

12.12.17

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was called to order by the Rev. Adam R. Quine at 5:58 p.m. Ruling Elders Roger Boss, Karen Sams Davis, Debbie Schweitzer, Cathy Maciariello, Rob Harmon, Beth Green, and Diane Osborn were in attendance. Excused were Cass Busby-Elliott and Tracy Olson. A quorum was present.

Following prayer Session members approved the agenda.

The Clerk reported November attendance of 5) 75; 12) 59; 19) 60; 26) 71;

There were no baptisms, deaths, new members or transfers. Joel and Michelle Green were removed from membership at their request. Karen Graber and Jon Carter were married at the church by Pastor Quine Nov. 21.

Communion was served November 1, 5, 8, 15, and 29. Home Communion was served to Ann Kvitle & Bi, Marilyn & Julius Kasa, Mary Wilson, Carole & Darrell Holladay, and Thelma Briggs.

Minutes of the November meeting and of the Dec. 3 Called Congregational Meeting were approved with a change in date of the All Saints' Day Feast to Nov. 1.

Communications included:

Email from Great Rivers Presbytery: Applications for the young adult volunteer program are being accepted at youngadultvolunteers.org/apply@yavprogram;

Email from Presbytery informing the 2017-19 Book of Order is available; and inviting us to an open house Dec. 3 at the Fair Hills Residence, 2005 W. Lawrence St., Springfield, IL, a community of the Illinois Presbyterian Home, serving seniors of all faiths for more than 60 years;

Email from Cathy Maciariello containing the Communion Schedule for December;

Email from the Presbytery regarding Elder and Deacon training being offered Feb. 3 in Woodhull, Feb. 10 in Macomb, Feb. 17 in Springfield—Hope, and Feb. 24 in Normal—First, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. RSVP to the Presbytery Office at 309-683-6980; information on the Christmas Joy offering; instruction for the Board of Pensions Taxation of Death Benefits for W-2's and Taxation of Death Benefit Dues Calculator;

The annual statistics packet; New this year is the Child Protection Policy and Sexual Misconduct Policy; These are due Feb. 8;

A contract from Richard Moody for parking lot snow removal;

A thank you from Mel Anderson for her Christmas bonus;

Letter from WHOW Radio, Clinton, IL, informing it has available time on Sunday mornings for churches to extend their ministry; A copy of yearly programming rates was enclosed; and

Email from the Presbytery concerning tax deadlines.

The Clerk signed a \$100 check to be cashed for Mel Anderson's stipend for assisting the church administrative assistant to become acclimated with our record keeping system; completed and sent the church statistics which were due Dec. 12; and provided Session members with copies of the current membership roster, listings of other participants, and baptized but not confirmed members, and the annual Clerk's report.

Pastor Quine stated he is making preparations to begin Confirmation Class meetings. He noted the church needs a snow blower and lawn mower. Rev. Quine said a retreat is being planned for March or April.

He made hospital visits this month to see Mary Wilson, Dorothy Drew, and Leo Logan. Pastor Quine conducted staff evaluations. His course work for spring includes Genders in the World of the Bible. For the summer he plans to study Minister as Ethnographer.

Following a Nov. 26 after church outreach meeting Pastor Quine notified the Presbytery our church is interested in a Mission Initiative Grant. We have been assigned Dr. Joe Eby as liaison to the Presbytery vision committee. The next step will be for the Session to approve formation of an after school drop-by center for students 12 to 16 years old, involving church members, a local coffee shop, and a music festival team. This is to begin in February of 2018. It is hoped the program will be continued in the future through commitments from the church and its congregation and through community fundraisers.

The **Worship and Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, informed it has been making Lenten preparations.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green, chairmen, reported a trip to an Illinois State University basketball game is planned following church Jan. 7. A meal outing will follow.

The December Coffee was at the home of Carolyn Reynolds, a first Sunday of Advent potluck was successful, and the committee is planning to sponsor the Dec. 13 Kirk Night supper.

Caroling gatherings began Nov. 30 with a goodbye for Ann Kvitle and Schuwei Bi who are moving to the Peoria area. The annual caroling for seniors was Wednesday, Dec. 20, followed by a party at the Schweitzer home.

The **Mission and Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis, chairman, said Lori Jackson of SIU Center for Family Medicine Lincoln Clinic plans to give an update in the spring on how our dental program funding is being utilized.

The committee has received information on the Martin Luther King breakfast. A table for eight is \$150. Rob Harmon is committee representative for this event.

The Angel Tree is set up with 20 tags for \$5 to \$10 gifts for residents of the Christian Village. Wrapped gifts should be brought by Dec. 20.

A Minute for Mission Dec. 3 explained the four December missions: Christmas Joy, Kemmerer Village Christmas gifts for children, the Angel Tree, and the Head Start Children's Shopping Event at the church.

Ken and Debbie Schweitzer shopped for and delivered the Kemmerer Village gifts.

The committee heard a report from Gary Davis on his and Adam's meetings with a female prisoner at Logan Correctional Center who wishes help with tuition to attend Adams State University in Alamosa, CO.

The committee discussed the proposed Outreach project for an after-school program for Lincoln Youth. This could utilize the Dream Mission line in our budget. A \$200 Talent Grant from the Presbytery could also be utilized for a new project such as this.

On request of the finance committee the Mission committee has reduced its budget by \$2,500. A total of \$500 in reductions were made to Community Action, Oasis, Christian Child Care and Coats for Kids with \$250 in reductions being made to the One Great Hours of Sharing and Christmas Joy offerings.

It was decided to have the church administrative assistant notify the press in advance of church mission events.

In 2018 the committee will meet on the fourth Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 24, March 28, May 23, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, and Nov. 28.

The **Administrative Team**, Roger Boss, Rob Harmon, and Cass Busby-Elliott, recommended approval of the snow removal contract. Lincoln Elementary District 27 is to provide reimbursement on a monthly basis as detailed in a pending agreement.

It was noted the area behind the organ has been cleaned out.

The **Treasurer** provided Session members with copies of the November Statement of Activities and Check Register.

Session members agreed to ask Cass Busby-Elliott to be the Session representative on the 2018 **Nominating** committee. The alternate is Rob Harmon. The January calendar was reviewed.

The following **motions** were approved:

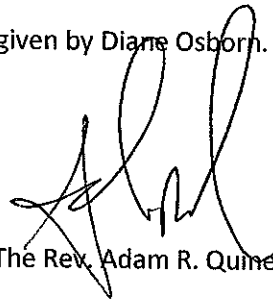
To approve the snow removal contract; and

To accept all reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. following prayer given by Diane Osborn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. R. Quine', written in a cursive style.

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor