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*Remember that you are  
dust, and unto dust you  
shall return.*

*(Latin: Memento homo,  
quia pulvis es, et in  
pulverem reverteris.)*

– God, Genesis 3:19

## Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room beginning at 7:20 pm. With a devotion by Elder Leah Buckland. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elders was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present.

A motion was made and passed to accept the November Stated Session minutes as presented. We were asked by Jane Brubalow, Stated Clerk of the Palo Duro Presbytery, to host the Area 1 records review meeting next March 29. I was agreed to do so. A questionnaire from the Denomination's Research Services regarding Curriculum Development was completed and returned by the Clerk. An inquiry was received from Life Line Screening, an organization providing health examinations, concerning our interest in permitting them to use our facilities for a day next March. Their needs would be for a space larger than we now have available. Since the request was sent to several churches, there is no need to respond.

The Treasure's report for November was accepted. The status of the Manse proceeds account and proper future use was discussed. The gross value of the proceeds was \$98,808 net from sale of the property, which were invested in a certificate of deposit during March, 2007. By Denomination Rule, these monies (principle) may be used only for pastor housing. (Interest earned from investing such funds has no limitations regarding their use.) The principle may be used to defray the housing component of the pastor's salary, currently \$500 per month, but this may vary year to year. It would be in the Congregation's best long term interest to reduce the Manse account monthly by the housing allowance, thereby providing a balance use of the various church funds. We most likely will be drawing sown these funds from now on to maintain a reasonable expenditure pattern. If we do not do so, and the Congregation ceases to exist, then the Manse account will pass to Presbytery in total. A motion was made by Elder Pool and seconded by Elder Petty to use Manse account principal for Pastor Housing allowance. Motion Passed. Elder Petty as Memorial Fund Chair recommended moving three sub-accounts (Bell @\$275, Bell Choir @ \$389 and, Library @ \$17) to Music. The three accounts would be deleted and the new balance of the Music sub-account, would be \$263. Elder Petty also recommended that the Youth account, which has been dormant for several years, be eliminated and the balance combined with Unrestricted funds. Both recommendations were accepted. She will also check on the source of money in the "Church School" sub- account.

In general, our congregation and programs are doing quit well. There will be no choir for the Christmas Eve service. For the Sunday, December 30, service, the Hebermehts will do the Christmastide candle lighting. As for the Property committee "We're Good" Julia Kasch will return to the Session in January and will also return to the Worship function.

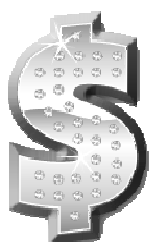
The 2008 pledge status was reviewed.

Elder Edgington will leave the Session at year end, and Phyllis Harmony will undertake Fellowship. Elder Edgington will assist in the transaction. Since we no longer have fully prepared meals at the Wednesday night gatherings (only potluck), the need for a large kitchen fund has diminished. The fund status will be reviewed and recommendations presented to the Session.

Rev. King thanked Elders Margaret Edgington and Leah Buckland for their service. Both will rotate off the Session at year's end. Elder Hazel Howard will assume the Christian Education activity, and, as noted above Elder Julia Kasch will return to worship.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

### **The Treasurer reported the following figures for December:**



Total Income	\$ 5,326.71
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 8,187.84</u>
Total	\$ (2,861.13)

#### Year to Date

Total Income	\$115,026.04
Total Expenses	<u>\$121,445.33</u>
Total	\$(6,419.29)





