



CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE
MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
November 18, 2018 at 7:00PM – Fellowship Hall

1. **Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
2. **Call to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**
3. **Opening Devotion and Prayer** **Cuyler McKnight**
4. **Clerks Report/Consent Agenda** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**

Noted that we still need to obtain and post our three newest members' photos to bulletin board.
REMINDER: Committee annual reports are due to Brenda by 12/31/2018.
MOTION to approve items listed on the Consent Agenda **APPROVED**

 - Minutes of called Session meeting of October 21, 2018 to receive new members Yaa Agyeiwaa, Dianne Delaney, and Samuel Oduro.
 - Minutes of stated Session meeting of October 21, 2018.
 - Personnel Committee's November 27 congregational letter authorizing collection for Christmas appreciation gifts to staff.
5. **Report on the November 13 Salem Presbytery Meeting** **Cuyler McKnight**
 - Charlie Lee and Kurt Kronenfeld will serve on the Presbytery's Personnel Committee and on Campus Ministry, respectively. Kathryn Campbell continues to serve on Campus Ministry.
 - The Presbytery will hold "Dream Team" Listening Sessions¹ to discern the ideal structure of the Presbytery, considering current financial limits. Possibility of a "virtual" organization to replace the current brick-and-mortar facility. Likely less funding for Campus Ministry (i.e., UKirk).
 - The Peace and Justice Committee voted to approve a modified Inter-racial Dialogue statement.
6. **Moderator's Report** **Charlie Lee**
 - Successful November 17 College of Elders Meeting: Charlie will distill findings from notes.
 - 2019 committee budget requests are due.
 - Stated Session Meeting December 16 at 7:00 PM to include all committee chairs/rising elders. Chairs will report on 2018 progress, participation data, and a "Starmount Story of Impact."
7. **Examination of Elders Class of 2021**
 - Donna Bailey, Joy Kronenfeld, Slade Lewis, Kevin Shoffner, and May Williams each met with two or three active elders for examination according to G-2.0402 of *The Book of Order*. The rising elders summarized their written faith statements.
 - An active elder from each discussion group reported that his or her candidate had been examined, and recommended that candidate for ordination (Kevin and May) and installation (all five).

MOTION to sustain the five nominated elders **APPROVED**

¹ First Church Salisbury (11/27/18 @ 1:30PM), Fieldstone Presbyterian Mooresville (12/06/18 @ 1:30PM), First Church Boone (12/12/18 @ 1:30PM), Clemmons Presbyterian (12/18/18 @ 1:30PM), First Church Burlington (01/10/19 @ 1:00PM), and Sedgfield Presbyterian Greensboro (01/15/19 @ 10:00AM).

8. Committee Reports (highlights)

Stewardship: Today was Consecration Sunday, initial collection of 2019 pledge cards

Preschool: The school offers about \$8,000 in student scholarships annually, thanks to contributions from the Mission Committee and Susan White Helping Hands Fund.

Faith Formation: Small group adult classes were well-attended this fall. Need help with the weekly Sunday School breakfast; the Committee refunds volunteers for the cost of the food.

9. Treasurer's Report

Libby Wilson

Starmount is in a favorable status relative to 2018 year-to-date revenues and expenses. So far, 82 pledge cards have come in for 2019, which is 14 more than this time last year.

10. Prayer Concerns

Elaine Gustafson's sister Barbara, is undergoing heart surgery.

Vicki Winters' and Kevin Shoffner's cousin, Jamie Coley, was killed in a car accident.

Thankful prayers for our new elder class of 2021.

Traveling mercies for May and Parks Williams as they head to New Orleans.

11. Closing Prayer

Barb Newbauer

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Next Stated Session Meeting December 16 at 7:00PM, **Fellowship Hall** to include all Committee Chairs/rising elders. Chairs will report on 2018 progress, participation data, and a "Starmount Story of Impact."
- Ordination/Installation of new elders during worship, January 6.
- Officer retreat at River Landing January 19, approx. 9:00AM - 2:30PM, focus on team building and goal setting.

December Devotion – **Drake Dowler**

December Closing Prayer – **Steve Blackwood**

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Moderator

Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. **Roll:** The elders shown in **BOLD** were present.

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

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

Guests present: **Donna Bailey, Joy Kronenfeld, Slade Lewis, Kevin Shoffner, and May Williams**

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	160
Mar	231	186	174		Sept	174	177	160
April	188	219	195		Oct	175	170	162
May	175	168	162		Nov	186	172	
June	180	184	164		Dec	199	248	

Average weekly attendance to date 2018: 167

3. **Membership Report**

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