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Sherando Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting, February 2, 2004

Present: Pastor Tim Arnold, Moderator; Rick Bierlich, Caroline Hastreiter, Carol Horne, Ed Marshall,, Jackie Miller, Kay Schroyer, Mark Shaffer, Robert Simmons, Denzil Smith, Barbara Stickley.

Excused: Carol Machovec

Absent: Christopher Heflin and Mark Shaffer

Other: Heather Powers, Rose Brown, Mark Bowden, John Brishcar, Cheryl Nerangis, Rick McGough

There being a quorum present, Pastor Tim opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with prayer.

New Member: The session examined Rebekah Jordan for membership on profession of faith. She has been attending church for nearly a year. She was accepted unanimously.

Baptism Approval: The session approved Rebekah's daughter, Kaitlean Steringer, for baptism. Rebekah will let us know what date she selects in March.

Habitat for Humanity: Mark Bowden introduced the two speakers, Cheryl Nerangis and Rick McGough, who outlined the way Habitat works and what our responsibilities would be if we chose to sponsor the building of a house. The session was asked to pray about this for the month and it would be brought up for a vote at the March meeting.

AA Chapter: John Brishcar appealed to the session to sponsor a local meeting of AA in the church facility. He spoke on the need for anonymity , security, time, etc. Again the session was asked to pray about this for the month and vote on it in March.

Minutes: The session approved the minutes of January 5 as printed; the minutes of January 18 were approved as corrected.

Church Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and changes were made (copy attached). It will be a fluid document for the year, serving primarily as a guide to the committees.

Stewardship & Finance: The need for a financial review of the books for 2003 was brought to the attention of the session. Two members with appropriate skills will be asked to do this. A financial report of account balances was given out.

John Brishcar presented a potential fundraiser with Red, Hot & Blue restaurant. They would give up a 10% benefit of a Sunday afternoon receipts in exchange for four Sundays of "advertising" in our bulletin. The proposal will be worked up with the Fellowship Committee and given to S&F through regular channels.

Worship: The communion schedule for 2004 was approved by the session; communion will occur on the first Sunday of each month as well as Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Intinction will be used quarterly. The Class of 2006 will serve on 2/25 and the Class of 2004 will serve on 3/7. Otherwise, the regular rotation will be in order. The committee has made plans for the congregation to be invited to attend a showing of the Passion of Christ and discuss it at a following date. Details will be posted in a timely manner.

Christian Development: Plans are underway for another adult class for parents of teenager and college students. This will complete the development of new classes for the amount of space available. It was acknowledged that a Sunday School Superintendent was needed and would be looked for.

Service & Mission: The session approved the four special offerings for the year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking and Joy Gift. The correction to the Annual Report for this committee was acknowledged and the 2003 report given.

Small Group Activities: The pastor reminded us that in our goals which were presented to him, prior to him accepting this call, spoke of small group ministry. He would like to begin creating small group opportunities in our church. This will be the focus of the March 13 Re-development meeting at Massanetta. The session was eager to start this as well.

Presbytery Meeting: Carol Horne was elected commissioner to the next Presbytery meeting on February 14 in Massanetta.

**Fellowship Coordinator for March 7 is Stewardship & Finance Committee.
Next Meeting is set for March 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:05 p.m.**

Moderator

Clerk