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**YOU are invited to Palo Duro
PRESBYTERIAN CURSILLO #21, A
Short Course in Christianity, April
10-13, 2008, at the Ceta Canyon
Camp, Happy Texas!**

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equipped for Christian action in
the Church, at home, at work,
and in the community.**

**A CURSILLO is ONLY three days
long; but it lasts a LIFETIME!**

Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room beginning at 7:00pm. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty, and Jerry Pool. No Elders was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas and Sue Hooten were also present.

A motion was made and passed to accept the January Stated Session minutes as written. A motion was made and passed to accept the January 30 Annual congregational meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer Nicholas presented the January income/expense report. She noted that, with a larger than normal income for the month, she paid several Mission commitments in full rather than in several separate payments. In order to implement a planned restructuring of the Certificate of Deposit held by the State National Bank of Groom (Amarillo Branch), the following two resolutions were introduced: a) That the Pastor Housing Certificate of Deposit located at the State National Bank be reduced by \$6,000 annually plus all accrued interest and be placed in a separate interest bearing account and used for general expenses. b) That Elder Jerry Pool and Rev. King shall initiate appropriate instruments as the State National Bank. A motion to approve the above two resolutions was made by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Harmony. Motion passed.

A written report of the Committee's recent meeting was presented to the Session. It was recommended that the amount listed under Presbyterian Women (\$1,486) remain but that potential uses be expanded as listed in their report.

A motion was made by Elder Pool and seconded by Elder Hebermehl to accept this recommendation. Motion passed.

Elder Pool noted that the Social Room and kitchen needs cleaning more frequently than the semi-annual deep cleaning now routinely scheduled. Sue Hooten discussed a proposal to meet this need, which would cost \$60 per cleaning (2 persons at 3 hours each and \$10 per hour). Elder Pool also reviewed a proposal by our current custodian. Elder Harmony moved to table this proposal and to add it to the March Stated Session agenda. The motion was seconded by Elder Petty. Motion passed.

Communion dates for the Lenten season will be March 16 and March 20 (Maundy Thursday). Rev. King will be out May 4 (this is the only fixed date).

Duty Elders:

March- Harold Hebermehl

April- Pat Petty

May- Hazel Howard

June – Julia Kasch

July- Pat Petty

Rev. King will write an article for the newsletter encouraging volunteers to assist in the Sunday morning Coffee hour.

The Area 1 Clerks meeting will be March 29 in the Social Room. Our regular kitchen funds is now depleted. Routine purchases of kitchen supplies will be taken from the Memorial Fund (PW account) or general expenses.

We have one member who may move out of town. She cannot attend services because she is home bound.

Rev. King reviewed Katie Buckland's illness.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for February:

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| Total Income | \$ 5,958.46 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ 6,173.81</u> |
| Total | \$ (215.35) |

Year to Date

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| Total Income | \$16,132.01 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$9,958.20</u> |
| Total | \$651.95 |



Care of Members and Friends

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers...

Scott Glenn

Bobbie Farrell

Bob & Aleyene Watkins

Pete Marsh

Leah Buckland & Family



Notes from the Music Department

May the grace, love and peace of our Lord be with you all. Spring is here and it is beautiful outside!

Choir practice will be held on the following Wednesday nights for April: April 2, 2008, at 7:00 pm with Pot Luck at 6:00 pm; April 9, 2008, at 7:00 pm; April 16, 2008, at 5:30 pm followed by Pot Luck at 6:00 pm and Session at 7:00 pm; April 23, 2008, at 7:00 pm and April 30, 2008, at 7:00 pm. April 30 will be a short practice and may even begin at 6:00 pm. Further instructions!

Closing Response for the month of April will be "God is so Good". The words will be printed in the bulletin for the congregation to follow and sing with us. I will start playing this response on the first Sunday in April before we begin worship. This is a response that is new to us but very simple.

I apologize to you all for no bells for Easter Sunday. Time just simply got away from me and Easter was here before I made any plans for bells. I'll keep working on having bells for a Sunday in the future.

We will begin work on music for April and May the first Wednesday of April. I hope to perform some old standbys as well as new music. I'm pretty sure the choir is ready for a break from learning new music for awhile. But, never fear! We still have a few new anthems to learn!

I hope these very dedicated choir members do not get tired of hearing my praise and thanks for their dedication. We make beautiful music together and I most certainly enjoy their work. Thank you, dear choir members, for your hard work!!

If you have a favorite anthem or any special music you would like to hear, we invite you to let us know. Also, if you would like to join the choir, we would love to have you!

We hold Bob & Aleyene Watkins, Mary Botkin, Bobbie Farrell, and Scott Glenn in our prayers and hearts. We pray for healing and blessings for them all.

Thank You!
Pat Petty

Hello everyone,

Most of you know that I am going to England and France this summer for an organization called People to People formed by President Eisenhower with the help of a few more famous people, one well known man, Walt Disney, who created 'It's A Small World' based on this organization. Anyways, this trip is a way to get kids of all ages an opportunity, a taste of what it is like going to another unknown place to learn about the culture and see the site of famous historical places. Sadly enough, I am the only student from Berger as far as I know. The price to get on the trip is pretty high, but thankfully out of the way. I have been selling some stuff like sodas and crosses, but I am still only selling cokes until probably April 18th at this point. By selling these things, it helps fund my trip. Many of you have helped by buying either the crosses or the sodas or just handing me money instead of buying anything, and in return, I will be showing you all what I have got to do on my trip and try to bring back something for the Church for a thank you for all your help. I will be keeping a journal to record all my thoughts and help me remember which pictures are which. And I will be glad to share everything with you all. Thank you for all of your support and helping me financially. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Shawna Lusk

