

# APPROVED, AUGUST 2007

July 24, 2007  
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:00 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, Tye Cowan, John Dewey, Gene Fisseler (Clerk), Johnny Jones, Diane Kane, Ross Looney, Al Manson, Julie Mead, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips, Marjorie Seiter, Elizabeth Spivey, and Michael Stearns.

The following members of Session were excused:

- Serving Elders Susan Anderson, Watson DuPont, Stacey Menard, Reese Terry, Dennis Waehner.

Treasurer Pat Koester was also present.

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

**New Members** – Rev. DeLeon welcomed John Jordan, Chair of the New Member Team, who introduced two couples, Kimberly and David Merritt along with Jennifer and Joe Martin, who have expressed their desire to become full members of Webster Presbyterian Church. After learning a bit about the Merritts and the Martins and sharing with them the areas of ministry that each of the Elders present are involved in, Rev. Cooper asked a series of questions regarding their faith and commitment to the church. Being satisfied with their answers, the **Session voted to receive** Kimberly and David Merritt and Jennifer and Joe Martin into Full Membership of Webster Presbyterian Church by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Merritts and the Martins are to be presented to the congregation on Sunday, July 29, during the 8:30 a.m. worship service and the 11:00 a.m. worship service, respectively.

The Session approved the minutes of the June 26, 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 June 26, 2007	704	399	
Gains:			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses:			
Transfer of Letter	- 2	- 1	C & C Springer
Removal from Roll	- 1	- 1	Roxine Lawton
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of July 24, 2007	701	397	
Baptized persons who have not made Professions of Faith:	<u>+ 132</u>		
Total children, youth and adults:	833		

Wedding performed by Mark Cooper:

- Shayna Noriega (M) and Alfred Perez (M), Saturday, July 14, 2007

There was no correspondence received to be shared.

### **New Business**

The Session **voted to elect** three Serving **Elders** Diane Kane, Johnny Jones, and Elizabeth Spivey (contingent upon her availability) to serve as Commissioners and Jennifer Carr to serve as an alternate for Ms. Spivey, to the August 25 Stated Meeting of Presbytery of New Covenant at Christ Presbyterian Church in Bellaire, Texas. Subsequent to the Session meeting, Ms. Spivey confirmed that she could and would attend the Presbytery meeting.

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

Administration – The ACS membership database sub-team is working to “clean” up the database structure which will, in turn, allow the verification of the accuracy of the database records and, ultimately, the cleaning of the church rolls. The renter of the recently acquired corner property advises his business will vacate the premises within a few weeks. He has also indicated interest in moving the structure to another location. The committee will work with him to formulate a plan. The Marketing Task Force reported that it has identified and is pursuing six low cost initiatives to enhance WPC’s visibility.

Adult Christian Education – The committee did not meet in July.

Buildings & Grounds – The committee reported the status of numerous projects underway or completed: installed security locks on Fellowship Hall kitchen area storage, replaced several Fellowship Hall high ceiling lights, repaired various air conditioning units, and arranged for lawn mowing at the corner lot.

Care – In addition to keeping up with exceptional numbers of members experiencing hospitalization, the Deacons are hosting fellowship gatherings for church members in their zones. WPC and nearby Clear Lake Presbyterian Church are looking for synergies within their respective Stephen Ministry programs to take advantage of training opportunities.

Children’s Ministry – The committee reminded the Session that Rally Day is September 9 and shared its plans to interweave the successful covenant concept from the small group ministry into Children’s Sunday School program

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** the “Large Group/Small Group” curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten through 10-year olds.
- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** holding “Bible and Me” and “Bible and Us” classes on consecutive Wednesday nights, September 12 and 19.

Fellowship & Welcoming – The Session applauded the committee on its very successful, well attended, and heartwarming fete for Clerk Emeritus Jim Paden. The committee will support the Talent Show & Ice Cream Social on August 18. The annual Shrimp Boil is set for September 29. Efforts to build a stronger Greeter team continue.

Mission – Missionary to Jamaica, Vicki Smith, will visit WPC on August 5, participating in worship and leading a Sunday School class. Preparations for Crop Walk continue.

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** fundraisers involving WPC and neighboring churches in support of the 2007 Bay Area Christmas International House, which fundraisers will include the sale of specially-designed Christmas cards and a holiday social event.

Stewardship & Finance – The successful stewardship breakfasts introduced last year will return in September. Each Session committee is requested to supply its initial budget

request for 2008 to Stewardship & Finance at the next Stated Meeting. Contributions to cover the corner property purchase continue to be received.

Worship – The committee itemized revisions made to the church Wedding Policy, answering questions posed by Session members.

- **Action:** The **Session voted to approve** the revised Wedding Policy.

Youth Ministry – WPC youth Libby Cravens, Melanie Moore, Jennifer Paden and Elizabeth Spivey, Youth Elder, participated in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2007 “Hope Is In Our Midst.” Elizabeth shared a moving account of her experience during the week of worship, Bible Study and recreation which took place July 17-22 on the campus of Purdue University. WPC youth representatives to Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC) of Presbytery of New Covenant are Bethany Cowan, Karen Moede, Elizabeth Spivey. Jennifer Paden is the youth representative alternate and James Kinzler will serve as our adult representative.

**Old Business:** The Chair of the Nominating Committee reminded Session that it is responsible for naming three members to the Nominating Committee and requested that suggestions be brought forth at the next Stated Meeting.

### **Pastor Reports**

Helen DeLeon reported that the pastor of our Hispanic congregation Casa de Oracion Monte Carmelo has not met his goals in building a local ministry. The group will cease meeting on our campus while he evaluates his options. Helen also encouraged members of Session to take advantage of church officer training at Christian Connections, set for October 6 at Northwoods Presbyterian Church, where as many as five WPC members are presenting or otherwise involved.

### **Next Meeting:**

- The next Stated Meeting of Session will be convened Tuesday, August 28, 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