



Minutes of a Stated Meeting of the Session

Date: September 25, 2018

Location of Meeting: Discussion Class Room, Second Floor

Elders Present: Class of 2019: Rick Beeson, Emily Jordan

Class of 2020: Mike McCalmont, Chip Parker, Chick Spears

Class of 2021: Tom Borthwick, Brian Johnson, Beth Lowe, Sam Repass

Elders Excused: Class of 2019: Jerry Cole

Elders Absent: Class of 2018; None

Minister Present: The Reverend Dr. Jay Coker, Jr.

Staff Present: None

Others Present: Gilbert Rosenberger, Acting Clerk; Jerry Urse, Deacon, Class of 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Jay Coker

The Acting Clerk declared a quorum present.

The Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer.

Gilbert Rosenberger, Acting Clerk, read the following **Matters of the Congregation:**

Dismissal of Bea Hudswell to other bounds (September 17, 2018)

Translated to the Church Triumphant:

Helsel, Catherine (Cathy) (August 27, 2018)

Stout, Betty Echols (September 11, 2018)

Approval of the Order of Business: The Session by consent approved the agenda as prepared.

Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Session:

Session by consent approved as prepared the minutes of the stated meeting occurring on August 28, 2018.

Special Orders:

- Emily Jordan moved that the Congregational Nominating Committee be allowed to nominate members of a Pastor Nominating Committee. Chick Spears seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote with no 'nays' heard.
- Emily Jordan requested that the appointment of a second active Elder to the Congregational Nominating Committee be delayed. This request was approved.
- The Report of the Commissioner to the Holston Presbytery meeting was received. Gilbert Rosenberger, the Commissioner, noted that the report of the Delegate to General Assembly had reported that the Per Capital increase request was not approved in the amount requested. There will only be a 16% increase. The Session commended and thanked Gilbert Rosenberger for his efforts.
- The Moderator requested that the members of Session read Mr. Beeson's report of his meeting with Mr. Phil Pindzola, Director, Public Works Administration, Johnson City, Tennessee. They were also requested to read the letter from Mr. Charles T. Herndon to Eddie Campbell, Clerk of the Session, dated 9/25/2018. The Moderator also cited the letter to Session of First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, care of Eddie Campbell, Clerk of

Session, Referencing the Proposed Land Trade from Howard Walker. The motion made by Mr. Rick Beeson at the 8/28/2018 Session meeting to accept the revised proposal from the City of Johnson City, a vote on which was postponed at that meeting was brought back to the floor. Discussion ensued in light of the information contained in the three documents cited. Mr. Beeson added that the tax appraisal on Lot 17 (at the east end of Fellowship Junction) was \$42,000 and for Lot 4 (former JC Furniture Bldg.) was \$47,700. There was no appraisal of Lot 12 (across from JC Press) as it was tax exempt property. The motion was voted on by raising hands with the following results: Two (2) approvals, three (3) disapprovals and four (4) abstentions. The motion failed.

- Beth Lowe moved that the Session establish a Task Force to meet with Johnson City Officials to remove Lot 12 (across from JC Press) from the proposed deal. Emily Jordan seconded and discussion ensued. Mike McCalmont moved to amend this motion. Tom Borthwick seconded this motion. The motion to amend was approved by a voice vote. Mike McCalmont moved to appoint church members to the Task Force who have been involved with these land discussions with the city for the last 10 to 12 years. Tom Borthwick seconded. A voice vote was held and Mike's second motion passed with one (1) nay heard. A show of hands on Beth Lowe's motion resulted in four (4) votes in favor and four (4) votes opposed. The vote was held a second time by show of hands with the result: four (4) votes in favor and four (4) votes opposed. The Moderator declined to vote and declared the motion failed.

Communication from the Staff to the Clerk: None

Communication from the Clerk to the Session: None

Communication from the Moderator to Session: None

Communication from the Diaconate to Session: None

Committees of the Session:

Personnel Committee: No Report

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Chick Spears reported that the budget is in the red by only \$5,000. (Normally, the deficit is three times that amount.)

Long Range Planning Committee: No Report

Glorify:

GLORIFY committee: Dr. Jerry Cole, chair: No Report

Grow:

GROW Committee: Ms. Emily Jordan, chair:

Preschool Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, board of directors member and liaison from session; reported that the pre-school has 74 students. The main issue they have is the playground which is being addressed.

Children's Ministry: Dr. Charles Parker, leader; No Report

Student Ministry: Mr. John Grindstaff, leader; No Report

Discipleship Ministry: Ms. Emily Jordan, leader; Reported that help is needed with Adult Discipleship. Advised that Dr. Angus Shaw has been asked to assist.

Go:

GOING Committee: Mr. Michael McCalmont, chair;

Local Missions Ministry: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader: No Report

Global Missions Ministry: Mr. Michael McCalmont, leader Advised that the Fall Mission Conference will be held.

Community Outreach Ministry: Ms. Jane O'Conner, co-leader; Mr. McCalmont reported that the Ministry had moved that The Session establish a Transportation Committee. This Committee would be composed of a group of church members who volunteer to provide rides to church events for church members who

need transportation assistance. He further advised that Mr. Arthur Fowler had advised that the church liability insurance will cover these volunteers. A show of hands to approve this motion was requested. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Mr. Chip Parker requested that the church have a round table meeting to update members on church subjects of interest. A meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Session commended Mr. Rick Beeson for his work on church real estate matters.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

The meeting was closed at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous voice vote of Session. Dr. Coker closed with prayer.

END OF MINUTES

The Reverend Dr. Jay Coker, Moderator

Gilbert Rosenberger, Acting Clerk of Session

The next Stated Meeting of Session will occur Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Elders when unable to attend a Session Meeting are to call the Church Office and request an excused absence.