

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS
April 21, 2015

The April Stated Meeting of the Session began at 6:30 p.m. in LC181 with a quorum present. Moderator Rev. Jim Birchfield called the meeting to order. Scot Luther opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer

Key items of business were:

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Randy Wilson reported that the Year to Date giving is 7.6% above the prior year period and expenses are above the prior year period by 3.2%. Giving is 26.0% above budget YTD. The Church's general fund cash position *as of March 31, 2015* is approximately \$1.8 million as of March 31, 2015. After adjusting the general fund cash balance for funds that are designated for others, the Church's unrestricted cash position was \$1.07 million.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Presbyterian School Trustees: a motion was made seconded and approved to elect the following to the Board of Trustees for Presbyterian School: Brady Carruth, Martha Erwin, Jonas Georgsson, Quang Le, Kelli Rhee and Jennifer Rustay.

Personnel: A motion was made and approved to accept the Sabbatical Leave Policy for pastors as presented. After seven years of service the pastors are eligible for a three month sabbatical leave. This leave is subject to session approval.

Budget: Randy Wilson presented the proposed Church Budget to be voted on at the May session meeting. There is a 4% overall increase over last year proposed from the Finance committee.

Ministry Reports: All of the ministry teams gave an overview of their goals for the coming Fiscal Year starting June 1. These goals will further define how the members will participate in Vision 2020.

Congregational Life Ministry, Jon Crantz

Purpose: To equip and empower people to administer Christ-centered hospitality, belonging and care both inside and outside the church.

Ministry Oversight: Connections, New Members, Women, Caring, Marriage and Fellowship

Goals: Include establishing neighborhood outreach teams, encourage new members to take the Evangelism training, and establish a Married Life lead team.

Worship and Music, Michael Homan

Purpose: To provide and enable the corporate worship of God as the church gathers to hear God's word and is scattered into the world to be his witness.

Ministry Oversight: Worship and Music, Children and Family, Faith and Work

Goals: Include increasing the congregational participation in the choir and focus on the college singer ministry, establish a regular "parent's night out" with components of parent/marriage education, and expand the vision and leadership of the Faith and Work Connection.

Evangelism and Mobilization, Jeremiah Morris

Purpose: To prepare the next generation of leaders to extend God's mission in our city and around our world

Ministry Oversight: Prayer, Evangelism, Church Planting, Youth, College, Young Adults

Goals: Include implementing an 8 week recurring course that establishes a theology of prayer, train 500 people in Evangelism training by fall of 2016, and develop a discipleship master plan to take the youth from 6th to 12th grade.

Equipping and Sending, Andrew Stepp

Purpose: To equip and empower people to live as Christ-centered, outward focused disciples wherever God daily sends them to be his witness.

Ministry Oversight: Adult Sunday School classes, Small Groups, Mission Trips, Local & Global ministry Partnerships

Goals: Include having testimonies during worship hour each Sunday to encourage members to be missionaries in their circle of influence, host global mission forums in the fall and the spring, focus the All Church Sunday School classes in August on equipping and sending, plan a Faith and Culture Conference in April 2016 featuring Dr. Richard Mouw.

Clerk's Report:

Lesley Lilly briefly reviewed the plans for Vision 2020 Sunday and encouraged the elders to participate. The elders were encouraged to begin filling their session committees as the 2015 class of members will roll off June 1. A church-wide communication will be posted to invite interested members to join a session committee.

Pastor's Report:

Jim Birchfield reported that he will review Vision 2020 with the leadership on April 22. Jim expressed appreciation for the leadership and staff that allows him to be away from the church and go on mission trips. May will be the last session meeting for the elder class of 2015.

Prayer and Praise:

Following corporate prayer, Communion was served by intinction with Rev Jon Crantz officiating and elder Scot Luther assisting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer by Rev. Jim Birchfield and the singing of the doxology.

