

**SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 24, 2009**

With proper notice being given, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the church Library/Session room.

Those present were Elders Anne Douglas, Melanie Gloster, Alan Solomon, Kevin Thompson, LaWanda West, Bob Veon, Bob Ransdell, Larry Davis, Pat Davitt, Martha Nell Richards, Charles Morgan, and Moderator Reverend Susan Arnold. Elder Charles Jackson had an excused absence. Also present were Reverend John Arnold, Moderator of the Organist Search Committee Danny Gray, Treasurer Lary Walker, and Clerk Sheila Moore.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Reverend Susan Arnold called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and gave the opening prayer. Reverend Susan Arnold stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive a report from the Organist Search Committee.

ORGANIST SEARCH COMMITTEE - Danny Gray

Danny Gray spoke to the Session concerning the possibility of offering a call to James Michael Spirup as Director of Music/Organist. The committee made a proposal to the Session concerning the annual salary package for Mr. Spirup. The total amount proposed was \$43,571.00.

Larry Davis, moderator of the Stewardship Committee, reported that he had polled five of the six members of his committee and all voted to accept the terms of the call of Mr. Spirup.

MOTION - was made by the Organist Search Committee to offer a call to James Michael Spirup as Director of Music/Organist with a proposed salary package of \$43,571.00.

After discussion, an amendment was made to the Motion on the floor as follows:

MOTION - was made by Alan Solomon and seconded by Larry Davis to amend the motion on the floor to provide \$5,000.00 as moving expenses. The motion passed.

Upon further discussion, the motion on the floor was amended as follows:

MOTION - was made by Charles Morgan and seconded by Larry Davis to amend the motion on the floor to begin health insurance for Mr. Spirup upon his qualification by the Board of Pensions. The motion passed.

Upon final discussion the Motion on the floor is as follows:

MOTION - was made by the Organist Search Committee to offer a call to James Michael Spirup as Director of Music/Organist with a proposed salary package of \$43,571.00, with an additional \$5,000.00 in moving expenses, and with health insurance to begin upon Mr. Spirup's qualification by the Board of Pensions. The motion passed unanimously.

Reverend Susan or John Arnold will send a letter to Mr. Spirup outlining the employment agreement along with a copy of the Personnel Manual.

ADJOURNMENT

Reverend Susan Arnold closed the meeting with prayer.

Reverend Susan Arnold, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session