

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

**STATED MEETING
January 22, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Class of 2023

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

Class of 2024

Nan Wooten
✓Nan Perkins
✓Mary Beth Adams
✓Willy Fisher
✓Scott Moffitt
✓Leanna Giles
Sarah Vincent
✓Katharine Frazier

Class of 2025

✓Martha Bradberry
✓Glenda Crawford
✓Eddie Gant
✓Harold Kernodle
✓Janice Kernodle
✓Greg Lunsford
✓Steve Matthews
✓David Pinson

Youth Representatives:

Eddie Bryan
Elizabeth Davis
✓Mary Chandler Giles
✓Bennett Gould

Staff:

✓Stewart Rawson, Pastor and Moderator
✓Taylor Barner, Associate Pastor
✓Patrick Murphy, Organist-Chairmaster

Charlotte Allbright, Church Educator
✓Carrie Tuttle, Parish Associate

The January Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian was called to order by the Moderator at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk of Session gave an opening devotion and prayer.

The Consent Agenda was approved (see attached).

New Business

The procedures for making reservations to use the OWL meeting tool were shared with the group.

A motion was approved for the Women's Resource Center to use Shive Hall, the Witherspoon Room, the John Knox Room, as well as the kitchen for the annual Herb Festival Wednesday April 14-15, 2023.

The Session discussed the request from Wade Harrison and Beth Hooten representing the Racial Justice Task Force to give them permission to obtain insurance for the event (no cost to the church), and permission to complete the application processes with the City of Graham and the Alamance County Sheriff's Department listing First Presbyterian Church as the event sponsor. The motion for both of these items was approved by the Session.

The Treasurer gave an update on December and Year End Financials. The church ended the year with a deficit of \$24,235. Year-end giving was less than it has typically been in past years. Expenses were \$3,718 over budget, and revenue was under budget by \$20,398. The cash balance

in the checking account is \$518,552.64 . The CDC had a month-to-date deficit of \$20,134.30, and year-to-date, there was a loss of \$7,247.21.

A motion was passed to approve the 2023 budget for the church. The budget for CDC will be brought to the Session next month..

A motion was approved to cover the cost of renting the Paramount Theatre for a Racial Justice event. The cost is included in the Adult Studies budget line.

The Worship and Music Team presented the proposed dates for Communion in 2023. The group approved the schedule.

The PNC presented an update on the MIF to be used by that group to get matches in the Church Leadership Connection system. Approval of the document expected at the COM meeting on January 26, 2023.

The Session approved the request to have a fellowship even in the John Knox Room. The theme will be a Monte Carlo night with gaming tables using pretend money.

Katharine Frazier reminded of the Session Retreat on Saturday February 4, 2023 from 9-12.

A motion was approved to call a Congregational Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service on February 12, 2023 for the purpose of amending the Terms of Call for Taylor Barner. A narrative budget will also be shared with the congregation at that time.

Old Business

There being no further business, a motion was approved to close the meeting, and the Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Hill, Jr.
Clerk of Session