

Stated Session Meeting Minutes March 27, 2022

The Session met on Sunday, March 27, 2022 by Zoom and in person in the session room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Terry Appenzeller, Jim Campbell, Jay Crane, Caroline Culpepper, Claude Davis, Steve Harlan, Mandy Hildebrand, Amanda Hilton, Stuart Mull, Knox Tate, Shirley Thomason, Phil Trick, and Ellie Wilson. Andi Banks and Bob Smith joined by Zoom. Elder Ken Bates, Clerk of Session, was also present.

Pastors: Whit Malone and Heather Davis were both present.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Claude Davis.

Matters for Discussion and Action:

- Receive new members: Ben and Morganna LeBoutillier by Reaffirmation of faith.
- Request from Union Seminary in Charlotte to help endow a position of Vice-President in honor of John and Missy Kuykendall. (See attached letter from Dr. Brian Blount). A motion was made by Phil Trick to send \$20,000 from the unrestricted endowment. The motion passed without opposition.
- General update on regathering plans and Wednesday Night Supper: Sunday School and church services had good numbers in attendance. Wednesday Night Suppers will start inside again instead of drive-thru the first week in April. The worship committee is to decide when to start passing the offering plate and the communion elements.
- Update from Pastoral Nominating Committee: Mandy Hildebrand reported that the committee was moving forward rapidly. Whit noted that presently an interim minister would not be needed in that the pulpit would be supplied by Heather and guest ministers.
- Elder Commissioners to Presbytery: April 26 – Shirley Thomason and Bob Smith.

Consent Agenda

Items requiring Session Approval:

- Stated Session Minutes from February 27, 2022 were approved by common consent.
- Email requests to affirm email vote to donate \$5,000 from the Mission Ministry Fund to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Ukraine relief and to affirm email approval for the baptism of Samuel Murray, son of Gray and Sally Murray, on June 26, 2022. Both requests were affirmed.

Clerk's Report

Births: none

Baptisms Administered: Kennedy Taylor, March 6, 2022.

Deaths: Connie Horne on March 22, 2022.

Administration of Communion: March 6, 2022.

Correspondence: Letter from Dr. Brian Blount

Reports by Committee Liaisons: none

Staff Reports:

- A dinner roasting Whit was held at Catawba Country Club by the Hickory Area Ministers. Many positive things were said about Whit and the church in general. One particular item receiving praise was the fact that our community building welcomes all organizations for weekly use.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Devotion April: Knox Tate

Closing Prayer: Heather Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. J. Whit Malone, Moderator

Dr. P. Ken Bates, Clerk of Session