

**The Regular Meeting of the Session
First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL
Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

The Rev. Adam R. Quine called the Session meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. with Ruling Elders Cathy Maciariello, Beth Green, Karen Davis, Rob Harmon, Debbie Schweitzer, Cass Busby-Elliott, Tracy Olson, Roger Boss and Diane Osborn in attendance.

A quorum was declared present, the agenda was approved, and the evening prayer was given.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the correction of a name.

The Clerk reported February attendance of 1) 12; 5) 85; 8) 12; 12) 60; 15) 12; 19) 64; 22) 12; 26) 43.

There were no Baptisms, Deaths, or Transfers. New members are Kurt and Sheila McCallister and Kirk and Ellen Dobihal.

Communion dates were Feb. 1, 5, 8, 15, and 22; with Home Communion served to Jan Ulrich, Mary Wilson, and Dorothy Harrison.

Communications included an e-vote approving Congregational Meeting minutes pending annual meeting review;

E-mail from Administrative Assistant requesting Tuesday, March 21, as a Vacation Day to attend an annual meeting with an estate planning attorney from Salem;

Notification of Session Records Review Saturday, May 20, in Springfield;

Lincoln/Logan County Chamber of Commerce 2017 Events Brochure including available sponsorships;

Updated Deacon Card/Care list;

Notification from the Presbytery of mission restricted funds which are available to churches. This was given to the Mission and Outreach committee.

The Clerk informed she plans to attend the Session Records Review. Upon reviewing the Session Records Report she informed we continue to be missing one item required to be contained in the Minutes book. This is a copy of the current Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing as a corporation. The Presbytery is continuing to not accept the Illinois statute under which we applied for our corporation status which is on file at the Logan County Courthouse.

All annual reports and the Pastor's Terms of Call have been submitted to the Presbytery. A copy of his Terms of Call has been signed and returned to us.

The Clerk requested Session members reinstate Bob Chamberlain.

In the **Pastor's Report** Rev. Quine asked Session members to have all reports deposited in Drop Box or given to the Administrative Assistant by the Friday prior to Session meetings. He requested reports be titled with the month, year, and committee name.

LINK articles are to be submitted by the third Tuesday monthly. A concise summary of committee meetings is to be submitted to The LINK.

The **Worship and Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello, chairman, informed a Cantata Tenebrae Service is planned for Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a 6:30 p.m. catered meal and communion.

New Prayer Stations have been developed and Pastor Quine has ordered a labyrinth for that week. A Lenten theme of Abandonment—letting go of things that interfere in our relationship with Christ—has been adopted.

There will be prayers in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday during Holy Week. The committee has decided not to have a foot-washing service, Maundy Thursday play, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunrise services.

Congregation members are being asked to contribute potted Tulips rather than Lilies for Easter Sunday. Cost is \$15.

Sixteen people attended the Fat Tuesday meal at Cracker Barrel. Ash Wednesday services were conducted at 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. in the Chapel and at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green chairmen, reported a meatless potluck is being planned after worship March 26. Pastor Quine will be sending out postcard invitations. Those attending church are to wear pink.

There will not be a coffee prior to the Easter worship service. Holly Thomas will be in charge of presenting individual flowers in a celebration of women May 14.

A trip to a Peoria Chiefs game is planned for June 17. In October there will be a Weiner Roast at the Boss home.

A Sunday, Nov. 19, "Give Thanks" potluck is planned following worship. The committee is also considering home "Dinners of 8" and a New Year's Eve activity.

The **Administrative Team**, Roger Boss, Cass Busby-Elliott, and Rob Harmon, requested Session members approve the funding for restoring a window next to the big window on the Pekin Street side of the Sanctuary. A \$4,000 donation has been made toward this project.

It was reported we are continuing to search for a person to fill the piano/organist position. Costs of placing additional advertisements were discussed. Session members considered whether we might pay someone to learn to play the organ.

Our church has signed a participation agreement with Invenergy for a wind tower and is to receive a \$1,000 signing bonus.

The **Treasurer** reported a General fund balance of \$120,937, a Memorial fund balance of \$37,486, and a Capital Improvements fund balance of \$13,195. She noted an error in the Activities statement involving income fund 34, Food for Thought, which is actually shown in expense fund 41.

Session members reviewed the Activities statement, the February Check Register, the Dedicated Accounts, the Deposit Register, and the Statement of Financial Position for February.

April calendar dates were reviewed.

The following motions were approved:

To reinstate Bob Chamberlain;

To restore a Sanctuary window on the Pekin Street side of the building;

To place \$600 in advertising in the Lincoln Courier; and

To approve the day off request of the Administrative Assistant for March 21.

The closing prayer, entitled, "Benedictions," was given by Beth Green. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

Adam R. Quine, Pastor