

**SUMMERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
STATED MEETING OF SESSION
September 20, 2009**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7pm PM by Moderator Reverend Mike Shelton. The meeting was held in Lanneau Hall.

Attendance: P – Present, A – Absent, EA – Excused Absence

P Mike Shelton, Moderator
P Kari Goforth, Director of Youth Ministry
P Lamar Carney, Associate Pastor

Class of 2008	Class of 2009	Class of 2011
P Jeff Bowers	P Mark Edwards	P Joe Friday
P Bo Hamilton	P Ruth Owens	P Jim Bailey
P Sharon Klein	P Hunter Harris	A Buck McGarity
P Davis Lever	P Norm Brunswig	P Daniel Selander
P Leo Lorenz	P Beth Allain	P Sally Lawson
P Jean Muller	P Dekle Griffith	P Merrillyn Long
A Kim Robbins	P John Franks	P Josh Raglin
A Mark Owens		P Frances Via
P Brandi Von Dohlen		

The meeting was opened with “team building” by Kari Goforth and devotion and prayer by Ruth Owens. Prayer concerns were discussed and Rev. Shelton led Session in prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

The following minutes were approved
August 15, 2009 Stated Meeting
August 30, 2009 Called Meeting

Communications:

Births	None
Deaths	None
Baptism	None
Marriage	Caroline Odom & Tracy Alan Comatzer, Jr.
New members or transfers	None

Session approved Elders Bo Hamilton and Ruth Owens as commissioners for the October 3rd Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting at Moncks Corner Presbyterian Church

Session was reminded of the Men’s Conference to be held on October 10th at Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church.

Session was informed that the 2008 minutes are being sent to Presbytery for approval.

Communion was served today during both services as it is every 3rd Sunday.

Elder Nominating Committee Report

Elder Leo Lorenz reported the committee has a slate of elders for approval. They are Session approved a Congregational Meeting to be held on October 4th before 2nd service. The slate to be considered at Jim Hamilton, Scott Wilson, Steve Hill, Carol Wylie, Sherry Roberts, Jim Crawley, J.C. Simmons.

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Education

A written report was accepted. **A motion was approved to purchase the children's playground equipment.** The funds will come from the current CE budget (a minimum of \$5,431.52, plus any money raised in the mean time), with whatever remains of the \$5,000.00 balance to be paid in January of 2010, from CE's Capital Improvement account for that year.

Congregational Programs

A written report was accepted. Elder Hamilton reported that Wednesday Night Live kicked off this week with 88 members signed up for classes.

Evangelism:

A written report was received. **A motion was approved for the Women's Jail Ministry Team to be allowed to extend their outreach program to women at the Harvest House.** The curriculum will be Fundamentals of Faith. Prayer service continues in the sanctuary every other Tuesday evening.

Finance:

Elder Griffith reported that finances continue to be in sound condition. Pledge cards are in the process of being mailed out. Financial reports and minutes will be sent out to Elders this coming week.

Mission and Benevolence:

A written report was received. Elder Franks reported 7 members will leave on a mission trip to Costa Rica on October 21st.

Pastoral Care:

A written report was received.

Property:

A written report was received. Elder Edwards reported the exterior of the Sanctuary has been painted

Worship and Music:

A written report was received. Elder Lorenz reported that there will be a celebration of Jim Moore's 30 years of service on October 24th. Scottish Heritage Sunday will be October 17th.

Long Range Planning:

Reported by Hunter Harris

The motion was approved to have the Stated Clerk of Session be a non-voting position to be filled by a non-sitting Elder; with the Elder to be elected by the Session on recommendation of the Head of Staff. The Clerk must be elected annually, but can serve consecutive terms. Book of Order G-9.0203

Motion was approved to set up a commission to act on behalf of session, with one person chosen by each ministry team, to prepare a litmus test to review the functions within the Church and how they align with the guiding principles.

Director of Youth Ministries report:

Kari Goforth reported that 37 kids were at the first night of Joy Kids, 70 people attended the snack supper, 26 high school students were in class this morning and 18 middle school students were in class. She asked the session look into larger space for these two classes.

Personnel Committee:

Elder Bowers reported that the committee has discussed the possibility of changing Kari Goforth's job title and job description. A motion was approved to extend Kari's \$500 monthly bonus (see August 3, 2009 minutes) until personnel reevaluates the job description and session acts on it in one month or the next meeting of Session.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Shelton

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Bowers, Clerk