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Ice Cream Social

Let's celebrate with our new minister, Rev. Georgia King, on July 19, 2006 at our annual Ice Cream Social. Bring your favorite ice creams and desserts for an enjoyable evening at 6:30 pm in our cool, cool social room. Family, friends, neighbors, and grandchildren, all are invited. What flavor is your favorite- vanilla, chocolate, cherry, peach, banana, maple nut, or spumoni? What you create, we will eat. A sign up sheet will be at the volunteers desk. If interested in hand cranking, contact Margaret Edgington at 857-2352. Hand cranking

***burns calories so you can eat all you
want!!***

Margaret Edgington

U Care of Members U

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers.

Mrs. Bob Rawlings

Scott Glenn

Bobbie Farrell



Session Actions

The Session took the following actions at its monthly meeting on June 18, 2006.

The Stated Session Meeting was held in the Conference Room. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Leah Buckland, H.W. Hebermehl, Hazel Howard and Jerry Pool. Treasured Pam Nicholas was also present.

The monthly expense report was presented. Jerry Pool will clear up transfer of the Wells Fargo account to Pantex. The salary of Rev. King was broken down and she will be paid monthly.

Moderator: Rev. King will prepare a letter to the congregation regarding an explanation of the "Stated Pastor" arrangement. The computer system was discussed. Elder Pool moved to replace the system as needed, with the cost not to exceed \$1,000. seconded by Elder Howard. Rev. King reviewed the recent Presbytery meeting. She also stated that she wants a lay commissioner to attend all quarterly Presbytery meetings.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: An air conditioning unit has been repaired; ants have been sprayed for, and new support boxes have been made for the fans behind the choir. Arrangements have been made to repair the parlor ceiling and also the main entrance ceiling.

Worship: Rev. King will be out July 30 and August 27. Her schedule with BSA functions will permit three month forward planning. Elder Kasch wants a review of the physical arrangements in front of the sanctuary. In lieu of a normal sermon on June 25, Rev. King will structure a conversation concerning our worship structure (frequency of communion, ect.) and/or other questions and comments, such as the stated pastor position. Potentially also a review of selling the manse (a heads up for Jerry Pool and June Voigt).

Other dates discussed were the ice cream social, to be held on July 19, and a Sunday pot luck.

Elders Buckland and Howard will arrange for sign up sheets.

Other information discussed, Dara Garlington will be assigned to keep a log of all visitors and phone calls received. She will also prepare a Session packet to be in each Elders' box the Wednesday before stated meetings. We need to get the Clerks minutes for 2005 to Presbytery for review and approval. Several months of 2005 have not been entered. Borger is one of a few churches which have not reported. Rev. King will revisit the idea of children's sermons in September. We will also compile an Email List of all members. Please inform Dara of your Emails and she will forward them to Rev. King.

There was a called meeting held on June 4, 2006 in the Conference Room. The following were present and constituted a quorum: The Moderator, Rev. King, and Elders Leah Buckland, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, and Jerry Pool. Pat Petty was also present. The meeting was convened at 11:45 with prayer by Rev. King.

The objective of the meeting was to establish a Stated Supply contract with Rev. King.

Reviewed were the steps and sequencing of establishing the formal relationship. We wish (a) to present appropriate credentials at the June 10-11 Presbytery Meeting and (b) to hold a Congregational meeting on June 18 formally dissolved the PNC. Pat Petty, as PNC Chair, will offer the motion for the dissolution. Also, HWH is to be prepared to discuss the Stated Supply position. To meet the notification requirements, a postcard (actually a short note) will be sent to the congregation June 6, and an announcement in the June 11 and June 18 bulletins. Also, a possible joint letter by Rev. King and HWH (as Clerk pro tem) further detailing the new relationship and the purpose of the June 18 meeting. This would be postmarked after June 15.

The standard contract for a Stated Supply was reviewed and the total will be split per contract with Rev. Schempp during Presbytery. Rev. King noted that she would reimburse the Pulpit Supply costs if she were unable to meet the contracted number of Sundays per month.

Julia Kasch will review the status of the church's computers. They need to be upgraded (replaced?) as the current configuration will not meet required communication needs.

The called Congregational Meeting was held after worship in the sanctuary on June 18, 2006. A quorum being present the meeting opened with prayer by Moderator King.

A motion was made by Pat Petty to officially dissolve the PNC and to give official thanks to the committee for their efforts over the past year. The motion was seconded and passed. There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator.



The Treasurer reported the following figures for May:

Total Income	\$5,400.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$4,036.00</u>
Total	\$1,364.00

Year To Date

Total Income	\$40,726.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,612.00</u>
Total	\$13,114.00

Committee News

Worship Committee

Travis Ellis, from the Covenant Church of Amarillo, will be our guest speaker on July 30, 2006.

Property committee

The air conditioner in the office area of the church was repaired. The weeds in the parking lot were re-sprayed and killed out. Jerry is currently looking for a contractor to repair the ceiling in the Parlor Room. If any one has any questions or any problems please call Jerry Pool at 886-7886.



PASTOR'S PEN (cont.)

Together we have a wonderful opportunity to expect the best from each other and the most from our God. But, in light of our imperfect expectations, we must also realize that our actions and God's response to our prayers may not be exactly what we expect. Even so, as we begin this time of faithful expectation together

- let us pray that God will guide all our efforts and bring us to wisdom in our doing
- let us pray for each other's health and well-being as we build relationships
- let us pray for times of great joy and fun
- let us pray for open and healthy communication between us
- let us pray for grace as we stumble and occasionally fall
- let us pray for God's providential care for our church and each other.

I believe that the word "together" is the way that we will find that we can have many of our expectations fulfilled. That is the act of joining hands with each other and joining in prayer with God. This togetherness will bring us great comfort, reward, and benefit. As we Presbyterians are known for committees (slow process as it may be), lengthy conversations (sorry we were late getting out of worship on Sunday), and even disagreements (ever known a church that didn't have them?), it is through our process of expectation and communication that we will survive and thrive. What greater expectation can we have than to be happy, healthy, and faithful children of God and that is an expectation that God guarantees to fulfill as we live in faithfulness to Him.

I am truly blessed to be part of First Presbyterian Church of Borger and I pledge to you that I will make every effort to fulfill your expectations of me as your pastor. I also ask for your grace when I fail, forget, or otherwise falter and for that other chance. God has brought us to this place in time together and together we can make every effort to fulfill God's expectations of us.

I would also like to thank all of you for your help in getting me started at FPC. There are so many things I don't know yet, but with your help I am learning. While I don't dare try to mention everyone's name individually, I pray you all know how much you have given to me already. I believe that we were all blessed with the memorial service for Anna Louise Rentfrow. It gave us the opportunity to share in the celebration of a life that was rooted in FPC. Thanks to all who assisted and especially to everyone who provided and organized the reception. The family members were very grateful and found much caring in that time together.

As we go along I hope that you will each feel comfortable and confident in coming to me for any counsel or questions you might have. I will always tell you if I don't know the answer, but I will also make every effort to find an answer for you. While I am not there in person every day, please know that my phone line is always open and I will come to you if at all possible when you need me.

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Georgia

p.s. I think I might have made it – Larry gave me a nickname on Sunday – "King George." Thank you Larry and God bless you all.