

James Island Presbyterian Church

Charleston, SC July 19, 2016

The stated meeting of the Session of the James Island Presbyterian Church was called to order by Reverend Sam Martin, moderator, with a prayer at 6:00pm. He then recognized Elder Beth Tyrrell as acting clerk, and she confirmed a quorum was present. Reverend Martin invited those present to share joys and concerns with the body, then Elder Gayle Bustraan presented a devotion.

Elders in attendance

Heather Anderson
Debbie Berry
Gayle Bustraan
Ann Carswell
Matt Carter
Elisha Clyburn
Chris Crane

Lynne Dillehay
Andy Fairey
Chris Hoffman
Sherry Mahoney
Harold Noland
Emily Oswald
James Steed

Josh Stokes
Beth Tyrrell
Melissa VandeWiel
Stephanie Pritchett, Treasurer

Reverend Sam Martin
Reverend Cameron Smith

Excused

Steven Long
Mark Mitchum

Marilyn Muckenfuss
Sue Urie

Staff

Duncan Meadows
Elizabeth Parler

Prior to the business of the meeting, the Session watched a brief video Theocademy presentation regarding PC(USA) church structure.

The following reports were received as information:

Associate Pastor	Fellowship
Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Mission & Outreach
James Island Presbyterian Foundation	Personnel
Worship & Music	

CLERK OF SESSION: Beth Tyrrell thanked elders Ann Carswell and Gayle Bustraan for agreeing to be our church's delegates to the Called Meeting of the Presbytery on Wednesday, July 21, 2016. She then noted that the following RECOMMENDATIONS had been submitted by email and APPROVED as noted:

- a. May 26, 2016: to authorize the Seabreeze AA group to hold its annual 'anniversary' gala in our gym on June 24, 2016, beginning at 6pm. All those who responded approved: Berry, Anderson, Dillehay, Urie, Clyburn, Mitchum, Tyrrell, VandeWiel, Oswald, Bustraan, Fairey, Carter, Hoffman, Steed, Long, Carswell, Muckenfuss, Mahoney, Crane, Martin, & Bustraan.
- b. June 6, 2016: To add Elder Harold Noland to the Vision Task Force (his name had inadvertently left off of the list approved in May). All those who responded approved: Clyburn, Mitchum, Stokes, Hoffman, Anderson, Tyrrell, Berry, Oswald, Carter, Fairey, Bustraan, Dillehay, Carswell, Urie, Long, VandeWiel, & Steed.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Reverend Sam Martin reported that Communion had been served on June 5 and July 3. He thanked those elders, active and resting, who had assisted in this ministry with him and Associate Pastor Cameron Smith.

FINANCE (Hoffman, Tyrrell): After presenting information, it was RECOMMENDED & APPROVED that in order to allow for better coordination & oversight, all ministries should submit to their requests and proposals for special offerings and fundraising efforts to Finance Committee prior to announcing and implementing them.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (Mahoney): It was announced that in response to discussion at the spring Session retreat, Charlie Tyrrell & Jason Smith had agreed to help develop & coordinate activities for our older members.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES (Steed, Anderson): After presenting information, the following RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED: To approve the use of church transportation for the following off-campus activities: 1) Rescheduled Big Youth Day – July 15; Night Climb at Wild Blue Ropes Course; 2) Hands of Christ distribution – July 25; 3) Transport Elementary School Children back from St. James to the JIPC Gym for a special Children’s Event; 4) Big Youth Day – July 31; lunch and paintball followed by Hands of Christ Concert; and 5) Do Love Serve – August 8-10: presbytery-wide senior high mission trip to local ministry sites and beaches.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Oswald): Information was presented, including a review of the May Congregational Ministries meeting; then it the following RECOMMENDATIONS were presented and APPROVED: 1) To continue JIPC’s subscription to Right Now Media RNM) in 2017, conditional upon finding a source to pay for it aside from Christian Education Funds; and 2) To approved one course for adults for the fall semester of WNL: “James Island Presbyterian: Informed by the Past, Discerning the Future;” further this class will be offered also on Sunday mornings, and it will feature speakers & leaders from our own church as well as our sister churches on James Island and the Presbytery.

MEMBERSHIP (Crane, Carswell):Three RECOMMENDATIONS were presented and APPROVED: 1&2) To authorize the transfer of membership of Jon & Carol Slade to the Summerton Presbyterian Church and of Jeff & Anna Cline to the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church; and 3) To remove the following 35 members from the Active Roll: Jessica Blalock, Jessica McGee Buegler, Amanda Callander, Lucy Dunlap, Carla Dupree, Geoff & Allison Fender, Will & Lindsay Flynn, Whitney Hendrickson, Bruce & Lori Hinman, Jeb & Tracy Hockenberry, Brad & Denise Hunt (Stephen, Brandon, & Kelsey Hunt, Megan Llewellyn), Charlene Hutson, Elmer Johnson, James & Shannon Jones, Jennifer Jones, Mary Jones, John & Linda Jowers, Alice Reeves, Ken & Cindy Rhye, Ralph & Dianne Terry, and Rob & Jamey Woody.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS (Noland): In addition to information, the following RECOMMENDATION was presented and APPROVED: to authorize the Rally for Niger 5k Run & Walk Team to hold its packet pick-up process in the JIPC parking lot on September 30, 3:00 – 7:00pm (rain-day alternatives would be the narthex or café).

CHILD PROTECTION (Meadows): The following members are on JIPC’s Child Protection Committee: Marilyn Muckenfuss, Chair; Heather Anderson, Charlie Tyrrell, Elizabeth Tinga, Susan Norris, and Duncan Meadows, Staff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Melissa VandeWiel agreed to serve on JIPC’s Nominating Committee with lay members Charlotte Culpepper, Caroline Clum, & Paul Roof (elected by the congregation); Reverend Martin will ask one of the other non-renewing elders to also serve. It was MOVED (Stokes), SECONDED, & APPROVED to schedule a Congregational Meeting to elect officers for Sunday, September 25, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS: The following MOTIONS were presented, SECONDED, & APPROVED: To implement the New Consecration Sunday stewardship program again this year (Stokes); to engage Dr. Lou Lunardini to serve as Guest Leader for New Consecration Sunday, including serving as preacher on Consecration Sunday (Dillehay); and to hold New Consecration Sunday on November 6, 2016.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:00pm.

Date Approved: August 16, 2016

Clerk: Marilyn Q. Muckenfuss