



CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE
MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
August 19, 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** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
4. **Clerk's Report** **Barb Newbauer**
MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda **APPROVED**
 - a. Minutes of Stated Session Meeting July 15, 2018.
 - b. Minutes of Electronic Called Session Meeting of August 3, 2018.
 - c. Minutes of Electronic Called Session Meeting of August 8, 2018.
 - d. Call for a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers on Sunday, Sept. 16th following the worship service. Information on the new slate will be in the August newsletter and in the bulletin at least two weeks prior to the meeting. *[See separate document for slate of nominees. Note that new elder training sessions will take place on October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4. Session will examine the new elders at the November Stated Session Meeting on November 18, 2018. Ordination/Installation service will take place on January 6, 2019.]*
 - e. Request from Gai Riak and Adhieu Atem that their infant son, Atem Gai Ajak, be baptized on Sunday, August 26, 2018.
 - f. Request from Triad Health Project's to publicize Starmount Presbyterian Church as a "Run Sponsor" for the upcoming Ron Johnson Red Ribbon Run & Aids Walk on November 18, 2018, as we did in 2017.
5. **Moderator's Report** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
Charlie went directly to the action items, deferring his report to the discernment section of the meeting.
6. **Action items**
 - a. **MOTION** to suspend the stated Session meeting and convene a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Starmount Presbyterian Church (SPC), Inc. for the purpose of ratifying and approving all changes to the Declaration of the SPC Endowment Committee concerning management of investments. **APPROVED**
 - b. **MOTION** to approve the Endowment Committee's proposed revisions to the Declarations of The Starmount Presbyterian Church Endowment and its Supplement. *[See separate documents.]***APPROVED**
 - c. **MOTION** to resume stated Session meeting. **APPROVED**

- d. **MOTION** to approve the Worship and Music committee’s plan to install a projector and screen in the fellowship hall capable of streaming sound and video from the sanctuary for a cost of \$8K so that volunteers can see and enjoy the service. This will be funded by an anonymous donor (\$7K) and the balance from this year’s disbursement from the Music Endowment. **APPROVED**
- e. **MOTION** to approve a request from FIT4MOM Piedmont to use our facility per the recommendation of Evangelism & Membership. Church member Kelsey Barry, owner of FIT4MOM Piedmont, proposes a partnership with SPC. She will provide a 10% monthly discount for F4M classes to active church members and preschool parents in return for the opportunity to use the rainy day classroom once a week for Fit4Baby classes and to use the Fellowship Hall for Stroller Strides during inclement weather. Stroller Strides currently uses the Arboretum for their outdoor classes, but they need a backup for rain or cold weather. This class meets M/W/F from 9:30-10:30 am. Cindy Lee, preschool director, has agreed that the rainy day classroom is available and appropriate for the Sunday class. **APPROVED**

7. **Session Discernment Process**

- a. We reviewed our assigned reading of Book of Order Sections F 1.01, F 1.02, F 1.03 and W 1.01. How might these passages inspire our current discernment process for the future or Starmount? Elders noted the incidence of the words “love,” “joy,” and “hope.”
- b. We broke up into groups to refine further our four core value “so that” statements as follows:

Worship & Music

We worship joyfully to reveal and share the glory of God through Word, song, and deeds, so that we nurture our faith within ourselves, the Starmount family, and the community at large. We recognize music as a form of prayer and use it to enhance the worship experience. We achieve this through the talents of its participants, the engagement of the congregation, and the diversity of the programs.

Community Service/Mission/Evangelism through Service

We provide outreach and community service so that we might use our unique talents and resources to not only better ourselves, but also provide other communities and those in need, both near and far, the chance to experience Starmount’s expression of God’s love and caring.

Education *[Language submitted after the actual Session meeting]*

We cultivate Christian education opportunities in our classrooms, in our homes, and in the world so that we may know Christ in our own hearts and inspire children, youth, and adults to flourish in the knowledge that God loves us. A sound Christian education prepares us to represent our religion to the world, and to engage fully with that world, according to the teachings of Christ.

Congregational Care & Fellowship

We provide Congregational Care and Fellowship so that all are genuinely accepted, included, and cared for, which allows for the learning and understanding of Jesus’ message of hope and joy, reflective of God’s love for all of us.

8. **Presbytery Meeting**

Steve Blackwood reported on the August 18 meeting. He noted a draft resolution regarding race relations (see link at <http://www.salempresbytery.org/black-lives-matter-resources.html>) that will come to a vote at the November Presbytery meeting on November 13 in Blowing Rock.

9. **Committee Reports** *[highlights]*

Building and Grounds: Concern that the Fellowship Hall lobby project will go over budget. May need to look to some in-house talent in order to save costs

Administration: Will schedule a professional financial review of SPC's 2018 financial records and procedures in 2019. Will repeat every five years thereafter, with lay reviews in each of the intervening years. Barb will research costs, vendors, and the practices of other churches. Jack and Libby caution that this should be termed a *financial review* rather than a full *audit*, as a review suffices and will save money.

Faith Formation: Vacation Bible School exceeded expectations. On September 9, the committee will host a forum prior to worship to discuss options for educational formats at SPC. Small group meetings are in the works for the fall, and elders need to lead or participate. There is a workshop on Saturday, August 25, in Clemmons regarding intergenerational educational opportunities.

9. **Treasurer's Report**

Libby Wilson

Pledges are almost up to projections, and expenses have been slightly lower than budgeted.

10. **Prayer Concerns** noted. Susan expressed her family's gratitude for the support of SPC members on the loss of her father, George Carpenter. Drake appreciated today's concert, led by Lee Richey, which raised funds for refugee services.

11. **Closing Prayer**

Martha Bursey

12. **Adjournment** at 9:10 to serve God in the church, community, and world.

TWO UPCOMING MEETINGS AND POSTPONING TWO MEETINGS

- a. Congregational meeting in the sanctuary after worship on September 16, 2018 for the purpose of electing officers.
- b. Stated Session Meeting September 16 at 7:00PM, Room 319
- c. NOTE that the next College of Elders meeting, tentatively planned for Wednesday, August 29, will be postponed - likely until November.
- d. NOTE that a Town Hall Meeting, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23rd will be postponed.

September Devotion - **Susan Porter**

September Closing Prayer - **Matt Winters**

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	

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>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	166	163	165	July	156	158	150
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	164	Dec	199	248	

Average weekly attendance to date 2018: 170

3. **Membership Report** - Total active members July 15, 2018: 391
Total active members August 19, 2018: 391