

SESSION Summary

First Presbyterian Church, Belmont NC

March 21, 2010

The Session met for its monthly stated meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2010 in the Ford House. In an effort to keep our congregation informed, the following is a brief summary of that meeting.

1. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: 636
2. FINANCES: The Session heard a report from Bill Carstarphen (Treasurer) concerning the financial condition of the *Operating Budget* (an operating surplus of \$12,579.36 through February 2010), *Weekday School* (an operating surplus of \$6,497.56 through February 2010), and *Capital Campaign* (receipts from April 2007 through February 2010 are \$2,753,120.82 less expenses of \$2,117,438.77 for a net surplus of \$635,682.05).
3. BOARD OF DEACONS: Current Chair Deems Southard reported the Diaconate's concern about a fire escape plan for upcoming heavily attended services (Palm Sunday, Easter). The bulletin will contain a fire escape plan for the remainder of Lent through Easter similar to the plan printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
4. OVERSIGHT and BUILDING RENOVATION/EXPANSION: No formal report was given, but the Session learned construction will begin on the new parking lot Monday, April 5 and that plans are being finalized for the Weekday School playground.
5. COORDINATING & PLANNING: Changes to the membership composition of various Session committees were approved as revisions to the church's Manual of Operations.
6. EDUCATION: New Sunday School curriculum material was approved for the Life Applications Class.
7. PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION: Approval was given for the Position Description for the Weekday School Director as well as guidelines covering the range of acceptable compensation. In addition, various documents prepared by the Safety Subcommittee were approved for implementing the church's new "*Child and Youth Protection Policy*."

The Session will meet again Sunday morning, March 28, 2010 at 10:15 p.m. in the Parlor to receive new members and in the Chapel at 5:00 p.m. for an update from the Oversight Committee on the current Capital Campaign Building Project.

Several other issues were discussed, but no other actions were taken. The spirit of the Session this year is open and honest with elders speaking freely, but doing so in a manner that "*builds up the Body of Christ*."