

**SPRING PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING
AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LUTZ, FLORIDA
APRIL 24, 2012**

The meeting opened with Worship led by Rev. Mike Jones at 10:00AM.

Rev. Jones introduced **Jonathan Mikuler to give his Middler Sermon.** Jonathan referenced Phil 2:12-18 in telling us that fear was a good thing, and that we work out our fear through God's Word , with ultimate joy looking forward to the reward.

The Lord's Supper was served by Rev. Mike Jones with the assistance of a few Presbytery Ministers.

Moderator Lorin Bice **called the business meeting to order** at 11:00AM.

Roll Call: a quorum was declared by the Clerk.

The election process for our new Moderator and Vice Moderator began with Moderator Lorin Bice calling on Rev. Jac Coad to present the nominees recommended by the Nomination Committee. Rev. Coad presented us with the recommendation for Moderator as Rev. Darrell Peer and for Vice Moderator as Elder Richard Rucker. Nominations were requested from the floor, but there were none. The nominees were approved.

Our new Moderator Rev. Darrell Peer then took his leadership position.

Moderator Rev. Peer called for the Minutes of our previous meeting of October 25, 2011 to be discussed. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved.

Moderator Rev. Peer asked for volunteers for the Moderators Committee on Session Review. Rev. Bob Hovey, Rev. Ray Cameron, and Rev. Rob Patrick volunteered.

Moderator Rev. Peer asked for the Treasures Report to be given by Treasurer Steve Richardson . Steve reviewed the report with Presbytery. A Motion to accept the report was received and the motion was seconded and approved.

Moderator Rev. Peer asked the Clerk, Bob Siegel to give the Council Report. The report was reviewed for information purposes only. There were no recommendations.

David Conner , the chair of The Erskine Board of Trustees, was introduced to address the Presbytery. David Conner reviewed the history of Erskine's Board and the relationship it has had with the ARP Denomination over the years. He stated that the Board of Trustees has been and must be an autonomous Board, and that the Board has a fiduciary duty that requires them to be an autonomous board as required by our various accreditation agencies. Mr. Conner then said

that this means that the Board alone has the authority to remove Trustees. Mr. Conner then took questions from the floor for a few minutes and said he would be glad to answer additional questions during the lunch hour.

Moderator Rev. Peer asked for Rev. Mike Jones to give directions for our **break for lunch**, and for Rev. Bryan Jurkowski to give thanks for lunch.

1:00 PM Presbytery reconvenes with Moderator Peer calling the meeting back to order.

Moderator Peer called on Lorin Bice to report on the Ad Hoc committee on the Pleasant Hill Property.

Lorin stated that the renter is paying us \$5500 per month (currently 2 months behind), and that they (Centro De La Familia Cristiana De Poinciana Inc.) want to purchase the property for \$550,000.

Lorin Bice moved that we approve the sale of the Pleasant Hill property at the \$550,000 price stipulating that all rents would be current with the close of the sale to be July 1, 2012. The motion was seconded and approved. See the attached copy of contract (Exhibit 1).

Moderator Rev. Darrell Peer called on Rev. Jac Coad to present the report from the **nomination committee**. Rev. Coad presented all the nominees and the nominees were approved (see the attached report).

Moderator Peer called on Rev Andrew Shoger to review the **Christian Education Committee** report. Rev. Shoger reviewed the report and then introduced Rev. E. Brent Turner, the Executive Director of Christian Education Ministries in Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. Turner brought us updates on what CEM is doing and how they are re-structuring. See the attached Flyer with the CE report.

Moderator Rev. Peer called on Rev. Mark Bolhofner to present the **Church Extension report**. Rev. Bolhofner asked that we accept recommendation 1: That Tom Schneider, following the completion of his six month residency in church planting, be called to plant a church in the North Port/East Venice area, beginning July 1, 2012, and be recommended to ONA for support and that Florida Presbytery, through Church Extension, fund this church plant in the amount of \$55,000 over 18 months. The motion also includes the call attached to the Church Extension Report for Rev. Schneider. The recommendation was seconded and approved.

Rev. Bolhofner gave us updates on Rev. Steve Reynolds' church planting progress and updates on our three mission Churches. He also asked that we continue to pray for all of these ministries. Moderator Peer asked that Rev. Drew Severance pray for our mission churches lifting up our 3 mission Churches, Tampa Chinese, SonLife and Christ Community and their Pastors and families as well as for Rev. Tom Schneider and Rev. Steve Reynolds and their families and ministries.

Rev. Bolhofner called on Rev Steve Reynolds to tell us what he is up to in Fort Meyers. Rev. Reynolds said that he ministers to four different groups. A Men's Bible Study that is mature in their faith, a young 20 plus group not mature in their faith, a group of 711 workers, and a white

collar non Christian group that likes talking about God. Rev. Reynolds felt that God would somehow work these groups together to form one church body.

Rev. Bolhofner called on Rev. Tom Schneider to update us on his internship in the NorthPort area. He asked for Prayer and told of his networking events and that he is working with two bible study groups totaling 30 participants. They have come up with a name called Compass Church.

Rev. Bolhofner introduced Wes Spring as our **Coordinator of Mission Development** and asked him to tell us about his work. Wes said that his goal is to make our five mission churches successful. He is beginning a New Church Community Network that meets a couple of times a year (see the committee report attachment).

Moderator Peer called on Rev. Bob Johnson to report on the **Stewardship Committee**. Rev. Johnson said that there is no change in the Presbytery budget which in today's economy is a good thing. He also discussed how there were some errors in Church assessments and that they would be corrected.

Rev Brian Jurkowski (our Reading Clerk) was called on to read the **Mission Liason** Report. The report was for information only.

Moderator Rev. Peer called on Rev. Dave Rockness to give the report from the **Minister and His Works Committee**. This report also was for information only.

Old Business : None

New Business: It was brought up that Bob Siegel's term as clerk was up and that Rev. Ray Cameron would be the new Clerk starting now.

Moderator Rev. Peer asked Rev Ray Cameron to pray for Lorin Bice in regards to his father recently passing away and for Bob Siegel in regards to his health and recent diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease)

Moderator Peer then asked us to pray for John Hopkins.

Rev. Rob Patrick moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was closed by Moderator Peer with prayer and the singing of Psalm 155 Christian Unity at 2:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Siegel
Clerk of The Florida Presbytery

ATTENDANCE

TEACHING ELDERS: BOB ADAMS, KENT ADRIAN, MIKE AVATO, MARK BOLHOFNER, RAY CAMERON, JAC COAD, TOM EDWARDS, BUZZY ELDER, CHRIS HARDEMAN, BOB HOVEY, BOB JOHNSON, MATT JOLDERSMA, MIKE JONES, BRYAN JURKOWSKI, CHARLIE LEWIS, JEFF LIU, ROB PATRICK, DARRELL PEER, HAL PROBES, CHAD REYNOLDS, STEVE REYNOLDS DAVE ROCKNESS DENNIS RUPERT, THOMAS SCHNEIDER, ANDREW SHOGER, DREW SEVERANCE.

RULING ELDERS: RICH AMARI, WES SPRING, MICHAEL NOEL, RICHARD RUCKER, DICK MICKLER, TOM CARSON, ERNIE COOPER, BILL READ, RUDY SEIFFER, BOBBY WILSON, ED GARDNER, DON STEELE, DALE BOURDETTE, ROBERT SCRANTON, LORIN BICE.

STUDENTS: JONATHAN MIKULE.

VISITORS: CHRISTINE PROBES, BRENT TURNER, DAVID CONNER, DEBBIE MCLEAN, STEVE RICHARDSON, SCOTT STRATTON, MARY STRATTON, BOB SIEGEL.