



CALLED TO WORSHIP, EMPOWERED TO SERVE
MINUTES OF THE STATED SESSION MEETING
February 17, 2019 at 7:00PM – Room 319

- 1. Declared Quorum** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**

- 2. Call to Order** **Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

- 3. Opening Devotion and Prayer** **Ginger Walton**
Ginger reflected on Ephesians 2:8-10, particularly that “we are God’s workmanship.” She engaged the elders in a discussion related to the recent small group Sunday School study of *Surprised by Hope* (N. T. Wright). Ginger closed the devotion in prayer.

- 4. Clerks Report/Consent Agenda** **Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session**
 - Roberts Rules Refresher
 - Noted:
 - a) Email from Alliance Church;
 - b) Thank you letters to Steve Royal and Ned Bryan
 - c) Motions/action items from committee meetings: reminder to highlight for Session agenda
 - d) Consensus: request Session approval for all fundraisers, even those repeated annually. In this way, we are all made aware of ongoing activities
 - e) Possibility of setting a different time/day for stated Session meeting: will email a survey

MOTION to approve items listed on the Consent Agenda as follows: **APPROVED**

- a) To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of January 20, 2019.
- b) To approve the minutes of the stated Session meeting of January 20, 2019.
- c) To approve the minutes of the Annual Congregational meeting of February 3, 2019.
- d) To approve the minutes of the electronic called Session meeting of February 7, 2019.
- e) To approve a special Lenten collection of items needed by the YWCA shelter, March 17, 24, 31, and April 7, 2019.
- f) To approve the sale of pine straw as a fundraiser to run March 9 - March 30, 2019.
- g) To approve a free will offering at the Bach’s Lunch events scheduled for March 18 - March 22, 2019.
- h) To hold a consignment sale for children’s clothing and equipment with set-up taking place on March 6 and sales March 7 - March 9, 2019.

- 5. Moderator’s Report** **Charlie Lee**
Charlie briefly discussed the ramifications of the passage of the Dream Team’s proposal to decentralize Salem Presbytery according to Presbyters areas of expertise, rather than by geography. The reorganization will mean selling or leasing out the current presbytery real estate in Clemmons.

- 6. Discernment/Session Retreat Follow-up** **Charlie Lee**
Charlie reviewed via a PowerPoint the essence of the Ted Talk shared at our January retreat: The Golden Circle. “People don’t buy WHAT you do, they buy WHY you do it.” A summary statement for the WHY of Starmount may be, “We experience and share the love of God so that lives will be transformed through Christ.” Now we are ready to specify HOW we accomplish our WHY; e.g.

offering radical hospitality, providing compassionate care, glorifying God through excellent worship and music, engaging in life-long faith development, and deeply committing to mission. We need to look again at the suggestions from the most recent College of Elders meeting.

7. Presbytery Report

Drake Dowler

Drake offered more details regarding the Dream Team decision, the hard reality of the Presbytery's growing budget deficit. The [Team's] intent is to create a mechanism that will bring Presbytery skills closer to member congregations and best equip our denomination for growth in the 21st century & beyond. Much more information is available as this plan, which was approved, unfolds over the coming year.

For additional information please download:

http://www.salempresbytery.org/uploads/1/6/6/9/16698848/dt_presentation21219.pdf

8. Committee Highlights

Libby covered the January financial reports, noting the endowment distributions to individual committees as well as the favorable investment returns for the month.

Barb mentioned the Administrative Committee's plan to display active elder photos in a recently purchased case that will replace the current minutes board in the hallway.

Barb reported that the Finance Committee has assumed responsibility for conducting the annual financial review required by the Book of Order.

Drake explained that the flooring contractor is returning to reinstall, at its own expense, the tiles in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall Lobby. Joy is working on blinds. The space until now occupied by an air-conditioning unit will be replaced by window glass. We will be needing to upgrade to a digital fire alarm system.

7. Prayer Concerns

As noted during worship: Katherine Poole, Pat Magnuson, Gary Webb, Joel Ritter's dentist, Andrew Huffman, Caroline Drew, and Brenda Campbell's brother. Also Richard Porter's aunt who has breast cancer and Tammy Lewis' dad recovering from heart surgery. Drake asked for prayers for a renewal of a Stephen's Ministry here at Starmount.

8. Closing Prayer

Drake Dowler

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Staff and Session party 6:00 - 8:00 PM March 2, 2019
- Committee Chair meeting immediately following worship March 3, 2019
- Stated Session meeting 7:00 March 17, 2019

March Devotion – **Martha Bursey**

March Closing Prayer – **Cuyler McKnight**

Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee, Moderator

Barb Newbauer, Clerk of Session

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Drake Dowler	Jack Barry	Donna Bailey
Elaine Gustafson	Martha Bursey	Joy Kronenfeld
Barbara Newbauer	Cathy Ingram	Slade Lewis
Mary Overman	Cuyler McKnight	Kevin Shoffner
Susan Porter	Ginger Walton	May Williams
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).

2. **Worship Attendance Report**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Jan	163	165	154¹	July	158	150	
Feb	196	180		Aug	165	160	
Mar	186	174		Sept	177	160	
April	219	195		Oct	170	162	
May	168	162		Nov	172	170	
June	184	164		Dec	248	218	

Average weekly attendance to date 2018: 172

3. **Membership Report** - Total active members January 20, 2019: 392

New members February 17, 2019: Art Fitchett, Don Caffee, Frances Cox, Peggy Holshouser, Roger Fristoe, and Caroline Turner

Death of Kim Johnson, January 26, 2019

Death of Laura Wolfe, January 31, 2019

Total active members February 17, 2019: 396

¹ Includes an attendance figure of 79 worshippers on January 13, an icy Sunday when church school and other activities were cancelled.