



# Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

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## **Stated Meeting of Session**

Thursday, March 23, 2017

The Stated meeting of the Session of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church of Alpharetta, Georgia was called to order on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Oliver Wagner moderated the meeting. Elder Beth Bowles served as clerk. A quorum was declared.

### **Attendance**

Elders present:

- Laura Barnett, Dick Bean, Richard Boston, Beth Bowles, Larry Carver, Tim Chisholm, Tim Deitrich, Tom Gould, Jerry Hopkins, Elizabeth Hughey, Patrick Liu, Susan Manthey, Lisa McKemey, Kris Moehring, Stu Moring, Wendy Seeman, Ashley Shepardson

Elders excused/absent:

- Dennis Barger, Mary Margaret Baxley, Alan Crowell, Cara Doll, Jennifer Owens, Rich Vandever

### **Opening Prayer and Devotion**

Rev. Caitlin Phillips led the opening prayer and devotional.

### **Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed and unanimously adopted.

Guest John Shevlin: In his capacity as a member of the EPNC from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, discussed the Presbytery and the open position of Executive Presbyter and how they relate to our congregation.

### **Clerk's Report**

- Minutes were approved for the 2/23/2017 Stated Meeting of Session and the 3/5/2017 Congregational Meeting.
- Holy Communion was celebrated in worship on 3/5/2017.
- Correspondence and Announcements: The next meeting of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery has been changed to May 9<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Korean Community Presbyterian Church from 4pm-8pm. The nursery renovations will begin on Monday and Sunday school locations will be relocated beginning this weekend in preparation for that. We have a called meeting this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall to receive new members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- February YTD revenues are \$31k ahead of budget while expenses are \$35k under budget. Net income for the year is \$71,146.

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## **Pastors' Reports**

- Dr. Jo Anderson – She has been very busy with hospital visits. Recently had a good Deacons meeting. Would like to declare her housing allowance of 100% of her salary.
- Rev. Phillips – New member class being held this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. This is the first condensed class and we are hopeful it will go well. She has been working with young adults and would like to try some different ideas (Real Life 101 class, for example). She is declaring her housing allowance of 70% which is \$37,000.
- Dr. Wagner – He is declaring his housing allowance of \$43,000. Met with Pastor Claudia of Centro Familiar. They are at capacity in the Omega trailer. She has asked to use the theater during Sundays in April anticipating increased attendance as we get closer to Easter. Property and ACT1 have all agreed to help with getting the theater ready. Tom VanLaningham from the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia would like to add APC as one of the churches where they can establish a relationship and have physical office space in which to have counseling sessions. A facility use request will be forthcoming. Ollie shared pictures and stories of the Albany tree clearing trip. He also shared pictures and information about the Alpharetta City Center groundbreaking ceremony that was held today.

## **Action Items**

1. Session approved the March Membership report.
2. Worship – Session approved the request for Dr. Raj Nadella to preach on Mission Sunday, August 20, 2017.
3. Property – Session approved the for-profit group, Brainy Bytes, to hold 4 one-week sessions at APC this summer.
4. Dayschool – Session approved two new board members: Ashley Lea and Molly Hathy.

## **New Business**

## **Old Business**

1. An update was given on the review of *The Manual of Administrative Operations, Youth and Child Safety Policy, and Sexual Misconduct Policy*.
2. Nursery Renovation status report – work will begin on Monday.

## **Committee and Ministry Reports**

1. Christian Education: Youth – Netted about \$7,800 from the Auction – very happy about the outcome. Youth Director search update – still on-going.
  2. Fellowship – Pot Luck Trivia Night in June. Will also have entertainment for the younger children.
  3. Membership – Want to focus on engagement more; one idea we're going to try – there will be an easel setup outside the sanctuary where needs that are small / short in duration can be put a board placed on the easel and people can take the card or post-it as they see something that interests them.
  4. Mission – April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mission Day of Service will follow the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch.
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5. Open Arms – Family worship service this Saturday at 4:00pm. Promise Class is moving during the Property Work Day this Saturday morning. Would appreciate any help during Sunday school if anyone plays music – would add to the classroom experience.
  6. Property – Property Work Day is this Saturday morning at 8:00am.
  7. Stewardship – Updates in the “Finance Procedures at APC” were shared. A sub-committee has been formed to explore the possibility of investing some of the reserve funds.

After the sharing of prayer concerns, Dr. Wagner closed the meeting with prayer at 8:29pm.

The next meetings will be a called meeting on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall to receive new members and a stated meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in room 206/207.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Beth Bowles  
Clerk of Session

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