

January 30, 2007  
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church Session held its Stated meeting on Tuesday January 30, 2007 in the Meeting room. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper at 7:02 PM.

A quorum consisting of the following was present: Moderator Reverend Mark L. Cooper, Associate Pastor Reverend Helen P. DeLeon; Ruling Elders: Carl Allen, Jennifer Carr, Tye Cowan, Gene Fisseler, Johnny Jones, Diane Kane, Ross Looney, Al Manson, Stacey Menard, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips, Marjorie Seiter, Elizabeth Spivey, Reese Terry, Dennis Waehner, and Clerk of Session James E. Paden.

Treasurer Priscilla (Pat) Koester was also present.

The minutes of the Called Meeting held on January 9, 2007, were approved.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting held on December 19, 2006, were approved.

The minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on January 14, 2007, were approved on behalf of the Congregation.

#### **Clerk's Report January 30, 2007**

|  | <b>Members</b> | <b>Families</b> |
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| Statistical information as of December 19, 2006          | 705            | 401             |
| Gains:   |                |                 |
| Transfer of Letter                                       | + 2            | + 1             |
| Reaffirmation of Faith                                   | + 2            | + 1             |
| Profession of Faith & Baptism                            | + 0            | + 0             |
| Losses:  |                |                 |
| Transfer of Letter                                       | - 2            | - 1             |
| Removal from Roll  | - 0            | - 0             |
| Death  | <u>- 1</u>     | <u>- 1</u>      |
| Membership as of January 30, 2007                        | 706            | 401             |
| Baptized persons who have not made Professions of Faith: | 145            |                 |
| Total children, youth and adults:                        | 851            |                 |

#### **Transfer Requests:**

Mary Knudsen to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Christopher Lewis Berry to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas

The Session voted to issue a letter of transfer for these persons.

#### **Baptisms:**

Nicholas James Posluszny, son of Andrew and Sandra Posluszny, was baptized on December 31, 2006.

**Deaths:** Margaret Bauer, died on January 14, 2007.

#### **Ordination and Installation of Officers:**

- The following individuals, having been duly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2006, were Ordained and installed as Elders, Class of 2009, on January 21, 2007:  
Julie Mead, Mike Stearns and Elizabeth Spivey (Youth elder).

- The following individuals, having been duly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2006, and having been previously Ordained, were installed as Elders, Class of 2009, on January 21, 2007:  
Tye Cowan, John Dewey, Gene Fisseler and Dennis Waehner.
- The following individuals, having been duly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2006, were Ordained and installed as Deacon, Class of 2009, on January 21, 2007:  
Al Barboza, Michael Cooper, Pat Denyszyn, Dorothy Evans, Elaine Lapka, Amy Waehner (Youth Deacon) and Jim Young.
- The following individuals, having been duly elected at the Congregational Meeting on December 17, 2006, and having previously been Ordained, were installed as Deacon, Class of 2009, on January 21, 2007:  
Edna Arnold, Ruth Marcott and Linda Thomas.
- Mr. Dennis Rohlfing having been duly elected at the Congregational meeting on December 17, 2006, was installed as Trustee, Class of 2009, on January 17, 2007.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Several pieces of correspondence were received and passed to the responsible Committee.

The following letter was read and copies were passed out to all members present.

*Session and Staff of Webster Presbyterian Church*

*"I was first elected as Clerk of Session in January 1973 and it has been my honor and privilege to serve WPC and subsequent Sessions as Clerk since that time. I feel that the time has come for me to step aside and pass the quill to someone else.*

*I offer you two names who have indicated a willingness to serve the Session as Clerk:  
Gene Fisseler, who has served as Clerk, pro tem during my absences and  
Peter Koester a long time member and Ordained Elder.*

*I know that you do not have to elect either of these persons, but in good keeping I offer these names for your consideration.*

*It has been my pleasure to serve as the Clerk of Session for these many years, thank you for your confidence in me.*

*James E. Paden*

**Treasurer's report:**

The Treasurer, Pat Koester presented the 2006 Year-End report. The report was explained, and the Session received the report.

**New Business**

- A. A potential list of Elder Committee assignments was read by the Moderator as follows:
1. Carl Allen                      Mission, **Chair**
  2. Anderson, Susan              Worship? Care?
  3. Bradley, Karla                Children's Ministry
  4. Carr, Jennifer                Stewardship and Finance, **Chair**
  5. Cowan, Tye                    Stewardship & Finance
  6. Dewey, John                 Adult Education, **Chair**

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| 7. Dupont, Watson     | Youth Ministry                                       |
| 8. Fisseler, Gene     | Administration                                       |
| 9. Jones, Johnny      | Stewardship & Finance                                |
| 10. Kane, Diane       | Children's Ministry, <b>Chair</b>                    |
| 11. Looney, Ross      | Building and Grounds, <b>Chair</b>                   |
| 12. Manson, Al        | Worship, <b>Chair</b>                                |
| 13. Mead, Julie       | Fellowship and Welcoming, <b>Chair of Welcoming</b>  |
| 14. Menard, Stacey    | Fellowship and Welcoming, <b>Chair of Fellowship</b> |
| 15. Moede, Charles    | Youth Ministries                                     |
| 16. Phillips, Roy     | Stewardship and Finance                              |
| 17. Seiter, Marjorie  | Mission  |
| 18. Spivey, Elizabeth | Mission  |
| 19. Stearns, Michael  | Building and Grounds ?                               |
| 20. Terry, Reese      | Administration, <b>Chair</b>                         |
| 21. Waehner, Dennis   | Administration                                       |

B. Election of Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Clerk of Session

- The Session voted to elect Priscilla Koester as Treasurer for 2007
- The Session voted to elect Ann Waehner as Assistant Treasurer for 2007
- The Session voted to elect Gene Fisseler as Clerk for 2007
- The Session voted to elect James E. Paden as Clerk of Session Emeritus.

**Committee Actions and Reports**

- The Worship Committee requested permission to sell Easter Lilies to decorate the Sanctuary at Easter. The Session approved this request.
- Endowment and Special Funds Committee – The session elected Frank McMillan and Robert Cravens to this Committee.
- Presbytery Commissioners – The Session elected Jennifer Carr and Gene Fisseler as Commissioners to the February 10, 2007, Stated Presbytery Meeting.
- The Worship Committee announced that a Noon service will be held on Tuesdays during the Lenten season with a soup lunch to follow the worship service.
- The Youth Committee announced that there are 15 Youth participating in the Communicants Class.
- The Youth Committee announced that there are about 25 Junior and Senior High youth signed up for the Conclaves to be held in March. Sr. High is March 2 – 4 and Jr. High is March 23 – 25.
- The Session voted to hold a Called Meeting on May 12, 2007 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of examining and receiving those who have completed the Communicants Class.
- The Session voted to meet in retreat on February 24, 2007. Tentative time was set for 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Mark reported that he had attended a continuing education seminar in Denver, CO this past week.
- Helen reported that she has accepted additional committee work at the Presbytery level.

There being no further business, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 8:38 PM. The next Stated meeting will be held on February 27, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

James E. Paden  
Clerk of Session