

Lakeview Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Stated Session Meeting
January 6, 2015

PRESENT: CiCi Andre, Word Backstrom, Meg Brown, Robin Burnette, Jeff Craig, Reuben Chrestman, Dale Davis, John Davis, Robert Johnston, Jim Miller, Rev. Barrett Milner, Valentina O'Brien and Roy Perrin.

ABSENT: Jim Prigmore

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Milner, moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

DEVOTIONAL: Valentina O'Brien read the seasonal story from Matthew 2:2-12, of the Wise Men, which includes the verses: "9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." The clerk distributed a devotional schedule for 2015 with Cici Andre scheduled at the February 3 meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote on a motion by John Davis, seconded by Robert Johnston.

READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the December 2 Stated Session meeting, the December 14 Called Session meeting and the December 14 Called Congregational meeting were adopted by unanimous vote on a motion by John Davis, seconded by Meg Brown.

CLERK'S REPORT

Birth: Price Reynolds Milner, son of Carrie and Rev. Milner, was born on November 22.

Baptism: Keegan Davis Scanlon, son of Andrew and Lindsay Miller Scanlon, was baptized on December 28, 2014.

Welcome/Farewell: New Session members Robin Burnette and Jeff Craig were welcomed to their first meeting. Word Backstrom, who was attending her last meeting, received the thanks of the Session for her diligence and hard work over the years.

Attendance - DECEMBER 2014

2014	2013	2012	2011
Dec. 7 - 77	Dec. 1 - 78	Dec. 2 - 164	Dec. 4 - 106
Dec. 14 - 99	Dec. 8 - 89	Dec. 9 - 81	Dec. 11 - 130
Dec. 21 - 92	Dec. 15 - 129	Dec. 16 - 106	Dec. 18 - 84
Dec. 24 - 102	Dec. 22 - 130	Dec. 23 - 84	Dec. 24 - 120
Dec. 28 - 96	Dec. 24 - 117	Dec. 24 - 85	Dec. 25 - 54
	Dec. 29 - 81	Dec. 30 - 85	

The average attendance at worship services for the calendar year of 2014 was 87.5, which is a 3.3% drop from the 90.5 over the same period in 2013, less than a 1% drop from the 87.8 average in 2012 and a 12% increase over the 78.1 average in 2011.

PASTOR'S REPORT (Written report attached.) Rev. Milner reported that he, Meg Brown and Heidi Melancon met with Amelie Welman and explained the staff restructuring and elimination of her position by July 1. Session members were encouraged to keep their eyes open for possible openings elsewhere for such a devoted servant and friend as Amelie. The search committee has made an offer to a candidate to fill the new position of Music Director and Organist. The ordination of Jeff Craig as an elder and installation of Jeff and Robin as ruling elders is scheduled for Sunday, January 18. A congregant has requested that the topics of discussion during Session meetings be made available to the congregation. The Clerk agreed to post a copy of the completed minutes from each meeting. The congregation's annual meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget & Finance: (Written report of January 5 meeting attached.) Roy Perrin presented a working draft of the 2015 budget, which was approved by unanimous vote of the Session on a motion by Reuben Chrestman, second by Heidi Melancon. The committee recommended a new method of counting money using Session members be implemented for 2015. Roy will incorporate recommendations expressed by Session members into the new policy. A motion by Roy, seconded by Robert Johnston, to pursue automatic drafts of contributions with Whitney Bank was adopted by unanimous vote.

Day School Board: (Written report of December 15 meeting attached.) Word Backstrom reported that tuition would not be increased this year after last year's increase. Planning for the spaghetti dinner fund-raiser has begun; members are encouraged to provide auction items. An end of year celebration is being planned for May 9 to honor Dale Davis on her retirement. An estimate was accepted for a new roof on the school building with work to be performed during the Mardi Gras break.

Property: (No written report.) John Davis confirmed the information about the new roof, saying member Kenny Kuhn has offered to supply materials at cost. The committee is studying the rental situation to incorporate changes and market rental rates in any new agreements.

Personnel: (No written report.) No report was available in Jim Prigmore's absence.

Mission, Service, and Growth: (Written report of December 8 meeting attached.) Reuben Chrestman reported a number of congregants will participate in the Desmond Project feeding the homeless at First Grace Methodist Church, Canal & Jeff Davis, on Saturday, January 10. Heidi Melancon, Elaine Christoph and Charlene Berry will make the Living Waters trip to Cuba in the spring.

Worship: (No written report.) Heidi said her committee will meet on January 7.

Fellowship: (No written report.) Cici reported that the donut program was going well for the fellowship period after worship service, but donors are needed to supplement the 2015 budget.

Christian Education: (No written report) Robert Johnston said volunteers are being solicited for teachers for 2015. The difficult has been in the inconsistency of attendance in all age groups.

Small Groups: (No written report.) Meg Brown said she will reach out to groups soon.

OLD BUSINESS: John Kupar reported on the successful visit and participation in worship services by members of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church of Lexington on December 28.

NEW BUSINESS: Rev. Milner will work on new committee assignments for the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT: Members recited the Lord's Prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesdays - 5:30 p.m. Taize'/Contemplative Prayer
- Mon., Jan. 5 - 6:00 pm - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting
- Tue., Jan. 6 - 6:30 pm - Session Meeting
- Wed., Jan. 7 - 6:30 pm - Worship Committee Meeting
- Sat., Jan. 10 – 4:30 pm – Handy Hands Krewe, the Desmond Project
- Wed., Jan. 14 - 6:30 pm - Christian Education Committee Meeting
- Thur, Jan. 15 – 6:00 pm – PC(USA) Special Offerings Dinner
- Sat., Jan. 17 – 5:30 pm – Family Movie Night (How to Train your Dragon)
- Tue., Jan. 20 – 6:00 pm – Mission & Service Committee meeting
- Wed., Jan. 21 – 5:30 pm – Cuba Mission Trip meeting
- Sat., Jan. 24 – 9 am – 3 pm – Covenant Network Conference p Marriage Matters, University Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SESSION - 1st Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm

Day School Board - 2nd Monday of the Month 5:30 pm

Budget & Finance Committee - 1st Monday of the Month as needed

Christian Education Committee - 2nd Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm

Fellowship Committee - 2nd Sunday of the Month 12:00 pm

Mission & Service/Church Growth Committee - 2nd Monday of the Month 6:00 pm

Worship Committee - 1st Wednesday of the Month 5:30 pm

NO MEETING SCHEDULE FOR:

Personnel Committee

Property Committee

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING: February 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Miller, Clerk of Session

Minutes prepared on January 8, 2015