

**The Session
First Presbyterian Church
Burlington, North Carolina**

**STATED MEETING
May 16, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

Class of 2021

√Patti Bates
Allison Bryan
√Chan Chandler
√Cindy Cothran
√Trip Durham
√Bill Francis
√Happy Kerns
√Wendy Lunsford
√Bruce Shields
√Edith Vann
Avery Wagoner
√Nan Wooten

Class of 2022

Chris Baker
√Steve Buckley
√Hugh Cummings
Susan Davis
√Bill Haslam
√Lavane Herman
√Toby Jones
Susan Kirkland
√Steve Matthews
√Paul Reeves
√Elizabeth Stanfill
√Gavin Stevens

Class of 2023

√Wayne Abernathy
√Jin-Jin Blackburn
√Denese Byrd
√Libby Conde
Jordan Doss
√Michael Holt
√David Sellars
√Chuck Wurl

Youth Representatives:

Eddie Bryan
Julieanna McHugh

Conner Gould

Staff:

√Ron Shive, Pastor and Moderator
√Taylor Barner, Associate Pastor
Patrick Murphy, Organist-Choirmaster (sabbatical leave)

√Charlotte Allbright, Church Educator
√Carrie Tuttle, Parish Associate

The May Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian was called to order by the Moderator at 7:01 p.m. .

Elder Cindy Cothran gave an opening devotion and prayer.

The Session approved the Consent Agenda (copy attached).

Team Reports

The Budget and Finance Team reported that the March Financials have been completed. There was a surplus of \$24,000 for the month, and that for the year, we had a surplus of \$70,000 through March. The April numbers are still preliminary, but they indicate that we had lower revenues and our expenses were higher due to 3 pay periods in the month. It appears we are still have a surplus for the year of approximately \$28,000. The CDC essentially broke even during March. The YTD numbers show a \$4,800 deficit. However, the CDC has opened two new rooms which will improve income through the remainder of the year.

The Worship and Congregational Care Team brought forth a proposal to begin having a single 45 minute in-person Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. that will also be live-streamed.

Attendees will be socially distanced and masked. These services will begin on Memorial Day weekend (May 30, 2021) and continue through Labor Day. The Session voted to approve the proposal. The Session also approved a recommendation for returning to having a weekly Called meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday Morning prior to the 10:00 a.m. service beginning with the Memorial Day service.

A motion was approved to keep the June and July Stated meetings on the calendar with the understanding that if there is no pressing business that they can be cancelled. The motion also included a provision that a determination will be made in July as to whether the August Stated Meeting will be held virtually or in-person.

The Personnel Team brought forth 2 proposals:

A motion was approved to re-open the office with the staff being physically present beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021. The office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The Session also approved the plan for Nolan Chilton to work as a Youth Ministry Intern.

Trip Durham, representing the Nominating Squad asked the Session for input on “the State of Volunteering in Our Community”.

After a motion was approved to adjourn the meeting, the Reverend Taylor Barner closed the meeting with prayer at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Hill, Jr.
Clerk of Session