

WESTOVER HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED SESSION MEETING
May 17,2009
12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Correspondence and Membership Changes
4. Consent Agenda
5. Reports
 - *Presbyterian Women
 - Board of Deacons
 - *Christian Education
 - Fellowship
 - Membership/Communication
 - Mission
 - Personnel Committee
 - Preschool
 - Property and Maintenance
 - *Service
 - *Stewardship
 - Worship and Music
 - Nominating
 - Pastor
6. Old Business
 - New Business:
7. Closing Prayer

Adjournment

2009	2010	2011
Marcey Berry	Betsy Barnes	Angela Finney
Nancy Evans	Wilma Lewis	Kathy Balkman
Betty Glenn	David Stricklin	Don Campbell
Ron Kuerner	Deanine Rogers	Eileen Joyce
Megan Rubio	Roy Nash	Dola Thompson-Pauly
Matthew Smith	Bob Quinn	Tammy Pflug
Bob Spencer	Susan Miller	Melanie Webre

CONSENT AGENDA:

Presbyterian Women

1. Change date of treats and Treasures Sale from June 6, 2009 to Aug.8, 2009
2. Permission to use kitchen to bake cookies for Red Cross on Sat., June 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.
3. Permission for WHPC to host Church Women United 2010 World Day of Prayer on Friday March 6, 2010. 9:00-11:00.

Christian Education

4. Request approval for a Youth Group Float Trip on the Buffalo River on July 16-18 with Grace and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. We also request use of the church van for that weekend.
5. Request approval to host a VBS Kick-Off Party on July 19th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.
6. Request approval for the youth group, along with Presbyterian Women, to host a baby item / baby supply drive for MELD, an organization the helps teenage mothers, on May 30th at 2:30 in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship

7. Permission to have annual Fish Fry and Talent Show/Silent Auction (benefiting the building fund) Saturday Aug.29 and including our IHN families on their final night as our guests.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Presbyterian Women

- Sat. May 30, 2:30 p.m. WHY and PW Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall
- Sat. June 13, 10:00 a.m. Cookie Baking for Red Cross in Kitchen
- Sat. Aug. 8, 7:00 a.m. Treats and Treasures Sale in Fellowship Hall

Christian Education

- Please remove Library Open House: May 31st from the calendar. We will reschedule for a later date.
- Senior Recognition During Worship: May 17th

Fellowship

- Fish fry and talent show Aug.29th 6:00pm-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Personnel

- Draft of revisions for Personnel Policies due June 30, 2009
- Review of job descriptions due June 30, 2009
- Personnel Committee meeting May 21 for informal meeting with Margaret Dorland
- Personnel Committee meeting June 1 for formal 3 month evaluation of job performance with Margaret Dorland
- Personnel Committee meeting June 15 for formal evaluation for DEC, Sexton, Choir Director and Pastor (a representative from each of the appropriate committees will participate in the formal evaluation process

Worship & Music

- May 31st – Commission session members attending the Presbytery meeting on June 6th

**STATED SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009
CHAPEL**

The Session of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church met Sunday, April 5, 2009, in a stated session meeting in the Chapel. Dr. Debbie Freeman moderated and opened the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m.

ELDERS PRESENT: Marcey Berry, Nancy Evans, Betty Glenn, Ron Kuerner, Megan Rubio, Bob Spencer, Wilma Lewis, David Stricklin, Deanine Rogers, Roy Nash, Bob Quinn, Susan Miller, Angela Finney, Kathy Balkman, Dola Pauly, Tammy Pflug, and Melanie Webre.

ELDERS ABSENT: Eileen Joyce (excused), Matthew Smith, Betsy Barnes, and Don Campbell.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Debbie Freeman, Heather Kilpatrick (DCE), Dotty McLemore (Deacons), and the Communicants Class - Susannah Benedict, Arianna Brown, Cassidy Dutton, Haley Dutton, Scout Snowden, and Will Nicholson.

A quorum was present.

ORDER OF THE DAY: THE EXAMINATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to grant privilege of the floor to the confirmands.

The six told their names and something about themselves. They were questioned on their training.

Motion was made to confirm all six and baptize Arianna Brown during worship on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. Motion approved. Dr. Freeman offered prayer for them.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the stated session meeting of March 8, 2009, were approved as written. The minutes of the special session meeting of March 22, 2009, were approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from the Cub Scout Troop thanking us for the use of our fellowship hall for their pinewood derby and enclosed a check for \$100.00.
2. Letter from the Sylvania Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ward, Arkansas asking for the transfer of letter from Westover Hills for Mrs. Carrie Mae Davidson.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

Motion was made and seconded to send the letter of transfer for Mrs. Carrie Mae Davidson to Sylvania Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ward, Arkansas. Motion passed.

COMMUNION:

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on Sundays, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th, and April 5, 2009, and on Wednesdays, March 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1, 2009.

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION:

Paul Foster was ordained and installed as a Deacon in the Class of 2009, on Sunday, March 22, 2009, during morning worship.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Christian Education

1. Request approval to hold a Library Open House on May 31st, after worship to introduce the congregation to the new library and the resources we have available.
2. Request approval to hold a Kerygma Class on the Book of Acts on Thursdays at 12:00 in the chapel. The class will run from April 23rd to May 28th.
3. Request approval to use the We Believe curriculum for the children's summer Sunday School program.
4. Request approval for the adult and youth summer Sunday School programs to use a theme of "Miracles and Parables of the Bible" to structure classes.

Consent agenda was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship - Bob Spencer

Monthly update on financial status
Cotham Endowment is down
Trend going down on contributions

Motion was made to approve the following persons to commence initial negotiations on May 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. with the Bank of the Ozarks and complete the remaining actions required for July 1, 2009. Tammy Pflug, Banker, Session Member, Tommy Callaway, Retired Bank executive, Sid McCollum, Attorney (Fara Faubus, alternate), Joe Park, Consultant, Horizons Stewardship and former banker, Robert Spencer, session member and coordinator, and Angela Finney, session member and Clerk of Session.

Upon approval of this motion, that the Clerk of Session notifies the Arkansas Presbytery, Attention Cathy Ulrich, Acting Stated Clerk of our refinancing effort. Notify the congregation both verbally and in the next monthly newsletter.

Motion passed.

Motion made to change the annual budget pledge contribution amounts and non-pledge amounts as per shown below to provide a more realistic projection of the 2009-income potential. Reduce the budgeted amount authorized the Administrative Assistant to her actual pay package until such time an increase is warranted.

2009 Actual Pledges Received: \$346,869.12

Current: Pledge Amount	From \$332,750.41 to \$337,597.41
Current: Non-pledge amount	From \$ 21,000.00 to \$ 14,000.00
Salary Adjustment:	From \$ 28,000.00 to \$ 26,000.00

Motion passed.

Because of the fact we have the reduced income, session was asked if we could put brakes on in our spending. It was passed.

Bob Spencer was thanked for the reports and refinancing efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussed the statements of faith that the communicants had written.
2. Cotham Lectures will be held May 17-19 with Cynthia Rigby.
3. A task force was formed to study what to do about the WOW dinners. Members of the task force are Nancy Evans, David Stricklin, Ann Patterson, Vivianna McAtee, and Angela Finney
4. It was decided that Session members would provide their own lunches for the session meetings.
5. A group has being going to the Legislature in regard to the bill about carrying weapons into church. The bill did not pass. Bob will send out a list of ways the police have recommended to keep our church safe as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Finney
Clerk of Session

Committee Report for Session Meeting
Westover Hills Presbyterian Church

Committee: Presbyterian Women

Date of Meeting: May 4, 2009

Consent Agenda Items:

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Need for Docket Time in Session Meeting: Yes

Calendar Items:

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Actions Items for Discussion during Session Meeting:

- Need to appoint a permanent wedding coordinator or coordinating team to work with wedding parties to help plan and execute wedding receptions in our kitchen and fellowship hall.
- Need to discuss and decide on a policy concerning the use of animals in WHPC in the wedding ceremony and reception.

Information:

- Melanie Webre, Vivianna McAtee, Betty Glen, Ann Bell, Kay Stephens, Carolyn Nash, Joan Erickson and Virginia Scott attended the 2009 Spring Gathering of PW in the AR Presbytery April 25 at Park Hill Presbyterian. We enjoyed worship and fellowship, hearing about God's work being done in Eastern Europe from 2008 Global Exchange Representative from Synod of the Sun, Mary Beth Lysobey. Our own Carolyn Nash, mission Coordinator for WHPW as well as Presbytery of AR PW shared the many mission activities and opportunities PW of AR are involved in locally and across the world. After lunch, the new AR Presbytery PW officers were installed. They are: Moderator Mary Beth Lysobey, Vice Moderator Cissy Rose, Secretary Kathy White, Treasurer Karene Jones, Mission Coordinator Carolyn Nash, Historian Jinny Jones, Justice and Peace Coordinator Susan Bourg.
- On Sat., May 2, PW celebrated their birthday with a salad potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Twelve tables were decorated individually by PW members, each representing one month of the year.

- PW and WHY will co-host a baby shower to benefit teenage mothers on Saturday, May 30th at 2:00 in the fellowship Hall.
- Melanie Webre and PW will serve as wedding coordinator for Jennifer Price Rehearsal/Wedding on June 19 and 20th
- Carolyn Nash, Susan Miller and Alison Nicholson will head up the Trash and Treasures task force.

