

8.8.17

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

Rev. Adam R. Quine called the Session meeting to order at 6 p.m. Ruling Elders Beth Green. Roger Boss, Karen Sams Davis, Cathy Maciariello, Rob Harmon, Tracy Olson, Deb Schweitzer, and Diane Osborn were in attendance. Excused was Cass Busby-Elliott. A quorum was declared present.

Following Evening Prayer the agenda and June minutes were approved. The Session did not meet in July.

The Clerk of Session reported:

June attendance of 4) Park, not taken; 11) 60; 18) 57; 25) 52 and July attendance of 2) 66; 9) 60; 16) 73; 23) 64; and 30) not listed;

There were no baptisms or deaths in June or July;

In June Curt and Sheila McCallister transferred membership from Mason City Community Chapel. In July Diane Ludington transferred membership to First Presbyterian Church in Danvers, IL;

Communion was served June 4 and July 2; Home Communion was served to James and Joyce Shirley.

Communications:

A building use request from Presbytery for Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. until noon for Financial Review Training was approved via email vote;

A building use request for the kitchen and CE building for the 95th birthday party for Orvil Schaffer from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15, for less than 50 persons was approved by email vote with the stipulation the kitchen must be meticulously cleaned due to the upcoming BBQ;

The Employee Manual was approved and several suggestions were offered during an email vote;

The Church was notified there will be a Logan County Zoning Hearing at 7:30 p.m. July 6 in the Logan County Safety Complex Blue room on a petition requesting replacement of an existing mobile home in an agricultural zoning district at 1403 1950th St., located across from the Forbis farm;

A letter from Church Mutual informed our roof damage request has resulted in a claims payment of \$17,699 after application of our deductible. The check is to be sent in a separate mailing. To recover depreciation costs of \$8,173 the repairs should be completed in 180 days or with notification of attempt to repair beyond this time frame. Our deductible was \$1,000;

An email was received from Pastor Quine recommending the Session host a Retirement reception for the Administrative Assistant Aug. 6 following worship. Diane Osborn, Beth Green, and Cathy Maciariello will be assisting with the reception;

A letter from Church Mutual invited us to register for a free webinar at 1 p.m. June 22 entitled, "Injured Employee Hotline: Peace of Mind When Accidents Happen."

A letter from Church Mutual promoted downloading of Red Cross hurricane, tornado, and weather disaster alerts mobile application suite;

An email vote approved a \$200 retirement gift for the Administrative Assistant;

An email from Roger Boss, Administrative Team, informed the church Carillon sustained storm damage. The Carillon was purchased in 1963 with a new upgrade purchased in 1987. A new, all solid state base unit will cost \$12,000. It will feature a touch screen and will not use tapes;

Christine Thomas was hired as Administrative Assistant in an email vote;

The transfer of Diane Ludington to First Presbyterian Church, Danvers, was approved in an email vote;

Notification was received that the Presbytery Assembly will meet at 10 a.m. Aug. 12 at Monmouth College. An update on the Town Hall meetings will be given and congregations are being asked to display projects which have received funding through the Presbytery. This includes our Summer Block Party. This was referred to the Mission committee; and

A thank you note was received from Julie Kasa for her Broadway in Chicago gift.

The Clerk reported she purchased a Peace Lilly for \$30 from Bee's Floral and had it delivered to Immanuel Lutheran Church the Friday prior to their 125th anniversary July 16.

She purchased a cake and card and enclosed \$200 cash for the Administrative Assistant's Retirement Party.

Pastor Quine told Session members Ruling Elder Cathy Maciariello is now serving on the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. He has completed his responsibilities at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield and said he is having his Petersburg commitment reassigned to another COM member.

Rev. Quine said the Presbytery has hired a Gap Presbyter for 15 hours a week to bridge the gap between General Presbyters.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, recommended Communion be served on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26.

Students and youth and Food for Thought will be celebrated Sept. 10. Congregation members are being asked to provide homemade baked goods and items from their world travels for the Communion Table display on Oct. 1, World Communion Sunday.

On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, a bagpiper will provide music and youth will be asked to create "saint" stories to serve as the sermon. People will be encouraged to wear plaid.

An evening worship service will be held in the CE building Nov. 1, All Saints Day. A catered meal, story-telling, a celebration of the Saints in our lives, and hymn singing is planned. Those attending are to bring photos or other memories of people who have deeply affected and influenced their lives.

During the day there will be Prayer Station in the Chapel. Rev. Quine is creating a guide for this.

On Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26, this year's theme, "Telling Our Stories, Letting Go, Naming God's Presence, Taking Hold," will be kicked off with the incorporation of stories into weekly worship. The theme is based on Charles M. Olsen's The Wisdom of the Seasons. Pastor Quine and Chrissy Hoffert are creating a "recap" and completion of the painting for the service.

The **Fellowship** committee, Beth Green and Debbie Schweitzer, chairmen, hosted receptions for Chet Lord-Remmert and Janis Klockenga.

The **Mission & Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis, chairman, informed the library at Christian Day Care will be open Wednesday, Aug. 2. Annie Hieronymus will be in charge. An open house is planned Aug. 16 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

An average of 100 children per day were fed each Tuesday and Thursday in June and July for the Summer Food Program. The CATCH and Extension STEM programs were well received and hope to be offered next year. Possibilities include expanding the program to five days and offering it at two locations. The state is to conduct an audit of the program.

Walmart has again funded the Food for Thought program with a \$500 grant. A total of \$3,431 remains from the Eaton grant. We spent \$6,003 last school year for an average of 62 students. Immanuel Lutheran will be operating a similar program this year at Washington-Monroe School and will be seeking grant monies from the Elks and possibly Eaton.

The sign up date for Food for Thought volunteers will be August 27, following the church service.

The committee displayed a Trifold poster on the Block Party at the August 12 Presbytery meeting.

Committee meetings are scheduled Aug. 30, Oct. 25, and Nov. 29.

The **Administrative Team** has hired Janis Klockenga two days a week for three weeks to assist in the training of the new Administrative Assistant. A list of work needing to be done has been established for the Sexton, and will be updated as tasks become available. A Magnolia tree which could cause damage to the building is being removed.

Claims have been filed for damage to the church roof and a lightning strike which damaged church electronics. Tuck pointing work could be extended over several years and might be, "pitched" to the congregation.

The **Boy Scout** committee, Roger Boss chairman, informed there has been a meeting with a Scout Professional from Bloomington about concerns involving the troop.

The **History** committee, Diane Osborn and Karen Sams Davis, reported receipt of two jump drives of past church records from the Presbyterian Historical Society. Plans are being made for the 160th anniversary of our church in late October.

Treasurer Melody Anderson reported a July general fund balance of \$101,363, memorial fund balance of \$34,107, and capital improvement fund balance of \$13,198.

The first installment of taxes has been paid. The second installment of farm lease income is anticipated for receipt in a few weeks. Income is lagging behind expectations, but should be offset by the receipt of farm income. Pledges are running behind, but expenses are lower than expected, although they are exceeding income.

For August, a general fund balance of \$126,301, a memorial fund balance of \$34,134, and a capital improvement fund balance of \$32,369 were reported.

The second installment of farm lease income has been distributed. Income remains lower than budgeted with expenses also running lower.

The June and July Statement of Activities, Check Register, Dedicated Accounts, Deposit Register, and Statement of Financial Position were reviewed by Session members.

Roger Boss has consented to be the Ruling Elder serving on the **Nominating** committee. Annie Hieronymus will be representing the Deacons on this committee.

The September **Calender** was reviewed by Session members.

The following **motions** were approved:

To receive the reports; and

To offer Communion Nov. 26 on Christ the King Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor