

Starmount

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE
MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
June 17, 2018 at 7:00PM – Room 319

CALLED TO WORSHIP

1. **Called to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
2. **Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
3. **Devotion and Opening Prayer** **Kim Dawson**

4. **Clerk's Report** **Barb Newbauer**

Correspondence: Lauren Shook's resignation from Session and an acknowledgement of Starmount's donation of 79.5 lbs. of peanut butter to Greensboro Urban Ministry.

MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda **APPROVED**

 - a. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting May 20, 2018.
 - b. Minutes of Electronic Called Session Meeting May 22, 2018.
 - c. Lauren Shook's (Class of 2019) resignation from Session (regretfully approved).

5. **Moderator's Report** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
 - a. Charlie noted that we will have a detailed presentation on the Lillian Steele bequest in September.
 - b. Reminder that his installation service will take place at Starmount on the afternoon of June 24, 2018.

6. **Session Discernment Process:**
 - a. Three small groups discussed these appreciative inquiry questions:
 - In your experience at Starmount, describe a time when you have felt most engaged, spiritually alive, moved, or motivated. What were you doing, who was involved, and how did it make you feel?
 - Think about the dynamics present in that situation - how do they reflect what you believe to be "the best" about this community of faith. (core values)
 - Imagine if we built upon those values, enabling experiences like yours to happen more and more. What would that kind of a congregation look like? (image of future)
 - Building upon that image of Starmount in the future - if you could make three wishes for this congregation that would help us achieve that future, what would they be?

The groups responded with these wishes for the future:

 - Identify what we want for preschool; cast net for all ages; ensure that members take pride, engage.
 - Diversify membership; increase youth population; reinvent family housing for homeless.
 - Expand school to higher grades; achieve 95% worship attendance; ensure that each member knows 80% of the congregation.
 - b. Review of 2016 Mission Study **Slade Lewis, Rhonda Overman**

Ranked core values in 2016:

 - 1) Worship and Music
 - 2) Community Services/Mission/Evangelism through Service
 - 3) Education
 - 4) Congregational Care and Fellowship
 - c. Session reflections on the Mission Study:

How do the listed "Core Values" play out, distinguishing us from other churches?

How do the Mission Study findings reverberate with this Session's stated concerns (e.g.; further diversity, engage youth, improve committee organization, review staff structure) and today's "Wishes"?

7. **Action Items**

- a. Elect a commissioner to the next Salem Presbytery meeting on Saturday, August 18, at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in High Point. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION PEND**
- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee requests approval of certain Fellowship Hall entrance area improvements that exceed by \$27,160 the renovations already funded in November 2017 through a Lillian Steele grant. (Revisit the motion tabled at the May Session meeting) **APPROVED**
- c. The Personnel Committee moves that Session create an ad hoc committee comprised of a representative member from Building & Grounds, Worship & Music, Fellowship, Preschool, and Personnel plus other's deemed necessary to evaluate and develop a recommendation on church safety. **APPROVED**
NOTE: Kim Dawson has since volunteered to organize this committee.

8. **Committee Reports**

Preschool: Planning to add a second pre-K class in the fall based on anticipated enrollment and funds.
Personnel: Published a revised job description for Associate Pastor as specified at May Session
Worship & Music: Received \$1,000 pledge specifically to install a large screen near narthex doors for choir viewing; however, determined actual cost to be \$8,000. Plan was suspended.

9. **Treasurer's Report**

Libby Wilson

- Quick update on the status of Steele funds. Of the \$44,300 approved in November 2017 for Lillian Steele grants, only the \$10,500 for lighting has been spent to date. \$33,800 remains in the fund.
- Capital replacement reserve will go toward the roof repairs over the office area.

10. **Prayer Concerns** noted from those mentioned in today's worship service. Blessings for Ginger Walton's daughter's recent marriage.

11. **Closing Prayer**

Cuyler McKnight

12. **Adjournment** at 9:00 to serve God in the church, community, and world.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Charlie Lee's installation service Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Next Session meeting Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Special focus on discernment, with no business conducted. **Kim, Drake, Mary, and Susan** volunteered to arrange a light meal.

July Devotion - **Jack Barry**

July Closing Prayer - **Cathy Ingram**

Dr. Rev. Charlie Lee, Moderator

Barbara Newbauer, Clerk of Session

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. **Roll:** The elders who were present, are shown here in **BOLD**.

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Steve Blackwood	Drake Dowler	Jack Barry
Kim Dawson	Elaine Gustafson	Martha Bursey
April Hamilton	Barbara Newbauer	Cathy Ingram
Anna Lewis	Mary Overman	Cuyler McKnight
David Buchanan	Susan Porter	Ginger Walton
	Matt Winters	

Guests: Slade Lewis, Rhonda Overman

Staff: Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee (Head Pastor and Moderator), Rev. Dr. Kathryn Campbell (Associate Pastor), and Libby Wilson (Director of Finance/Admin.)

2. **Worship Attendance Report**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	2018		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	2018
Jan	166	163	165	July	156	158	
Feb	183	196	180	Aug	179	165	
Mar	231	186	174	Sept	174	177	
April	188	219	195	Oct	175	170	
May	175	168	162	Nov	186	172	
June	180	184		Dec	199	248	

Average weekly attendance to date 2018: 175

3. **Membership Report** - Total active members May 20, 2018: 391

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