Art Sauer.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carolyn Fraser distributed the prayer partners basket and delivered the clerk's report, as follows.

Homebound Communion: On November 25 and 26, 2007, Communion was taken to the following: Nancy and John Shillingburg, by Deacon Catherine Linton and Elder Jill Ewell; Jim and Elise Hardy, by Deacons Elizabeth Martineau and Marti Klein; Erma Wallace, by Elder Jill Ewell.

Baptisms: **Jeffrey Joseph Golimowski**, adult, at the 8:30 a.m. service on November 18, 2007, the Rev. Casey FitzGerald officiating, Elder Priscilla Goodwin assisting.

Marriages: None

Deaths: **Joseph R. Grimes** (#1039) died on November 22, 2007. A service was held on November 26 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of October 24, 2007, the congregational meeting of October 28, and the Session new member meeting of November 18.

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

Motion to accept the resignation of Judith W. Curtis as member of the Session, effective November 28, 2007, with thanks for her faithful service.

Motion to approve the following baptisms: None

Motion to dismiss the following members to other churches:

Sheila Jo Hartzell (#869), to Grace Lutheran Church, Hendersonville, NC

Gayle Parker (#1160) and **Carol Fisher Parker** (#1161), to Unity Presbyterian Church, Fort Hill, SC

Kyle Bosworth Ellison (#2394) and **Dawn Allison Ellison** (#2395), to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA

Henderson (Thad) Huguley (#2422) and **Kimberly Huguley** (#2421), to Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

Motion (from the Personnel Committee) that (1) the 2007 housing allowance for Larry Hayward be increased from \$54,000 to \$60,000 and that his cash salary be reduced by \$6,000, and (2) the prorated 2007 compensation package of \$58,654 for Casey FitzGerald be put in her housing allowance with zero in cash salary.

Art Sauer has completed 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 of the Book of Order.

Motion to place in inactive status the following members, due to non-participation for at least two years: **Mark Anderson** (#1848); **Karin Anderson** (#1849); **Thelma Jane Askey** (#2209); **Nancy A. Garrett** (#1740); **Susan Kay Gibboney** (#2179); **Karin Moore** (#2465); and **Nancy Thompson** (#1343)

Motion to place in inactive status the following member, at her request: **Katherine Hays** (#1841)

Motion to delete the following members from the rolls, at their request:

Barbara A. Brancoli (#1681); and **Zach Yoxheimer** (#2237)

Motion to reactivate the following member, who was erroneously made inactive in December 2002, at her request: **Barbara Neisser**

SPECIAL REPORTS

Deacon Report. Karin Edgell delivered the report from the Diaconate. The deacons will be assigned to teams that will rotate responsibilities each month. The homebound Communion have been very meaningful.

Envisioning Westminster's Future

MC: To nominate the following members to serve on the task force on Envisioning Westminster's Future: Steve Denne, Frank Fraser, Wes Hickman, Stephen Moss, Betsy Smith, Cathy Smyles, and Melynda Wilcox; and to authorize the Moderator, Clerk, and Chair of the Nominating Committee to recruit additional members, as necessary, with the names to be read into Session minutes in January.

Inquirer's Committee. Nancy Hall Berens informed the Session that Amey Upton has been reinstated as an inquirer by the Presbytery.

Presbytery Meeting. Nancy Hall Berens reported that the Presbytery has received Casey FitzGerald as a minister member and has examined Maggie Hayward for ordination.

Treasurer's Report. Terry Grindstaff delivered the treasurer's report, noting that the church is beginning to pay down the loan from Cardinal Bank.

2007 Year-to-Date through October

Operating income	\$1,059,016
Operating expenses	1,073,210
Net income	- 14,194

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congregational Life. Nancy Hall Berens circulated a sign-up sheet for groups to assist with coffee hour.

Local Mission. Louise Anderson asked for support for the alternative Christmas bazaar on December 2 and 9.

National and International Mission. Linc Cummings noted that the United Orphanage and Academy is growing, and therefore needs more financial support.

New Member and Assimilation. Cathy Smyles reported that the brunch for new members on November 18 was very successful.

Nominating. Carol Skiba reported that the committee will be working on a nominee to fill the position of elder held by Judy Curtis, who has resigned due to a move to North Carolina.

Stewardship. Priscilla Goodwin announced the total of pledges received to date. Phone calls will begin soon to solicit more pledges.

Worship and Music. David Roden announced that the New Member and Assimilation Committee and the Worship and Music Committee have decided on the following arrangement for greeting after worship. The Elder after the 8:30 service should be positioned at the door between the Chapel and the parlor. After the 11:00 service, one Elder should be positioned at the library door and another at the main (rear) door of the sanctuary to assist the pastors at those locations to identify and guide visitors. Assignments will be listed in the bulletin and on-line.

MC: To approve the following communion schedule for 2008.

January 6 (Epiphany)
February 9 (Officer intreat)
February 10 (1st Sunday of Lent)
March 9
March 20 (Maundy Thursday)
April 13
May 11 (Pentecost)
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 5 (World Communion Sunday)
November 2
November 30 (1st Sunday of Advent)
December 24 (Christmas Eve)

MC: To approve the purchase of a grand piano for the Westminster Sanctuary.

Administration and Finance. David Hill provided an update on the 2008 operating budget.

Christian Education. Eileen Denne asked people to sign up for the children's Christmas pageant and dinner. She reported that the youth variety show and silent auction raised \$11,500 and the annual dessert auction will be held in February.

Personnel. Spencer Dickerson passed around a basket for contributions to the staff lunch. An evaluation process has begun for the pastors.

MC: To approve the appointment of Nancy Hall Berens to the position of Interim Director of Congregational Life and Singles Ministries (part-time), effective February 4, 2008.

After general announcements, Anne Pickett closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session