

# APPROVED SEPTEMBER 2007

August 27, 2007  
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2007, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:08 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Pastor Mark L. Cooper, Moderator;
- Associate Pastor Helen P. DeLeon; and,
- Serving Elders Carl Allen, Karla Bradley, Jennifer Carr, John Dewey, Gene Fisseler (Clerk), Johnny Jones, Diane Kane, Ross Looney, Al Manson, Stacey Menard, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips, Marjorie Seiter, Elizabeth Spivey, Michael Stearns, Reese Terry, and Dennis Waehner.

The following members of Session were excused:

- Serving Elders Susan Anderson, Tye Cowan, and Watson DuPont.

Eric Late, Music Director Search Team, and Treasurer Pat Koester were also present.

A quorum was declared by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

## Report from the Music Director Search Team

On behalf of the Music Director Search Team, Eric Late provided an update on the team's efforts. He presented a three-page list of expectations the team developed for a full-time director of music and fine arts that addressed choirs and other performing groups, weekly worship services, special worship service and special events, and work relationships with volunteers and staff. Eric answered several questions posed by members of Session. After carefully considered discussion, the **Session voted (1) to affirm** that the music director position is a full-time position **and (2) to reaffirm** its earlier approval for the Music Director Search Team to pursue the hiring of a qualified candidate. The Session expressed its appreciation for the efforts of the team.

The Session voted to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2007, Stated Meeting of Session.

## Treasurer's Report

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

## Clerk's Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of July 24, 2007	701	397	
Gains:			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 4	+ 2	K&D Merritt; J&J Martin
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses:			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of August 28:	704	399	
Baptized persons who've			
not made Professions of Faith:	<u>+ 132</u>		
Total children, youth and adults:	836		

There was no correspondence received to be shared.

Wedding performed by Mark Cooper:

- Jenny Lynn Long (NM) and Scott Allen Clement (M) on August 25, 2007

Wedding performed by Helen DeLeon:

- Lorena De Los Angeles Barbosa (NM) and Michael Rorrer (M) on August 10, 2007

Letter of Transfer:

- The **Session voted to authorize a letter of transfer** for Judy Bozone to First Presbyterian Church, Richardson, Texas

Death:

- Robert Forde (M) died on August 22, 2007

**Action:** The **Session voted to accept, with regret, the resignation** from active service on Session of Elder Julie Mead, at her request.

### **New Business**

Presbytery meeting report – The commissioners and other attendees at the August Presbytery of New Covenant reported on the business of the meeting. The youth of the presbytery who attended Triennium gave their report. A balanced presbytery budget was approved. Two new ministerial candidates were sustained by presbytery.

**Action:** The **Session voted to approve** the following baptisms

- Emily Martin, born June 6, 2007, daughter of members Jennifer and Joseph Martin
- Nathan Kidwell Hearn, born March 31, 2006, son of Kristina and Tony Hearn, grandson of members James and Deborah Kidwell
- John Ranger Hindman, III (Trey), March 1, 2007, son of members Kathryn and John, Jr. Hindman, grandson of members James and Deborah Kidwell

### **Committee/Team Actions and Reports**

Administration – New pew pads are delivered and will be placed in the sanctuary. Work is underway on visitor brochures and new website design. The business in the rent house will be vacated by the end of the month. The renter is no longer a viable purchaser of the structure for relocation.

Adult Christian Education – Mark Cooper will lead two classes beginning in September – an adult Sunday School Kerygma class and a Thursday night dinner and DVD series.

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** the book entitled The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering The True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus' Teaching and How They Have Been Corrupted, by author Obrey M. Hendricks Jr., as curriculum for the Adult Book Study Group.

Buildings & Grounds – A volunteer workday will be scheduled for late September or early October. A major Fellowship Hall air-conditioning component has failed and repairs will run \$4,500 to \$8,500, depending on the alternative selected.

Care – The Board of Deacons is sponsoring a CPR training class on September 30 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. WPC is working with Clear Lake Presbyterian with regard to our Stephen Ministry candidate training.

#### Children's Ministry -

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** an increase in the hourly pay rate for nursery staff to \$8.40.

Fellowship & Welcoming – The annual Luau, with a “pirates” theme, is set for Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Shrimp Boil is scheduled for the evening of September 29. The New Member Team is hosting a reception for new members at Helen DeLeon’s home on September 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mission – WPC missionary Vicki Smith recently visited our congregation and reported on her work in Jamaica. Committee members took her on a “shopping spree” for supplies for her classes and will pay the airline fee for the excess luggage weight.

Stewardship & Finance – The 2008 Stewardship Campaign kicks off in late September with a series of Saturday morning breakfasts. Related mailings begin in early October and the campaign wraps up on November 4.

Worship – Communion was celebrated on Lunar Communion Sunday, July 22, and Sunday, August 5. Communion is next scheduled for Sunday, September 2. Advent planning is on the horizon.

Youth Ministry – The 2007 CROP Walk coincides with the Presbyterian Youth Rally. Consequently, our WPC youth will stage a pre-CROP walk so that they can make a contribution and still attend the Rally.

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** the following curriculums for use in Jr. High Sunday School: “*Creative Bible Lessons in Genesis,*” “*Creative Bible Lessons in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus,*” and “*Dares from Jesus,*” all produced by Youth Specialties Books and published by Zondervan.

#### **Old Business**

- Al Manson, chair of the Nominating Committee, led a discussion with the Session on the makeup of the Nominating Committee. Following the discussion, the **Session voted to elect** Elder Roy Phillips to serve as Vice Chair of the Nominating Committee. Further, the **Session voted to elect** to the Nominating Committee the following church members: Anne Waehner, Lynn Godwin, and Patty Lusk.

#### **Pastor Reports**

- Helen DeLeon – Helen reminded the Session of the **FOCUS** event on October 6 at Northwoods Presbyterian Church.
- Mark Cooper – Mark presented a “redrawn” structure for the Session. It is a “work in progress” and he requested feedback on his proposal.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- The next Stated Meeting of Session will be convened Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 9:05 p.m.

Gene Fisseler  
Clerk of Session