

APPROVED JULY 2007

June 26, 2007
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 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, Gene Fisseler (Clerk), Johnny Jones, Diane Kane, Ross Looney, Al Manson, Julie Mead, Stacey Menard, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips, Marjorie Seiter, Elizabeth Spivey, and Dennis Waehner.

The following members of Session were excused:

- Serving Elders Susan Anderson, John Dewey, Watson DuPont, Michael Stearns, and Reese Terry.

Treasurer Pat Koester was also present.

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

The Session approved the minutes of the following meeting of Session:

- The Stated Meeting of May 22, 2007;
- The Called Meeting of June 24, 2007, as amended.

Clerk's Report

There was no correspondence received to be shared.

Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of May 22, 2007	707	401	
Gains:			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses:			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 2	- 1	Marty & John Davis
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 1</u>	Bill Kagawa
Membership as of June 26, 2007	704	399	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith:	<u>132</u>		
Total children, youth and adults:	836		

Births:

- Jaden Anthony Mathews, son of Julie and Eric Mathews and grandson of Sylvia (M) and Bobby Scales, was born on June 14, 2007

Baptisms: There were no baptisms since the last Stated Meeting.

Wedding officiated by Helen DeLeon and co-officiated by Mark Cooper:

- Patricia Denyszyn (M) and Daniel Hunter (M) on June 16, 2007

Deaths:

- Bill Kagawa died on June 7, 2007.

Letter of Transfer:

- The Session **voted to approve** the preparation and transmittal of a Letter of Transmittal for Cheryl and Charles Springer to Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.

Removal from the Rolls:

- The Session **voted to remove** from the Rolls Roxine Goslar Lawton at her request.

Treasurer's Report

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

New Business

The Session referred a request by Pat Brackett on behalf of the Bay Area Symphony to Tye Cowan and the "marketing" task force. WPC is being considered to serve as the host site for the Fall 2008 Houston Symphony performance. Tye will get more details and make a recommendation for action next month.

The Session referred to Fellowship & Welcoming a request received by the church secretary to place a "guest book" in the Narthex for visitors to the church to register their visit. This derives from the visit by previous members of WPC to see the sanctuary and other changes to the campus.

Following discussion regarding a specific request, the **Session voted to direct** the Administration Committee to consider and propose criteria and a process for "naming" a room, a building, a garden, or other area of the church campus after a person.

Committee/Team Actions and Reports

Administration – The Committee is engaged in reconfiguring the church membership database and staffing the effort to update and clean up the contents of the database. When completed, this will facilitate "cleaning of the rolls" later this year.

Adult Christian Education - Two summer adult Sunday School classes are being offered: *The Thoughtful Christian* and *The Parables*. The "Celebrating our Covenant Groups" event, held June 25, was well attended. Some groups welcomed new members. The Committee is working on a mission statement and direction for the library.

Buildings & Grounds - Volunteers at the June workday successfully completed numerous needed projects. Contractors and vendors have made repairs to the Fellowship Hall tile floor and to both ice machines. The Committee is reviewing church policies and procedures within its purview.

Care - There was no report this month.

Children's Ministry – Rally Day is scheduled for September 9.

- The **Session voted to approve** as curriculum for the Fall 2007 4th and 5th grade class the online curriculum Grapple by Group Publishing.

Fellowship & Welcoming – The Committee solicited volunteers from Session to support the celebration lunch for Clerk Emeritus Jim Paden on July 22 and to serve as greeters for the remainder of 2007.

Mission – Recent Mission milestones include the blood drive, the Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans, and the dedication of the most recently completed Habitat for Humanity. The Mission and Fellowship teams have worked together to arrange for WPC to purchase and serve “fair trade” coffee.

Stewardship & Finance – Each Session ministry area was requested to develop its “dream budget” for 2008 in preparation for the stewardship drive in the fall.

Worship –

- The **Session voted to approve** the celebration of communion at the wedding of Pat Denyszyn and Dan Hunter.
- The **Session voted to approve** use of Building Fund moneys to purchase a mixing board for the Sanctuary sound system, replacing the one stolen on or about June 17.

Youth Ministry

- The **Session voted to approve** the service of Janice Smith-Bagheri as a Senior High Sunday School teacher, contingent upon a satisfactory background check.

Old Business:

The Session referred to the Administration Committee certain activities related to the newly purchased corner property including but not limited to review of and needed action related to the existing lease, insurance, and relocation/demolition of the existing structure.

The Session deferred action to staff the Visioning Team and the Physical Plant Task Force.

Pastors’ Reports:

Helen reported she will be out next week completing her recent move to a new residence. She reflected on what a pleasure and delight it was to be a part of the wedding of Pat and Dan. She will be officiating a funeral at Wood Forest Presbyterian Church.

Earlier in the month, Mark spent a week at a homiletics conference and then several days in Florida for the space shuttle launch delivering member-astronaut Clay Anderson to his six-month stay on the International Space Station. Mark reported on the progress of the Music Director search team and will have the team share its findings and plans at the next Stated Meeting.

Next Meeting:

- The next Stated Meeting of Session will be convened Tuesday, July 24, 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 9:15 p.m.

Gene Fisseler
Clerk of Session