

**FAITHBRIDGE CHURCH  
STATED SESSION MINUTES**

December 17, 2009

7:02 p.m.

Faithbridge Church

**Session Members Present:** Tom Bozarth, Todd Willingham, Ray Morris, Betty Smith, Ben Carter, Dominic Boamah, MJ Junkin, Sue Watson, Jim Williams, Mark Simmons

**Session Members Excused:** Jody Heeg, Karen Oxford

**Moderator:** Amy Hunt

**Guests:** Incoming elders present... Ed Pentecost, Meg Reichard

**We Assemble in God's Name**

- Invitation to meet by Lighting of the Christ Candle:
- Opening Prayer: Amy Hunt
- A quorum is declared: Todd Willingham

**We Celebrate Our Past**

- Approval of stated session minutes – November 12, 2009 Stated Session Minutes and December 6, 2009 Congregational Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Ray Morris to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Simmons and approved by vote.

**We Present Our Offerings**

**Clerk' Report:**

1. Celebrations of Baptisms: We celebrate the baptism of Timothy and Luke deWaal, sons of Franz and Emdrie deWaal on December 13.
2. Celebrations of New Members:
3. Transfer of Memberships:

**New Business:**

1. Welcome new session members
2. Request volunteer to assume Clerk of Session position for 2010. MJ Junkin volunteered to assume the post of Clerk of Session.

**Sharing Ministry Reports**

- Administration:
- Financial Report:
  1. Update on Stewardship campaign. Ben updated the session on the final results of the stewardship campaign. We did receive more firm pledges than last year with approximately 30; this is still a low and somewhat disappointing number when compared to approximately 80 giving units in the church. Ben personally contacted all leaders of the church to request a pledge. Learning for next year is

to allow more than just one person (Ben Carter) to view and work on collecting the pledges and submitting them into the budget. A second set of eyes to catch any errors would be appropriate. This could be accomplished with the help of the treasure. Ben's preliminary estimate is that we are close to reaching our minimum budget requirements with the pledges turned in and the estimated weekly non-pledge giving.

2. Update of status of 2010 annual budget. Ben is working to present the completed budget at the January stated session meeting
  3. KDO has informed the session they intend to complete the unpaid portion of there annual tithe, a total of \$7,000. The session is in agreement that KDO is a ministry and outreach service to the community and will request that KDO keep the money and hold it in there account as a safety net. Ben Carter will speak to Cheryl and make the request.
- Building and Property:
    1. Ray negotiated a better price of \$6,600.00 for the best "Top" grade carpet to cover the sanctuary as well as the stage. Ben Carter made a motion the session accept the bid and allow Ray to proceed with getting the carpet replaced as soon as the schedule permits. The motion was seconded by MJ Junkin and approved by vote. The target date to have the carpet installed would be the week after Christmas. Cheryl needs to be notified.
  - Personnel:
    1. The session agreed to hold off on making any hiring decisions for a Nursery Coordinator at this time. All needs are being met with volunteers for now.
    2. Performance Reviews: The KDO board needs to give an annual review to Cheryl Stovall. The personnel committee will plan to prepare annual performance reviews for church staff in March 2010.
  - Faith Development:
    1. MJ Junkin informed the session about a summer youth conference at Purdue University (PYT). The session discussed sending a group of senior high youth to the conference.
    2. The confirmation class will be confirmed during the worship service on January 10.
  - Worship: Confirmed the Christmas Eve services at 5:30 and 7:00pm.
  - Mission and Outreach:
    1. Discuss mission opportunities with Gideon's. Amy has invited a representative of the Gideon's to make a presentation to the church during the minute for missions on January 24.
    2. Dominic reports that the church in Ghana received the \$5,000 gift from Faithbridge and is working on purchasing the tiles for there building.
  - Presbytery Report: Will be available at the next session meeting.

## **Staff Reports:**

- Pastor's Report:
  1. New deacons and elders will be installed on January 3, 2010.
  2. Amy presented all session members with a Faithbridge pen as a token of appreciation for their service over the past year.
- Youth Ministry Report: Report Attached
- KDO Report: Report Attached
  1. Cheryl requests assistance from church members willing to evaluate the options and costs of purchasing a shade cover for the playground.
  2. Sue Watson agreed to volunteer as the session representative to the KDO board.

## **Old Business:**

### **Giving Thanks to God**

- Joys and Concerns for the church and its members
- We offer prayers of intercession and thanks for God's guidance: Betty Smith's son Joel needs prayers for guidance, Dominic's friends facing divorce need prayers, prayers for George Tarbox on the loss of his mother and Mark Simmons friend Maggie is still fighting brain cancer

### **We Go in God's Name**

- Adjourn to Serve: 9:00pm
- Our next stated session meeting date is January 14, 2010.

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Todd Willingham  
Clerk of Session