Minutes

Stated Meeting of the Session

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

342 Meeting Street

Charleston, S.C. 29403

December 12, 2017

 Moderator: Rev. Cress Darwin Place: Conference Room

 Clerk of Session: Marion Mitchell Time: 5:30 p.m.

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| Elders Present: | Marion Mitchell | A. J. Manett | Sarah Morton |
|  | Laura Ott |  | Tina Smith |
| Elders Excused:  | Sue Henderson | Brad Milner | Debra Gammons |
|  | Jerald Hucks | Aled Pritchard | Dave Jackson |
|  | Nathaniel Walker |  |  |

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. by the moderator. A quorum (moderator plus 4 elders) was declared (5 elders present + 7 excused + 0 absent + 0 vacancies = 12).

### DEVOTION:

The Moderator had a prayer to open the meeting and read from Isaiah 61 and John 1 and added devotional comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

The submitted agenda was approved on a motion by A. J. Manett and a second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was voted to approve on a motion by Marion Mitchell and a second:

Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Session as amended.

BOOK OF ORDER PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

a. Worship-Communion was served to 132 people at Sanctuary Worship on December 3, 2017.

b. The following marriage is registered:

Names Wedding Date Officiated By

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| Holly Elizabeth Olsen and Matthew Potter | November 18, 2017 |  Dr. George Madison |

c. Tina Smith gave a reportasthe Commissioner to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Fall

 Stated Meeting held Tuesday, December 12, 9:30am – 2:00pm, at Palmetto Presbyterian Church, 1720 Carolina Park Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, S. C.  The moderator and Laura Ott made additional comments.

d. It was voted to approve on a motion by Marion Mitchell and a second the following names be deleted from the rolls of the church pending their response to the letter from the Clerk, due to his/her inactivity and also pending a check of their financial commitment by the treasurer:

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| Dennis Blankenship | Stephen and Ashley Chandler | Richard and Karen Freeman |
| Greg and Peggy Ricker |  |  |

TEAM REPORTS:

a. Finance- Laura Ott

 We are up to $209,066 pledged and have $91,000 left to raise. Thank you letters to those who have pledged have been sent. Letters to hold outs and new members have also been sent. Follow up phone calls are the next step to go.

b. Missions- Marion Mitchell

The Joy Gift offering will be received this Sunday and the next. Announcements prior to worship should not be designated as a Minute for Mission unless the announcement comes through the Mission team in order to avoid impression of Session endorsement.

c. Worship- Laura Ott

A new soprano section leader is on board in the choir. It was voted to approve on a motion by Laura Ott and a second to have only one morning worship service on New Year’s Eve, December 31, in the sanctuary at 11:15 a.m. Tina Smith has put together a new liturgist and a new usher guides for new volunteers. Peter Rupert and Felicia Sanders have resigned as co-head ushers.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

a. Elder of the Month December 2017: Brad Milner.

b. Co-elders of the Month January 2018: Laura Ott and Tina Smith.

c. Wednesday night supper serving: December 13 – Team C (Laura, Jerald, Debra, Nathaniel)

NEW BUSINESS:

It was voted to approve on a motion by Marion Mitchell and a second the useof thesanctuary for the Stuckey-Delgado wedding on Friday, November 16, 2018 with the Rev. Dr. Bradley Smith officiating. The moderator requested elders to let Suzanne know weekend dates (Friday evening and Saturday) he/she is available for a retreat in January and February. Property should obtain quotes for repair of the buildings so a schedule can be made in March.,

MODERATOR’S CLOSING REMARKS

Concerns and joys were shared.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was approved by consensus to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. after everyone joining together on the Lord’s Prayer.

Approved by Session January 16, 2018 \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Marion Mitchell, Clerk of Session

End of December 12, 2017 Minutes