



**Southport Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
February 28, 2023**

Present: Rev. Robert Lapp, Rev. Joanna Hipp, Elders Robert Bird, Julia Hill, Laura Nettles, Linda Becken, Robert Lambert, Robert Blaber, Rita Wissinger, Rick Barton, Holly Mayberry, Nora Dziuben

Excused: Elders Erik Hedblom, Carson Williams

A quorum was present.

Reverend Robert Lapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Rita Wissinger offered the opening prayer.

Clerk's Time

- Nora Dziuban moved approval of the agenda; seconded by Rick Barton; approved.
- A motion for approval of the minutes of the Jan. 24 Stated Session Meeting and the Jan. 29 Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation (with the addition of Terms of Call for each Pastor) was moved by Nora Dziuban, seconded by Rick Barton, and approved.
- Membership update: active 284; Affiliate 23; Total 307
- Correspondence
 - Information for anyone wishing to be a commissioner to General Assembly
 - Information from Rev. Nancy Gladden on the Self Development Of People program to be shared with Elders of Mission Ministry

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Robb

- We will need Elders to serve communion on March 5
- Deacons request that the Elder of the Month help clean up after Fellowship time.
- Pastor Robb wants to have ongoing discussion on how we welcome a new pastor. One item is that we need to consult staff and other committees rather than quickly responding to a perceived need to solve a problem. What other patterns do we need to work on? Meetings with the congregation are scheduled on March 16,19, and 28 to share what we've learned during the interim period.
- **Pastor Joanna**

- thanked all for the success of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to benefit three youth members going to the Montreat conference

Action Items

- A motion by Rita Wissinger, seconded by Nora Dziuban to elect Elders to the following positions was approved:
 - Rick Barton as liaison to the Stewardship Committee
 - Julia Hill as liaison to the Nominating Committee
 - Holly Mayberry as liaison to the Personnel Committee
 - Linda Becken as representative to Presbytery
- Robert Bird reported that Building and Grounds requested spending \$2,500 from Capitol Reserves to replace four sprinkler gauges. Approved
- Laura Nettles brought a motion from Child, Youth and Family to add “and vulnerable adults” to the Manual of Administrative Operations policy for protection of children and youth. Approved

Information Items

- **Report from PNC** - Rick Barton reported that the Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting weekly to evaluate candidates' Personal Information Forms
- **Treasurer's Report** January income \$70,062 ; expenses \$46,820
- **Finance & Stewardship** - planning mid-year meetings
- **Children, Youth & Family** – the pancake supper made \$1,162; a spaghetti luncheon is planned for a Sunday in mid-March; working on plans for Vacation Bible School
- **Mission** – volunteers are needed to provide lunches for Habitat workers; the Benevolence fund is under budget; they moved \$500 to PDA
- **Building & Grounds** – The Adopt a Bed program is going well. Work on the shed is ongoing. The Moore St. sign needs to be replaced
- **Administration & Communication** - On March 12 and 26 there will be tutorial sessions on using the new website during fellowship time. E-cards are being sent for birthdays. Records are retained on the website. Reported that there had been a request that the Session, Board of Deacons, and individual committee members' photos appear on the website. There was consensus that photos on the online church directory were sufficient.

New Business

Rick Barton raised the importance of having CPR classes for church leaders. There was consensus that such classes should be planned, and that there is a need for an emergency response policy.

Calendar review

March 1	SOIIF Lenten services at Southport Community Center
March 4	Presbytery meeting
March 5	Called Session meeting 10:15; worship 11:00; communion

March 8 Blood drive 10:00 – 3:00 in Fellowship Hall; noon service at First Baptist,
Oak Island
March 12 Worship; fellowship
March 15 Lenten service at Sacred Heart
March 19 Worship 11:00
March 22 Lenten service at St Phillip’s Episcopal
March 26 Worship 11:00, Fellowship
March 28 Session meeting 6:30 PM
March 29 Lenten service at St Peter’s Lutheran, Pastor Robb preaching

Joys & Concerns:

Dan Zappa having brain surgery, Cheryl Himebach having knee surgery, the family of Ken Boyd,
Holly Mayberry, the Hayes’ grandson Micah

A motion was made by Nora Dziuban and seconded by Bob Blaber that the meeting should
adjourn. Rev. Lapp offered the closing prayer at 8:10 PM

Carol Hazelton, Clerk of Session

Robert H. Lapp, Moderator