

**MINUTES OF SESSION  
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FAYETTEVILLE, AR  
February 14, 2010**

A Stated Session meeting of First United Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, AR was held in the Library on February 14, 2010.

**Elders Present:** Ted Belden, Scott Davis, Allen Hanna, Sally Kelley, Roger Koeppel, Mary Mann, Frank Millet, Irel Monroe, George "Bo" Morton", Melinda Nickle, Derrik Olsen, Manuel Rossetti, Jane Steinkraus, Dean Thiesse and Carol Van Scyoc

**Elders Excused:** Barbara George, Katie Jackson, Bill Mitchell, Cyril Sturm and Nancy Waite

**Elders Absent:** Kyle Elmore and Eric Ervin

**Teaching Elders Present:** Rev. Lee Power, Moderator

**Others Present:** Laurie Reh, Clerk of Session; Kristi Button, Director of Christian Education; Betty Ezell, Pastor Nominating Committee; Cathy Irwin, Board of Deacons

Rev. Lee Power, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and declared a quorum present. Joys and concerns were shared. Rev. Power led a prayer for those named.

**Devotional**

Elder Monroe led the devotional with a reflection on memorial services and funerals. He also read from Paul's writings. The devotional was followed with prayer.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

Rev. Power asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. The Board of Deacon's report was moved to follow the agenda setting, a break was requested later in the meeting in order to recognize Rev. Power's service to our church, and a review of the 2009 Statistical Report was moved from New Business to be included in the Clerk's Report. With these changes, *the agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**Board of Deacons Report**

Moderator Cathy Irwin submitted a written report, which was distributed to session. As according to the By-Laws G-6.0402, recommendations were submitted to the Nominating Committee by the Board of Deacons for four Deacons to be responsible for the tasks of assisting the Board with meals, visitation, transportation, and delivery of poinsettias during Christmas. The individuals recommended and their specific tasks included Carol Hanna - Visitation, David Edmark - Transportation, Maxine Ward - Poinsettias, and Sara Eichmann - Meals.

A motion was moved and seconded *that Carol Hanna, David Edmark, Maxine Ward and Sara Eichmann be commissioned.* There was no further discussion and *the motion passed.* Discussion followed to determine a time in worship when these individuals would be recognized by the congregation (possibly Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 am worship service).



5. **Vacation Bible School Action Item (Kristi Button):** In an effort to avoid a collection of money from the congregation or to ask the congregation for food donations near the time of VBS, we would like to ask for a small donation from VBS participants. This will help cover the t-shirt and CD cost, the cost of supplies and snacks, as well as subsidize the nearly \$1000 we pay in preschool teachers to cover the preschool program. The preschool program itself is the largest cost of VBS because we do need to staff it with paid teachers in order to fill all our teacher spaces. We feel like the preschool program is an important part of our ongoing partnership with First School and want it to be included in our VBS, but we do not want to ask only the preschool parents for a donation. Therefore, we would like to ask for a suggested donation of \$10 per child for the week to cover t-shirts, CD's, and the preschool program.
6. **Memorial Gifts Action Item:** Memorial Gifts Committee requests approval to release \$184.52 from restricted fund #2351 to purchase 2 mahogany lectern stands for the church. The committee approves the need and purchase.
7. **Building Usage Request:** Fellowship event for retired Presbyterian Ministers of the Word and Sacrament from the *Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals*. Date of Event: Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Location: Activity Center. The contact person for this event is Don Wardlaw from the Presbytery of Arkansas or Rev. Susan Gray. 15-20 people are expected; there is no charge for event, but will have a meal charge for a catered meal. There is no conflict for space or time for this event.
8. **Building Usage Request:** Cheryl Mendham requests use of the Fellowship Hall for the Jitterbugs Spring Program, Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Cheryl will not be charging for the event nor meals. There is no conflict for space or time for this event.

Action Items # 4 and 5 were lifted. A motion was made and seconded *to approve Action Items # 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 and the motion passed.*

### **Clerk of Session Report**

A written report was emailed in advance and received. Moderator meeting minutes of January 17, 2010 were emailed in advance and received. The 2010 Session Devotional Signup was re-distributed to complete the list. A mailing from the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home was distributed to the Outreach Committee.

A list of proposed dates for 2010 session-related meetings, communions, special offerings, due dates, etc. was emailed to session and received. Discussion followed to include moving the March Moderator's meeting from March 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break week and postponing a decision on the April Moderator's meeting (scheduled on April 18<sup>th</sup>, same date as the Butin's installation).

*Lifted Action Item #4* was addressed. The Clerk presented the 2009 Statistical Report for Presbytery for session approval. Total church membership stands at 470 for 2009. A motion was made and seconded *to approve the report and the motion passed.*

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Date

Communion Served

Officiated

February 2, 2010      Butterfield Trail Village      Rev. Lee Power  
February 7, 2010      11:00 a.m. Worship Service      Rev. Barry Williams and Rev. Lee Power

### **Budget and Financial Report**

The January financial report was provided by Church Accountant Laura Winburn and received by session. The Clerk was asked to contact the Stewardship Committee to come prepared to review the February financials at the next stated meeting (March 7<sup>th</sup>), when Rev. Jan and Phil Butin will be present.

### **Staff Reports**

Rev. Lee Power anticipated a busy schedule until her last Sunday on February 28, 2010.

Kristi Button, CE Director, thanked everyone for their support during the recent Soup Sunday event on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recognition of Rev. Lee Power**

On behalf of the session, the Clerk of Session expressed thanks and appreciation for Rev. Powers' service to our church. Following a standing ovation, a break was taken for cake and coffee.

### **Standing Committee Report**

#### **Evangelism & Fellowship**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Moderator Belden reported the committee is working on nametags to be worn during the reception for Rev. Jan and Phil Butin on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on the possibility of involving acolytes during worship in the collection of signed pages from the Visitor Pads.

#### **Christian Education**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Moderator Rossetti and CE Director Button referenced Action Item # 5 above which requested *a suggested donation of \$10 per child for the week to cover t-shirts, CD's, and the preschool program*. Discussion followed. For families with more than one child in the VBS program, *a suggested donation of \$5 for each additional child would be requested and the motion passed*.

#### **Hospitality**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Elder Thiesse addressed the following action item taken from the Committee's minutes: *The Hospitality Committee requests session approval of a standard meal donation for 2010 as \$5/person or \$20 maximum /family. Children 3 and under are gratis. Special catered meals or events requesting a larger donation to cover the expenses will seek session approval on an individual basis*. Discussion followed and *the motion passed*.

#### **Long Range Planning**

There was no written report.

#### **Outreach**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received.

## **Personnel**

There was no written report. Elder Morton brought forward a motion *that the session honor and recognize Rev. Lee Power for her service to FUPC*. A more formal recognition will take place on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> during a special reception and *the motion passed*.

## **Properties**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Elder Hanna addressed the fire alarm situation at church and some related problems. Rewiring in some locations is underway, new components are being added as needed, etc. The campus will now be monitored for one monthly fee. The committee is undertaking a campus-wide review of buildings to determine where new fire-alarm equipment should be installed. Discussion also took place on the need to update our supplies and response to future snow and ice storms.

## **Stewardship, Budget & Finance**

There was no written report.

## **Worship & Music**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Elder Millett and Rev. Power updated the session on the status of the new console being built for the church organ. Several offers have come in from the congregation that will solidify full payment of the console upon delivery.

Discussion followed with a request that the opportunity to usher during worship be made more inclusive all congregation members. Discussion followed on a plan to schedule greeters in the Narthex for the purpose of welcoming visitors and answering questions. Discussion on involving elders not currently active on session in serving of communion was held. The committee was encouraged to consider expanding the list of communion servers.

## **First School Commission Report**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received. Elder Van Scyoc reported on her visit to First School and stated how impressed she was with the facility and its programs. Discussion followed.

## **Special Committee Reports**

### **Columbarium (Sub-committee of Properties)**

There was no written report. Properties moderator Hanna announced the new unit containing 56 niches has been ordered. Properties and the Columbarium Committee are working together to promote the availability of this expanded space and the previously announced price increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Endowment Committee**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received.

### **Forum Planning Committee**

There was no written report. Two more forums are planned for this spring.

### **Hi-Acres Committee**

There was no written report. A motion was moved and seconded *that the Hi-Acres Committee no longer be listed as a special committee*. Discussion followed. The motion *was withdrawn*.

### **Memorial Gifts**

There was no written report.

### **Nominating**

There was no written report. The Board of Deacons *appointed Peggy Manger to serve as the liaison from the Board to the Nominating Committee*. This action was so ordered by session *and approved*.

### **Organ Feasibility Committee (OFC)**

There was no written report.

### **Presbyterian Women**

A written report was emailed in advance from the January meeting and received.

### **New Business**

Rev. Power announced that church member Becky Purcell has begun discussion with the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation (COP). The first step in the process is to identify a session liaison to act as liaison between the inquirer and the Presbytery's COP to evaluate her progress. Becky requested that Carol Van Scyoc be named as the liaison. A motion was made and seconded *that Carol Van Scyoc be elected to serve in this role*. Discussion followed and *the motion passed*.

### **Old Business**

The session received an update regarding the arrival and installation of new computers and software for the church staff. A specific inquiry was made as to the status of the two requested computers for the church library.

At this time, Rev. Power gave closing comments, expressing her appreciation for the session's support over the past several years. She thanked them for their care amidst certain past events in the life of the church and stated it has been a joy to see our church come together again. Working with Rev. Barry Williams has also been a blessing, having been colleagues with him from seminary years ago. Rev. Power was thankful for the new Rev. Lee Power Endowment for Women, established to help support women who desire to enter church ministries.

### **Adjourn**

Rev. Power asked for *a motion to adjourn* at 8:20 pm and asked all to stand. Following a closing prayer, *the motion to adjourn passed*.

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Laurie Reh  
Clerk of Session