

APPROVED JUNE 2007

May 22, 2007
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Helen DeLeon, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Associate Pastor Helen P. DeLeon, Moderator; and,
- Serving Elders Carl Allen, Jennifer Carr, Tye Cowan, John Dewey, Watson DuPont, Gene Fisseler (Clerk), Diane Kane, Julie Mead, Stacey Menard, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips Marjorie Seiter, Michael Stearns, Reese Terry, and Dennis Waehner.

The following members of Session were excused:

- Serving Elders Susan Anderson, Karla Bradley, Johnny Jones, Ross Looney, Al Manson, and Elizabeth Spivey.

Treasurer Pat Koester and Mission Committee member Ann Taylor were also present.

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

The Session approved the minutes of the following:

- Stated Meeting of Session on April 24, 2007;
- Called Meeting of Session on May 12, 2007, as amended;

Clerk's Report

The Clerk shared several pieces of correspondence with the Session, including:

- letter from Presbytery of New Covenant Business Affairs Committee
- a letter from Presbytery with a preliminary Presbytery budget;
- a letter from Presbytery's Committee on Ministry regarding the June 24 Triennial Visit; and,
- a letter from Christmas International House.

Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of April 24, 2007	693	401	
Gains:			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+15	+ 0	15 Confirmands
added			
Losses:			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 1</u>	<u>- 0</u>	Lawton
Membership as of May 22, 2007	707	401	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith: removed	<u>132</u>		13 Confirmands

Total children, youth and adults: 839

Births:

- Emerald Tru Fitzgerald, daughter of Andrea and Matthew Fitzgerald, granddaughter of Bambi Fitzgerald, on April 26, 2007

Baptisms:

- Addison Elizabeth Smith, born February 20, 2007, daughter of Crystal Jean Smith and Scott Davis on May 20, 2007
- Ryan Lloyd Fletcher, born April 23, 1993, son of Malise and Keith Fletcher, on May 20, 2007
- Graham Allen Montgomery, born March 23, 1993, son of Jenny and Bill Montgomery, on May 20, 2007

Letters of Transfer: No requests have been received since the last Stated Meeting.

Deaths:

- Hans Lawton, on Friday, April 27, 2007.

Wedding performed by Pastor Helen DeLeon:

- Catherine Tucker (NM) and Matt Laws (NM), April 27, 2007

Removal from Rolls:

- The Session **voted to approve a motion** to remove Marty and John Davis, at their request, from the Rolls as they have moved and are now members of the United Methodist Church in Coldspring, Texas.

Treasurer's Report

To date, a total of \$27,000 for the acquisition of the 211 NASA Parkway property has been received. The Session received the Treasurer's report.

New Business

- The Session **voted to approve a request** for use of certain church campus facilities by TaxAide in January 2008.

Committee/Team Actions and Reports

Administration/Communication & Personnel – Dennis Waehner urged all ministry teams to submit newsletter articles to the Communications team by the deadline each month to facilitate timing publication of the newsletter.

Adult Christian Education – The Covenant Group team is hosting the “Celebrating Our Covenant Groups” dessert and fellowship event on June 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Bouton Hall. New member former professional librarian Rowena Colwell recently presented her evaluation of the church library to the committee; additional discussions will follow.

Buildings & Grounds – There was no written report submitted.

Care – There was no written report submitted.

Children's Ministry – Parent Pow Wow meetings continue to deliver good feedback to the team for its consideration in defining ministry goals and plans. Plans are evolving for Fall Sunday School.

Fellowship & Welcoming – There was no written report submitted. The May 20 pot luck event was well-attended and the calendar for future Fellowship activities includes:

- Sunday, July 22 – Clerk Emeritus Jim Paden Celebration
- August 29 – Return of the Wednesday Night Dinners
- Sunday, September 16 – Luau all-church lunch
- Saturday, September 29 – Shrimp Boil

Mission – During the recent Habitat For Humanity workday, the house currently under construction had its roof successfully installed. Missionary to Jamaica, Vicki Smith, has been corresponding with WPC regarding her work.

- The Session **voted to approve a motion** that WPC host the CROP Walk in 2007 and 2008.

Stewardship & Finance – There was no written report submitted. The committee did advise that a letter has gone out to all members regarding execution of the contract for purchase of the 211 NASA Parkway property, the expected closing date, and the fund set up for contributions.

Worship – There was no written report submitted.

- The Session **voted to approve a motion** for the Worship Committee and Pastor Mark Cooper to form a search team to fill the Music Director position on a permanent basis.

Youth Ministry – Committee members recently met with a youth pastor candidate during her visit with WPC. Positive feedback was received from youth and leaders alike.

Old Business – The Session received the report from WPC Commissioners to the May 15 Presbytery meeting at Camp Cho-Yeh. An item of interest was that title to the camp property will be deeded to the Cho-Yeh 501(c)3 non-profit corporation with the proviso that it will revert to the Presbytery if Cho-Yeh ceases to operate. A copy of Postlude, capturing all the meeting's news, is posted on the Session webpage.

- The Session **voted to table further action** regarding the Vision Team and the Physical Plant Team until the June Stated Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Mark Cooper is on continuing education leave in Tennessee. Helen DeLeon reported that WPC members will be prominently featured at the October 6, 2007, Focus Conference at Northwoods Presbyterian Church. Diane Kane, John Dewey, Mary Lawrence, and Jane Markley all have roles in the conference.

Next Meetings:

- There will be a Called Meeting of Session on Sunday, June 24, 2007, noon, with Presbytery Committee on Ministry (Triennial Visit)
- The next Stated Meeting of Session is Tuesday, June 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Gene Fisseler
Clerk of Session