

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STATED SESSION MEETING  
July 19, 2017

**I.** The Session of the Northminster Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Florida, held a stated meeting on July 19, 2017. The meeting was called to order in the Library at 6:50 P.M. by the Moderator Pastor Wally Johnson who opened the meeting with a devotion from Philippians 2 and the PCUSA Book of Order and with prayer.

**II. A quorum was established:**

**THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:** Moderator – Pastor Wally Johnson  
Ruling Elders –Larry Brown, Mark Goslin, Nancy Haas, Sally Kirby, Tom Latimer,  
Dick McGuire, Betty Miller, Sanford Mullet, Ron Myers, Bob Price, Bob Silver and Harry Wilde

**III. The Agenda was approved as amended (add VIII. Item D – a proposal from Daniel Rosales and Item E – a called Session meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup>).**

*Bob Silver made a motion which was properly seconded to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed.*

**IV. PASTOR’S REPORT (June – July 2017) – Pastor Wally Johnson**

1. Get acquainted coffees were very successful and a blessing for Joyce and me.
2. Committee meetings – made all!
3. Met with the committee charged with finding a new organist/accompanist
4. Visits – Pat Gorham (2), Joan Kania, Sanford Mullet and family, Paul and Jan Eckel
5. Attended 2 Squares
6. I met with several area ministers at a lunch in Nokomis
7. Funeral Service and Internment for Nancy Mullet, funeral service for Pat Gorham
8. Started our Inquirer’s class – off to a good start.
9. I am leading an effort to establish a Lectionary Bible Study among the area ministers. It looks like this will kick off in the fall.
10. Met with Rick Howell, Director of Samaritan Counseling Services.
11. Participated in a Clergy Cohort Group in Sarasota

12. Listening and exploring ways we can reach out into the community. I sense the congregation is ready to move in this area and I am excited by that prospect.

13. Planning for our Strategic Planning Day – August 19

14. Planning for Installation on July 23

***Bob Price made a motion which was properly seconded to approve the Pastor's report. The motion passed.***

***V. OMNIBUS MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Goslin and properly seconded, to approve Item V. A. – B. as set forth in the Omnibus Motion. The motion passed.***

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6/21/17 Stated Session Meeting**

**B. APPROVAL OF A REPORT FROM A STANDING COMMITTEE**

**1. Outreach and Marketing Committee – Ron Myers**

- a. The Midday Music and Midday History Programs advertising was discussed and the finances were explained. \$1500 will be spent on ads and \$1000 will be spent for performers, instrument tuning and printing.
- b. Judy Egan has placed paid advertisements in the Worship Directory of the *Bradenton Herald* and the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*. These are paid ads. Free listings are done on space available. The “Almanac” in the *Bradenton Herald* lists activities and activities appear under “Community” in the *Sarasota Herald*.
- c. Dick Murphy reported that average NPC attendance is beginning to rise (June 2016 -171.8 compared to June 2017 – 173.4)
- d. The committee is working advertisements for Mobile Home Park Newsletters (Gold Tree, The Winds North, The Winds South and TriPar.
- e. The Day 4 Hope was discussed. Judy Egan, Rich Rhodes and Ron and Martie Myers will attend this year's Day 4 Hope at First United Methodist Church, downtown Sarasota, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, to find out more information. It was pointed out that this should be part of our Mission Committee should NPC choose to participate next year.
- f. Betty Miller encouraged members to post received ads on their subdivision bulletin boards.

## VI. REPORTS SET ASIDE FOR DISCUSSION:

### A. Treasurer's Report – Bob Silver and Harry Wilde

**June, 2017**

#### 1. Operating Fund Results

	<u>June, 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date 2017</u>
Income	\$34,282.99	\$ 132,848.63
Expense	<u>30,057.11</u>	<u>115,290.43</u>
Net Income	\$ 4,225.88	\$ 17,558.20

#### 2. Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank \$50,904.17 + PILP Money Market \$22,642.16 = \$73,546.33

#### 3. Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Scott Trade \$ 100.10 + PILP Money Market \$55,879.10 = \$55,979.20

#### 4. Mortgage Balance as of April 30, 2017: \$389,888.58 (Est. 5-11-17 \$369,000.00)

Required Monthly Payment: \$2,867.88

Breakdown: Principal - \$1,545.88

Interest - 1,322.00

Revised Payment Est.: \$ 2,867.88

#### 1. Operating Fund Results

	<u>June 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date 2017</u>
Income	\$21,556.57	\$ 178,062.52
Expense	<u>25,162.25</u>	<u>173,175.42</u>
Net Income	\$ -3,605.68	\$ 4,887.10

#### 2. Operating Fund Balance

Iberia Bank \$36,795.84 + PILP Money Market \$22,659.10 = \$59,454.94

#### 3. Capital Campaign Fund Balance

Scott Trade \$ 2,273.28 + PILP Money Market \$39,187.04 = \$41,460.32

4. Mortgage Balance as of June 30, 2017: \$362,221.30

Required Monthly Payment: \$2,867.88

Breakdown: Principal - \$1,622.69

Interest - 1,245.19

Revised Payment Est.: \$2,867.88

Interest Rate: 4.0980

*Tom Latimer made a motion, which was properly seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed and the full report filed for audit.*

## **B. Finance Committee Report – Jack Tibbets and Tom Latimer**

1. Mortgage: Our mortgage with PILP is an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) with rate adjustments made every three years. On July 14, 2017, the interest rate on our mortgage was changed from 4.098% to 3.972%. This rate change adjusts our monthly payments from \$2,867.88 to \$2,684.92 starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will save almost \$2,200 per year.

We are continuing to “sweep” our Building fund money market account on a monthly basis. On June 30<sup>th</sup> we paid an additional \$2,400 on our balance and should be making a similar payment at the end of this month. These balance reductions are in addition to our regular monthly payment.

## **C. Christian Education Report – Nancy Haas**

1. Dick Murphy would like to teach classes on Job & Solomon on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. starting September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Session reviewed the summary of this study.

*Betty Miller made a motion which was properly seconded to approve Dick Murphy's class on Job & Solomon. The motion passed.*

2. Pastor Wally will be teaching a weekly class on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Tuesdays starting September 26<sup>th</sup> – the end of May: the Reformation 500 years later, the effects of the Reformation (until Advent); an Advent Study; starting January the life of C.S.Lewis and *Mere Christianity*.

#### **D. Deacon's Report – Robin Sutcliffe**

The Session reviewed the Deacon's Report which strongly expressed the need the Deacons have for more help since they are so short of Deacons. Robin asked for the Session's prayerful support in the search for help. Pastor Wally suggested that we take a look at what we're asking Deacon's to do and how it can be done. Mark suggested that the Session look at the problem with the Deacons. Mark and Betty will sit down with two of the Deacons to discuss it.

World Wide Communion Sunday is October 1, 2017. Session members are asked to help the Deacons taking communion to the shut-ins.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Pastor Wally's Trip to Cuba – October 5-10, 2017: Pastor Wally has been asked by the Presbytery to go to Cuba to investigate the state of the church in Cuba. He will use 4 days of study leave for this.

Sept. 20-23 Pastor Wally will use 2 days of Study Leave.

*Bob Silver made a motion which was properly seconded to approve Pastor Wally's study leave. The motion passed.*

- B. Update on Search Team – Pastor Wally: The task force is Ed Stiles, Dick McGuire, Jim Stoltie, Sylvia Eckes, Sally Kirby and Pastor Wally. The Team has met and updated the job description. Sylvia is finalizing an ad to be placed. When everyone is back from summer trips the team will review resumes. Jim Stoltie has been asked to arrange for substitute musicians for September and October. There will be some cost for the advertising. The team is asking for a budget of \$500 for advertising in several venues.

*Tom Latimer made a motion which was properly seconded to approve the Session Discretionary Fund to fund the advertising budget of the Search Team. The motion passed.*

- C. 2017 Presbytery Gathering – September 23, 2017, 9:00 A.M. to Noon, First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte, Florida. Session members were encouraged to attend.

- D. Proposal from Daniel Rosales: Pastor Wally met with Daniel whose congregation is dwindling and their concern is that the Fellowship Hall is too big for their worship on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Therefore they would like to meet in the Education Building instead.

*Bob Silver made a motion which was properly seconded to change Daniel's Sunday service on Sundays to the Education Building.  
The motion passed.*

- E. Bob Price asked for more information on an electric church sign. The county sign ordinance has changed. The Outreach & Marketing Committee will look into it.

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Presbytery has a new program of "Blessing Grants" with objectives of inviting congregations to dream and to consider what new projects God might be calling our congregation or presbytery entity to engage. This will be discussed at the August Strategic Planning Meeting. Pastor Wally has been asked to serve on the Presbytery Review Board for this.
- B. July 23, 2017 is the Installation Service of Rev. Wally at 4:00 P.M
- C. There will be a Called Session Meeting on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 9:45 A.M. in the Library for the purpose of receiving new members.

**X. ADJOURNMENT & CLOSING PRAYER**

There being no further business to come before the Session, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Wally at 7:45P.M.

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Pastor Wally Johnson, Moderator

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Sally A. Kirby, Clerk of Session

