

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, TN
Stated Session Meeting
July 25th, 2021

The Session meeting, at which all members were present, was held on Sunday July 25, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall of the church. Present were elders April Marengo, Paul Burkey, Doug Roberts, John Morrell, Marilyn Brumley, Beth Morrell, and moderator Rev. Christine Bohn.

The moderator called the meeting to order and opened with prayer and a brief devotion. The minutes from the May 16th Stated Session meeting were approved.

The Clerk asked for input as to how to get session minutes to the congregation. The Clerk will post minutes on the bulletin board in the narthex, put a condensed version in the bulletin and look into getting them on the church website.

Paul gave his commissioner's report on the June 5th Presbytery meeting. Of note, a formal action has occurred to separate The Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center from the Holston Presbytery. The Holston Camp and Retreat Center is now an independent corporation and has 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated status and will operate independently of the presbytery. Holston Presbytery will no longer be financially responsible for the camp, but is entering a covenant relationship with the camp just as it has with Grandfather Home for Children, King University, Tusculum College, Sunset Gap Community Center, and Lees-McRae College.

The Pastor reported on her concerns for the congregation and included that she will be taking vacation time from August 2nd through the 15th to recover from her upcoming knee surgery.

New business: The Presbytery's Missions Priorities Commission is implementing their plan to send teams to every church in the presbytery in order to get input from all congregations to assess the mission priorities for Holston Presbytery. Each congregation will be visited by a team of three to be interviewed as a congregation in order to become familiar with their ideas and thoughts towards the mission goals for Holston Presbytery as a whole. Timber Ridge will be visited by Rev. Todd Jenkins from First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville, a ruling elder from another church, and Marilyn Brumley (who has volunteered to serve on the leadership team) to discuss mission priorities with our congregation. The session is inviting the leadership team to our church on Sunday August 29th. We are planning an outdoor worship service at the pavilion to be followed by a pot-luck picnic lunch. Our congregation's discussion with the mission leadership

team will immediately follow. We hope that as many members of the congregation as possible can be present and participate.

Treasurer's Report: <u>General Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Collected	\$6,125.00	\$8,199.44	\$52,189.44
Needed	\$6,844.12	\$6,844.12	\$51,330.09
Difference	-\$ 719.12	+\$1,355.32	+\$ 859.35

Year-to-date total compared to July 2020 is \$1,454.84 less.

<u>Special Funds</u>	<u>June and July</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Pentecost	\$330.00	
5¢ a meal	\$ 83.97	\$ 103.92
Food Bank	\$100.00	\$1,100.00
Cemetery	\$835.00	\$6,375.00
Memorial	\$400.00	\$2,425.00
Building	\$520.00	\$1,520.00

Reports from committees:

Audit Committee has completed the review of the 2020 incoming and outgoing books.
Building and Grounds: Hannah is no longer going to be available to clean the church.

The manse had a clog in the septic system which has been resolved.

Cemetery: The family of Kelly Boles, who has relatives at rest in the Timber Ridge Cemetery, has been granted permission by the session to have a small family reunion at the pavilion on August 16th.

The next presbytery meeting will be Tuesday September 7th at 9:00 AM. No commissioner from our congregation has volunteered to attend.

The next stated session meeting will be September 19th at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Marilyn has volunteered to have the devotion.

Chris closed the meeting with prayer and there was a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell
Clerk

Rev. Christine Bohn
Moderator