

9.12.17

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Pastor Adam R. Quine. Ruling Elders in attendance were Cathy Maciariello, Beth Green, Roger Boss, Debbie Schweitzer, Cass Busby-Elliott, Rob Harmon, Diane Osborn, and Karen Sams Davis. Tracy Olson was excused. A quorum was declared present.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with a minor adjustment.

The clerk reported August attendance of 6) 75; 13) 67; 20) 69; and 27) 65;

There were no baptisms, deaths, transfers, or new members. Communion dates included Aug. 6 and Home Communion with Jan Ulrich.

Communications included an email from Rev. Quine stating LINK articles are due the third Tuesday monthly;

Email from Administrative Assistant: Chuck McCarrel will be installing the new mixer boards Aug. 17;

Email from Board of Pensions: Employer News: 2018 Benefit Selections are due Oct. 13;

Email from Church Mutual asking us to follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn;

Email from Board of Pensions: Video overview available for submitting Employer Agreement form to determine coverage employees will be able to elect during annual enrollment; an e-book version is available;

Letter from Presbytery of Great Rivers: Call to a Special Presbytery Meeting Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at First Federated Church, Peoria, to approve the job description for the Interim Presbyter position; and

Thank you note from Janis Klockenga for the monetary gift and everything we did for her.

The Clerk signed the Carillon Proposal Aug. 29.

Rev. Quine assigned Session members to write a 250 to 500 word paper on, "Why Do You Worship at First Presbyterian Church?" He considers this a beginning tool as we begin discovering why we exist as a church.

He also queried the need to discern, "How we carry out our ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Why do we Do what we do, How do we do It, and Who benefits from our ministry?"

Pastor Quine informed the new Administrative Assistant is making a positive impact on the church office. He noted we have 20 children and youth on the church rolls, although few attend on a given Sunday, recommending committees attain input from youth.

He also challenged Session members with the question, "Why should young families attend our church when we do not offer Sunday School or spiritual formation opportunities for children and youth? Nor do we have a nursery attendant.

In September Rev. Quine attended a Peace Vigil, Christian Child Care Reading, Rotary Club, and the Oasis Mission lunch. He visited the Outlet in Springfield, Father Mark Evans, and met with His Hands Outreach/Hope Grows.

He made three new member visits, assisted with the funeral for Nancy Lou Kamer, met with Boy Scout Troop 4111, and met with Jan Costello on the presentation on Spirituality and Death.

Rev. Quine attended the Presbytery Assembly meetings in August and September and met with Bob Reynolds, bridge General Presbyter.

He will be assisting with the installation of the Rev. Susan Phillips at First Presbyterian Church in Springfield Oct. 8.

The pastor has scheduled continuing education from Nov. 6 to 11 and will be attending Eden Theological Seminary Jan. 1 to 6 while working on his Doctorate of Ministry.

In an explanation he noted clapping following the organ postlude is appropriate if the applause is given as a response to God.

He said the LINK format will be changing in the upcoming months.

The **Worship and Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, reviewed plans for the observance of World Communion Sunday and the All Saint's Day feast. The Blessing of the Animals Oct. 1 will be promoted with the use of postcards and a newspaper advertisement.

The Cantata will be Dec. 17 and there will be a Christmas Eve service Dec. 24.

The **Fellowship** committee, Beth Green and Debbie Schweitzer chairmen, informed Roger and Connie Boss will be hosting the annual wiener roast at their home Oct. 15. The committee is planning the All Saint's Day catered dinner, an Advent potluck after worship Dec. 3, and Christmas caroling Dec. 20.

Judy Rader is hosting the October Coffee. The December coffee will be at the home of Carolyn Reynolds. The next committee meeting will be Oct. 3.

The **Mission and Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis chairman, noted Coats for Kids will be headed by Cherie Aper and Annie Hieronymus.

An October Clothing Closet is planned with bath and bedding items and children's clothing being collected.

The Mission committee is requesting the Session approve using an eight-item menu for the Food for Thought program. We will be starting this school year with 38 students.

Marsha Dallas and Pastor Quine attended His Hands Outreach Dessert and Fellowship Friends and Family gathering with our church donating \$20 to His Hands ministry.

The committee has started working on its 2018 budget. Recommendations are being sought from Don Cavi of the Logan County Health Department for areas of need and the department is being asked to confirm our funds designated for the SIU dental program are being used locally.

Gary Davis and the Rev. Quine plan to meet with a woman prisoner who is seeking funding to matriculate in online courses to Adams State University in Alamosa, CO.

The Food Pantry need for September is dish soap.

The next committee meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 27. The committee will not meet Oct. 25.

The **Resources Team** has started preparations for the 2018 budget. The budget form has been uploaded. Team members attending the Presbytery Audit Training session learned our audit procedures are in keeping with Presbytery guidelines.

It appears virtually all replacement costs for the July storm damage will be covered by the church's insurance. Bids are underway for roof and tuck pointing work as well as for garage gutter and downspout work.

The Policy and Procedures manual has been completed and the Employee Handbook has been revised. The Handbook will become part of the Bylaws and Manual of Operations. Session members thanked Bill Oppen for his expertise in developing these manuals.

Our Boy Scout troop is undergoing changes. Rev. Quine and Roger Boss, liaison, have contacted Melissa Tanner, new Scoutmaster. A meeting with adult leaders is planned.

Pastor Evaluation forms were distributed to Session members and are to be returned by Oct. 2, no later than the October Session meeting.

Church Administrative Assistant Christine Thomas plans to attend the Presbytery Financial Secretary training.

The **History** committee is planning 9:45 a.m. Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 pre-service showings of photos of church history and the 150th anniversary narrated by Keith Leesman. An update to the church history is being readied.

Historical photos and items from the Heritage room will be used for table decorations for the Nov. 1 catered meal with side dishes to include recipes from the church's past. Cake will be made from Church Cookbook recipes.

The committee has begun reviewing documents on a jump drive received from the Presbyterian Historical Society.

Treasurer Melody Anderson reported a general fund balance of \$106,724, memorial fund balance of \$34,185; and capital improvement balance of \$32,372.

Chris is satisfactorily adapting to the accounting system.

A miscalculation resulted in an excess distribution to the farm trust account leaving a shortage in the trust account where the funds were needed to pay taxes. This deficit in the trust account was covered by a transfer of \$500 from the farm account. This will be transferred back when final lease receipts are received.

The last installment of farm taxes has been paid.

The following **motions** were approved:

To receive the Clerk's report;

To authorize the Food for Thought eight item menu; and

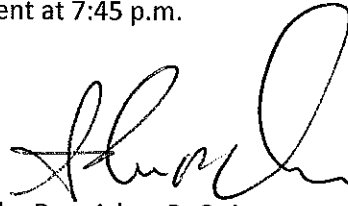
To accept the committee reports.

Roger Boss gave the closing prayer prior to adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session



The Rev. Adam R. Quine, pastor