## Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Session Meeting March 26, 2017

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Present were Moderator Rev. Chris Bohn, elders Doug Roberts, Charles Harmon, Marilyn Brumley, Paul Burkey, Amy Cobble, Kimra Crocker, Will Exum and Sandra Carter. Elder not present was Lisa Balabas.

Moderator Bohn opened the meeting with prayer and asked any elder interested to share a prayer request and a joy report.

Minutes from the Stated January 22 meeting and minutes from the February 5 and February 16 Called meeting, February 5 Congregational meeting were distributed. Kimra made a motion, seconded by Marilyn that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Offering Year to Date \$23,835.29

## Pastor's Report:

Rev. Bohn reported on her activities for March. She also reported that Holy Communion was celebrated on March 5. Rev. Bohn visited shut-ins Willie Brumley, Mary Roberts and Pauline Hayes. She presented the elements of Communion to these ladies during their visit with the assistance of elders, Charles and Marilyn Brumley.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Building:** Refurbinshing work at the manse is almost complete.

A memorial service for Margaret Burkey will be held at the church on

May 28.

**Cemetery:** The cemetery committee made a motion to the Session for the family of

Hugh Rader to obtain a burial plot. Mr Rader has ancesters buried in the church cemetery. Paul seconded the committees motion. The motion

was approved.

Mission Interpretation

**Stewardship:** The committee reviewed the adjusted budget based the recently

approved contract for Chris Bohn as our interim pastor. Rev. Bohn will start March 1 at an annual salary of \$27,000 plus the employer SECA portion. By agreement with Rev. Bohn and with Holston Presbytery Committee on Ministry approval, \$5,000 will be considered salary and \$22,000 will be allocated as housing allowance. Based on those figures and pro-rating them for ten months left in 2017, the adjusted Ministerial Support section of the 2017 budget is \$34,204.58

and the total budget would be \$67,732.03

Pulpit supply has paid a total of nine Sundays during January and February, our Pulpit Supply budget line is \$600. We have paid \$970 so far with one Sunday per quarter needed for the remainder of the year.

Doug reported to the MIS committee that our property insurance carrier has requested if we want to add an earthquake rider to our current policy. After discussion, the Committee agreed we should recommend to Session that we forego the expense of adding that additional coverage.

The MIS committee also reviewed the options for re-paying the \$9,000 loan in 2016 from the Cemetery Fund to the General Fund. Because of the lower budget this year we think there may be an opportunity to re-pay the loan from the General Fund contributions without selling New Covenant Fund shares if our General Fund balance were to rise above \$25,000.

Upcoming Special Offerings this spring include OGHS at Easter, the Cemetery offering in May and the Pentecost offering in June. We agreed to sponsor a OGHS breakfast this year on Palm Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. Sandra volunteered to coordinate the food portion of the event. Marilyn is going to ask Beth and her middle school class (Kenton Cobble and Blair Shelton) if they would present a program.

**Nurture:** Kimra reports that Bennie will have a piano recital in August.

## **New Business:**

Holy Week services will begin on Palm Sunday at Pine Grove UMC; Maundy Thursday at Loves Memorial UMC where Timber Ridge Rev. Chris Bohn will deliver the message and Timber Ridge choir will sing; Good Friday at Cedar Hill CPC. All services begin at 6:30. The offerings received from those services have been requested to aid Appalachian Helping Hands Project. Kimra made a motion seconded by Marilyn that the offerings go to aid this project. Motion carried.

There will be no worship service scheduled for Saturday before Easter.

Marilyn Brumley, Elder Commissioner, reported on the March 4, 2017 Stated Presbytery Meeting held at First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville.

Next Stated meeting will be held on May 31 at 6:30.

Sandra Carter Clerk	Rev. Chris Bohn Moderator
Respectfully submitted,	
Kimra made a motion seconded by Sandra the meeting ad	ljourn. Motion carried
Having no further business, the Moderator closed with prag	yer.