

The Session
Called Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

Brevard, NC
Church Lounge
January 22, 2008

The Reverend Keith Thompson presided as Moderator. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the church lounge.

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Session Members Present: Jim Ansley, Dan Bennett, Judith Caldwell, Sara Champion, Don Gentle, Sue Rossman, Tom Taylor, Carolyn Turner, Joyce Carney, Larry Goodwin, Sue Yowell, Phillip Jerome, and Rod Nunnelee

Session members excused: John Rowe and Ginny Bradford

Others present: the Rev. Keith Thompson

The Clerk indicated that a quorum was present.

The purpose of the called meeting was to discuss an appropriate response to the power point presentation and to address any issues that were not presented at the stated meeting of the session on January 15, 2008.

The moderator opened the meeting with a statement that said that we have opportunities and can see places where we can work together. He stated that there were some new ideas presented and that it would be a good idea if we did not dig up stuff from the past. He asked the session to let the spirit be our guide as we go forward.

The moderator then asked from the session direction in the matter of how we proceed with our response to the power point presentation at the January 15, 2008 stated meeting.

Discussion ensued from many different perspectives as to an appropriate response and to whom we should initially address that response. It was agreed that not all items needed a response. It was also acknowledged that the group in their presentation did not follow the guidelines that they had asked the session to follow.

Tom Taylor made known that many of the items as presented in the power point presentation showed incorrect assumptions in regards to Book of Church Order and other areas.

Sara Champion made a motion to include in the session briefs an update on the called session meeting of (Jan. 22, 2008) stating that we met to discuss an appropriate response to the stated meeting of the session on Jan 15, 2008. Motion seconded and approved.

Larry Goodwin and Judith Caldwell were asked to write an appropriate response after much discussion. (see attached session brief.)

There was then discussion as to how we communicate with the group. Tom Taylor made a two part motion that 1.) We communicate and respond in writing with a brief letter and 2.) That they also be invited formally to a congregational meeting next month. Motion seconded and approved.

A motion by the moderator was made to appoint a Commission of The Session to work on crafting a letter of response to the group that addressed the session on 1/15/08. Members of that commission are as follows: Tom Taylor, Larry Goodwin, John Rowe and Phillip Jerome. Motion seconded and approved.

Don Gentle commented that it was his perception as well as Sara and Joyce that the group would no longer be meeting.

Other Business

A motion, made by letter from John Rowe of the Special Funds Management Committee, to approve Bob Maxwell as a member and to serve as a trustee of the Endowment Funds Committee. Motion was seconded and approved.

Task Group Members

The following session members were appointed to the following task groups of the session:

1. Communication: Don Gentle, Carolyn Turner, Ginny Bradford, and Judy Caldwell
2. Spirituality: Tom Taylor, Jim Ansley and Sue Yowell
3. Committee on Ministry: Joyce Carney, John Rowe, Keith Thompson and Sue Rossman
4. Dealing with Conflict: Sara Champion, Phillip Jerome, Larry Goodwin, and Rod Nunnelee.

There being no further business or discussion , a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved at 7:30 p.m. Keith Thomson closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes Approved _____
(Date)

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Bennett,
Clerk of Session

ATTACHMENT
Session Brief

In a called meeting on Jan 22, 2008, the session met to review and consider issues that were presented by a group of concerned church members on Jan 15, 2008. Although some of the issues presented require further review, a number of the concerns matched session initiatives that were identified in November. Four task forces were established at that time; Communication, Spiritual Leadership, Committee on Ministry and Dealing with Conflict. Opportunities were also seen to clarify other concerns that seemed to be based on misrepresentation or lack of full information. The session welcomes all members of the congregation to participate in the ongoing work of the church to better represent the body of Christ.