

**Reynolda Church  
Minutes of Stated Session Meeting**

**November 18, 2010**

Time: 6:30 pm

Elders present, (P), Absent (A):

P Senior Pastor – Alan D. Wright  
P Associate Pastor – Christopher E. Lawson

Elders

P Kelly Barrett	P Tom Hull	P Grant Kerber
P Mike Whitley	P Barrett Johnson	P Karan Reavis
P Bob Roach	P Charles Redden	P Gary Schambach
P Bill Simmons	P Bill Rice	P Mickey Thigpen

P Jack Sherard – Clerk of Session  
P Mickey Thigpen – Executive Director  
P Bruce Hayes – Assistant Pastor  
P Tina Whitman – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Marion Blackwell, Katherine Currie, Jeff Deaton, Bill Stuart

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The Stated meeting of the Session of Reynolda Church for November 18, 2010, was called to order by Pastor Lawson. The Session opened with a time of praises and prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bob Roach and seconded by Kelly Barrett to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.

Omnibus Motion

Motion by Mickey Thigpen and seconded by Bob Roach to approve the omnibus motion. Passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Jack Sherard highlighted the email from Jeff Jeremiah concerning EPC mission projects. The next Stated Session meeting will be December 16, 2010, at 6:30 pm.

The next Mid-Atlantic Presbytery will be the fourth weekend in January, 2011, at Myrtle Grove, Wilmington, NC. If any Elder would like to attend, please let Jack know.

#### Seniors Pastor's Report

Pastor Wright began with prayer. He reported again how thrilled he is with the passion, growth and participation of the deacons. Mickey Thigpen informed the Session of the success of the Hospitality Deacon's current schedules and leadership, and Pastor Hayes updated on the CareNet Deacons. The deacons function as two arms of the ministry, each serving in unique ways.

Pastor Wright shared the blessing that he feels that God would have Reynolda use during the 2011 Blessing Service.

#### Homebound Ministry

Grant Kerber began with prayer. Grant would like the blessing of the Session to visit each shut-in from the Homebound Member list. He would like to see how Reynolda can best serve these individuals with CDs, printed messages and newsletters.

#### Administrative Commission Report

Pastor Hayes began with prayer. He highlighted the December 1, 2010, Celebration Service. This will be a time of celebration, installation of new officers and fellowship.

Two recommendations were made at the November 18, 2010, meeting of the Administrative Commission:

**Recommendation #1:** That Katy Avery be permitted to give voice lessons on the premises, and to charge a fee for the service.

Passed unanimously.

**Recommendation #2:** That the 9:30 worship service on January 9 be moved to a 9:00 start time, in order to accommodate the requirements of the annual Blessing Service.

Passed unanimously.

Pastor Hayes then updated on several new small groups being formed, and how he is preparing to meet the upcoming seasons at Reynolda.

#### Executive Committee Report

Pastor Lawson opened the floor to any discussion of the proposed updated personnel manual. Mickey Thigpen made the motion to accept the new personnel manual. Seconded by Bill Rice. Passed unanimously.

Jeff Deaton began his update of Sharing the Light (STL) with prayer. He discussed the website, radio ministry and product distribution of STL.

Motion by Kelly Barrett: "To approve change of address of Sharing the Light to the Reynolda church mailing address." Seconded by Bill Simmons. Some discussion followed. Passed unanimously.

Mickey Thigpen updated the Session on the STL 2011 contract. The financial terms of the contract will be explained further in the 2011 budget.

Pastor Lawson encouraged the Session to review the proposed 2011 Reynolda Church budget. The floor was opened to any questions or comments. Discussion did follow.

Pastor Lawson and Mickey Thigpen explained the new organizational chart (attached). The organization of Reynolda Church has been changing and the current model reflects these changes.

Motion by Kelly Barrett: "Accept the currently proposed organizational chart with the stipulation that the Executive Team discuss where the Outreach Pal should be placed." Seconded by Bob Roach. Passed unanimously.

Pastor Lawson informed the Session of Jeff Jeremiah's ruling concerning authority over debt. He concluded that Reynolda is in compliance with the Book of Order concerning debt.

Pastor Lawson then discussed the communion table, and also the light filtering into the Sanctuary during the winter months. He will continue to update the Session on these two items.

Mickey Thigpen requested the Session to consider the policy of placing public voter guides in the church. The Session will be asked to make a decision before the next general election.

Entered Executive Session

Left Executive Session

Executive Director Report

Mickey Thigpen began with prayer. He started the discussion with the October Balance Sheet review. He continued to discuss the Income and Expense Statements. Discussion followed.

Mickey Thigpen updated the Session on the refinancing of the building fund loan with BB and T.

Search Committee

Kelly Barrett began with prayer. The search committee continues to meet and is continuing to search for the perfect person God is preparing.

Call to Order RPC, Inc.

Called to order by Pastor Wright with prayer.

Motion by Charles Redden and seconded by Mickey Thigpen: "Moved that sufficient notice of the meeting be accepted in the form of the Session agenda." Passed unanimously.

Motion by Kelly Barrett and seconded by Bob Roach: "to accept the revision of bylaws, as proposed."

**Existing Bylaw:**

Section 1. Officers. The *Moderator of the Session* shall be the President, the Clerk of the Session shall be the Secretary, and the Executive Director of the church shall be the Vice President and Treasurer of the Corporation. The Board may from time to time elect or appoint one or more additional Vice Presidents, as well as one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. The same person may hold any two offices except those of President and Secretary. The Board may also elect or appoint such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of the affairs of the Corporation.

**Proposed Revision:**

Section 1. Officers. The *Senior Pastor* shall be the President, the Clerk of the Session shall be the Secretary, and the Executive Director of the church shall be the Vice President and Treasurer of the Corporation. The Board may from time to time elect or appoint one or more additional Vice Presidents, as well as one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers. The same person may hold any two offices except those of President and Secretary. The Board may also elect or appoint such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary for the transaction of the affairs of the Corporation.

Passed unanimously

Motion by Bob Roach and seconded by Charles Redden to adjourn the meeting of the corporation.  
Passed unanimously.

Minutes were read and approved at 9:47 pm

Adjourned with prayer.