



**Southport Presbyterian Church  
Minutes for Stated Session Meeting  
November 29, 2022**

Moderator Rev. Robert Lapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Present: Rev. Robert Lapp, Rev. Joanna Hipp, Elders Carson Williams, Nora Dziuban, Jude Skowron, Rick Barton, Erik Hedblom, Julia Hill, Kurt Bryan, Mike Blau, Bob Lambert

Excused: Elders Bob Blau, Joe Lhotsky, Suzanne Hayes

The opening prayer was offered by Elder Robert Lambert.

**Clerk's Time**

- Approval of the minutes of the Oct. 25 States Session Meeting and the minutes of the Nov. 6 Called Session Meeting was moved by Rick Barton, seconded by Mike Blau and approved.
- Membership update: Active 291, Affiliate 25, Total 316
- Correspondence
  - Rev. Nancy Gladden sent information on the use of the house at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk
  - Pastor Robert Lapp's contract for 2023 was sent to the Committee on Ministry and Rev. Hannah Vaughan
  - A letter of gratitude from Rev. Dr. Ann Jahnes for the church's efforts during her daughter's recent wedding
  - The forms for the statistical report for 2022 have been received and will be shared with the appropriate Session committees.
  - A pledge form for 2023 dues to Presbytery was received.

**Report from the PNC**

Rick Barton reported that the summary from the Holy Cow study showed our congregation had high satisfaction and high energy. The PNC will complete the Mission Information Form which will be submitted to Session and Presbytery for approval.

**Pastors Reports**

**Pastor Robert Lapp**

- Elder Rita Wissinger participated in the installation of the new pastor at Shallotte Presbyterian.

- St Andrews -Covenant Presbyterian has called a new pastor, Rev. Katie Harrington.
- Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship is seeking a new Intake Coordinator for the Human Needs program
- Proposed a Called Session Meeting at 9:45 Dec. 18 to examine the new Elders and Deacons prior to their installation on Sunday, January 8. Motion by Carson Williams, seconded by Rick Barton. Approved.
- Proposed the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation be held following worship on January 29, 2023. Moved by Carson Williams and seconded by Rick Barton. Approved
- Expressed the hope to recognize the efforts of Al and Karen Yoshimura before they move to Wilmington.
- Reported that former Treasurer Gary Phipps remains in ICU at Duke Hospital.

**Rev. Joanna Hipp** reported that her father was in hospice care with small cell carcinoma.

### **Action Items**

- Finance Committee chair Jude Skowron presented a motion that the president and vice-president of the corporation be approved as signatories for church bank accounts. Approved
- Worship Committee asked that the following be approved as Eucharistic Ministry Team members for 2023: Rev. Bob Lee, Grace Lee, Ellen Jones, Sue Meyers, Judy Osborne, Jean Brown, Laura Cacchione, Judy Geck, and Julia Hill. Moved by Erik Hedblom and seconded by Mike Blau. Approved
- Worship Committee requested that communion not be served on Sunday, Dec. 4 since that is the date for the children's Christmas pageant. Moved by Mike Blau and seconded by Rick Barton. Approved
- Worship Committee requested that communion be served by intinction for the foreseeable future. Moved by Erik Hedblom and seconded by Mike Blau. Approved

### **Information Items**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Expenses \$46,323; Income \$37,392
- **Finance and Stewardship:** Expenses have exceeded income since August. A letter will be sent to remind members to pledge for the coming year. A revised 2023 budget will be presented in December.
- **Mission :** Groundbreaking took place yesterday for two Habitat for Humanity homes.
- **Administration & Communication:** work on the new web site continues with hope that it will be launched in January
- **Building & Grounds:** Erik Hedblom reported that attendance to worship averages 120 in the sanctuary and 22 to 23 via Zoom. Can recordings be made for those who don't have access to Zoom?
- **Pastor Robert Lapp** reported that Dr. Sue McCaffrey may be able to speak again about the situation in Ukraine

**Old Business:** Pastor Robert Lapp reported that there has still been no response fo letters sent regarding the \$1,800 wedding deposit.

**Joys and concerns:**

- Tom and Darla Powell are moving to Atlanta
- Candace Bland's sister
- Isabel Teasdale's daughter
- Rev. Joanna's dad and grandmother
- Death of member Dottie Douglas, Julia Hill's uncle, Nora's friend, Robert Lapp's friend Wilbur Jones who lost a special lady friend in a tragic car accident, Erik's former theater leader's family

**Motion to adjourn** made by Nora Dziuban and seconded by Bob Lambert. Pastor Robert Lapp closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30 pm.