

4.11.17

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was opened at 5:57 p.m. by The Rev. Adam R. Quine. Ruling Elders Debbie Schweitzer, Cathy Maciariello, Tracy Olson, Roger Boss, Rob Harmon, Diane Osborn, Beth Green, and Karen Sams Davis were present. Excused was Ruling Elder Cass Busby.

A quorum was declared present, the Prayer for the evening was given, the agenda was approved, as were the minutes of the March Session meeting.

The Clerk of Session reported March attendance of 1) 40; 5) 69; 8) 12; 12) 68; 15) 12; 19) 64; 22) 12; 26) 77;

Baptisms: None; Deaths: None; Transfers: None; New Members: None;

Marriages: Diane Ham Nolley to David Ludington 3/18/17;

Communion Dates: 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26; Home Communion: Dort Gaffney, Jan Ulrich, James and Joyce Shirley;

Communications:

Invitation to Cumberland Presbyterian Church concert;

Request from Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, for the transfer of membership on behalf of Jonathon D. Leisinger, who was received into membership March 12;

Request from Curt and Sheila McCallister for transfer of membership from Mason City Community Chapel; and

Receipt of Premium Adjustment Notice from Church Mutual Insurance Co.; Referred to the Administrative Team.

Note from Clerk:

Administrative Professionals Day is April 26.

In the Pastor's Report Rev. Quine reminded Ruling Elders to submit a monthly committee report for The LINK. He also provided Session members with Communion training.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, reported Holy Week activities include morning prayer, Kirk Night discussion on Fasting; and 60 persons signed up for the Maundy Thursday pre-service catered dinner with a Tenebrae Cantata Service to follow.

She said the labyrinth has been installed in the Parlor, new Prayer Stations will be available Good Friday, and 21 people signed up to donate Tulips for Easter Sunday.

Discussion on Ellie Weisel's book, Night, will be May 3. Worship in the Park is planned for Pentecost Sunday, June 4, to be followed by a potluck, both at Kickapoo Park. The Worship committee will meet April 25 and has scheduled a planning session July 29.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green chairmen, informed about 50 persons attended the March 26 meatless potluck. Members were urged to wear pink that day. Kirk Dobihal was presented a prize for sharing his bread. Cathy Maciariello and Annie Hieronymus will be hosting the May Coffee. The June Coffee will be at the home of Beth Green.

A Celebration of Women is planned during the Worship service May 14. Presbyterian Night at the Peoria Chiefs is scheduled June 17.

The **Mission & Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis chairman, reported Rob Harmon has been meeting with District 27 Administrators on the set-up of Summer Meals for Children through age 18, a federally funded program, with reimbursement per child and an expected base group of 30 to 50 children.

The advertised program will kick-off June 1 with the first meal June 6 coinciding with District 27's Summer School. Daycare groups will be invited. Meals will be served at the Junior High every Tuesday and Thursday in June and July with the University of Illinois Extension Service providing an activity one day a week and Angie Stoltzenburg of the Healthy Communities Partnership providing an activity through the Catch program, the other day.

The mission of our church is to provide three volunteers daily for shifts from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Children will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

It was suggested the Volunteer Reading Program at Christian Childcare be reduced from monthly to perhaps once or twice a year due to competing mission activities. The program has been well received for the two months it was in existence.

Christian Childcare is in need of books for children and parents and also needs supplies including bleach, crayons, diapers, etc. It was suggested we have a once a year drive for these items. Cathy Maciariello indicated she had several carts of books. Rob Harmon said he could provide a truck.

It was also suggested we bus older kids up to age 13 to the church this summer to participate in projects such as cooking or artwork.

The committee received an invitation to attend the Christian Village Ministry Partnership Banquet April 21. The committee plans to meet May 24 at 4:30 p.m.

The **Administrative Team** learned the personnel committee has been in negotiations with an organist/pianist. Chet Lord-Remmert has accepted the position and has agreed to be paid \$150 a Sunday plus mileage. He is also a cellist and orchestra manager for the Illinois Symphony.

The building and grounds committee is receiving bids for electrical work to reinstate outdoor lighting on the CE building for the church parking lot and to include outdoor outlets on the garage by the alley and on the CE building.

It was learned the church roof is being considered for repair in the next few years. Bids are being circulated to determine the cost. The next meeting is April 24.

Insurance coverage concerns are being finalized in committee.

Session members discussed a concern over problems caused by gumballs falling from a tree located on city property adjacent to the CE building and church parking lot. The issue of cutting down the tree was postponed until next meeting.

A proposed employee handbook is nearly ready for presentation to the committee. Formation of a Task Force to determine the pulse of where we are and where we want to go will be a future item of business.

The **Treasurer** reported a General fund balance of \$142,578; Memorial fund balance of \$41,502; and Capital improvement fund balance of \$13,196.

The first installment of farm income of \$24,000 has been disbursed to the general account. The farm trust account disbursed \$2,500 to the Union Cemetery and to the General fund.

Income and expenses are both below budget. We are not running a deficit at this time. The treasurer is seeking clarification from the Stewardship & Finance committee concerning the correct entry method for flower/scholarship donations in our accounting system.

Ruling Elders reviewed the March check and Deposit registers.

The following **Motions** were approved:

To approve the transfer of Jonathon Leisinger;

To approve the Clerk's report;

To participate with District 27 in the Summer Meals for Children program;

To hire Chet Lord-Remmert as pianist organist at \$150 per Sunday plus mileage;

To authorize the Clerk to purchase a \$25 Cracker Barrel gift certificate for the Administrative Assistant for Administrative Professionals Day;

To authorize a \$200 gift to Julie Kasa, Choir Director, from the Session for all the extra services she has undertaken during the transition of finding a new organist/pianist;

To receive the reports; and

To adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Closing prayer was given by Tracy Olson.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor