

**The Regular Meeting of the Session**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

Moderator Adam Quine called the Session meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with Elders Keith Leesman, Marsha Dallas, Diane Osborn, Roger Boss, Cathy Maciariello, Debbie Schweitzer, Pat Baker, and Rob Harmon in attendance. Cass Busby-Elliott was absent.

A quorum was declared present, the prayer, Evening Prayer, and Gospel Lesson were given, and the agenda and minutes of the March meeting were approved with the **correction** that the estimated cost for ceiling work for the Pekin Street entrance was \$1,400.

The Clerk's Report included March attendance of 2)15; 6) 77; 9) 14; 13) 76; 16) 18; 20) 86; 23) 15; 24) 40; 27) 125 Easter. There were no deaths, two transfers, and one reinstatement. Communion dates were: March 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 24, 27, 30.

Communications included:

--Email request from Cathy Maciariello to draft an **indemnification** letter for Bill Gossett concerning church usage of his building for the Clothing Closet project. The letter was **approved** by the Session via email, drafted, signed by the clerk, and given to Mr. Gossett. No additional insurance is required for the offsite project;

--Email article from Gary Davis entitled, "Leading Like Lydia: Women and the Churches They Plant."

--Email from church Administrative Assistant informing Beth Green will be filling in for her March 29 while she is taking her mother to a doctor appointment in Bloomington;

Email from Pastor Quine about Session outing April 18 to Presbytery Missions meeting at Springfield Westminster;

--Letter from Church Mutual Insurance Co. concerning a premium adjustment of \$1,618;

--Thank you letter from the Board of Pensions for the Christmas Joy 2015 offering and assistance program overview;

--Reminder postcard for One Great Hour of Sharing bulletin inserts;

--Applications for use of restricted mission funds—referred to Missions committee;

--Procedures for counting offering prepared by Bill Opper for the Stewardship and Finance committee;

--Email from Gary Davis of outdoor church banner which reads, “Be the Church. Protect the Environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. Reject racism. Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.”

--Welcome to the congregation letters sent to Mary McLaughlin and Carole and Darrell Holladay;

--Email from the Administrative Assistant thanking us for letting her switch her days off from Mondays to Wednesdays and notification she will be returning to her regular schedule in May.

**Pastor Quine** reported he is taking personal days including the last Sunday in April and Julie Kasa will be preaching that Sunday. He will also be attending the Credo Conference for self-assessment May17-25.

He is currently serving as moderator for Middletown and Petersburg Presbyterian Churches and the Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison for those churches plus Springfield First and Third and Westminster Presbyterian churches.

The minister provided Session members with the following questions to guide in planning for the church’s future: Who are we? What has God called us to do? and Who is our neighbor? He said, “Planning is about illuminating and committing to

the next part of the journey with the conviction that it will lead to the place God is calling us to!"

He hopes to conduct an Inquirer's Class with mentors in the near future. Pastor Quine told Session members, "We've forgotten how to tell our story," urging them to ask new visitors to join us.

Rev. Quine is in the process with scheduling a meeting with each Session member.

He discussed dates for a fall **retreat** at the Chiara Center in Springfield. The Spiritual Life Committee is to make reservations for ten persons with spouses being welcomed at their own expense.

The **Mission** committee, Marsha Dallas chairman, said Rev. Quine has invited our Presbyterian missionaries in Ethiopia to speak during worship. If they are unable to attend, a skype session is being considered.

The committee has invited four local mission fund recipients to join us for Kirk Nights in April. The schedule: Bill Overton, Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry, April 6; Don Cavi, Logan County Department of Public Health, April 13; Cince Bowns, Habitat for Humanity of Logan County, April 20; and Angela Stoltzenburg, Healthy Communities Partnership, April 27.

The clothing project for Community Action/Head Start families was open for shopping Saturday, April 2 with a modest number of families attending. It will be open again April 23. Families served were truly grateful.

Kendall Martin and Cherie Aper are pursuing a Presbytery grant to offer Summer Fun Days for high-risk students entering junior high school.

It was noted the Mission Committee has created a schedule for the Administrative Assistant to follow in sending mission contributions with agencies receiving funding in one or two payments.

The **Spiritual Life and Worship** committees, Cathy Maciariello chairman, said the Cantata for Peace will be a May 1 service of song, poetry and scripture. For **Pentecost** the **artwork** of Crissy and Greg Hoffert will be celebrated. There will be

communion stations in the parlor followed by a reception. Placing of the artwork is to be determined by the pastor and Pat Baker.

The committee reported Lent and Holy Week were very special this year. Recommendations to consider next year include: continuing the foot washing service Wednesday night, perhaps in the Chapel; having a more traditional and formal Maundy Thursday service instead of a play that would include the Choir and stripping of the Sanctuary; and continuing Good Friday services which those attending thought were especially meaningful.

Worship in the Park is set for June 5 at Kickapoo Park in the big shelter near the flagpole.

The Worship committee is asking Pat Baker and the Sexton to complete work in the Christian Education building closet so the committee can better arrange its worship supplies, paraments and other items. The Worship committee plans to meet May 8 at 11:30 a.m.

The Spiritual Life committee plans to meet April 17. The **Scholarship** committee is to meet the latter part of April with applications due May 1.

The **Buildings and Grounds** committee, Pat Baker chairman, reported repairs to the ceiling crack in the Pekin Street entrance will begin April 12. Ron Hall will install scaffolding, and Kendall Fitzpatrick will make the necessary repairs. Four pews along with other items will be temporarily relocated. Scaffolding will be setup for about two weeks, but will be taken down for Sundays. Following the repair work, Hall will repaint the work area.

An item is being placed in the Bulletin asking for the return of church door keys by anyone who no longer requires a key.

A monthly calendar for signing out church property and for building use will be kept in the kitchen.

The committee is awaiting word from Aaron Pickett about a date for the door installation.

No further action has been taken on proposals to renovate the ramp, remodel the Chapel, or purchase chairs.

Mark Landers cleaned the church flower beds.

The committee has been contacted by David Lanterman requesting use of the church ovens for 15 to 20 hours a week until July on a paid basis. Insurance coverage is to be examined.

The **Stewardship and Finance** committee, Keith Leesman chairman, reported the 2015 audit has been completed with the only discrepancy being a missing receipt stub for the Credo Conference. The 2014 audit is to be completed soon.

New instructions for processing the offering plates have been developed with Keith and Bill Opper to brief the Administrative Assistant on the procedure. It was mentioned thank you notes should be sent to those not pledging, and that the instructions be placed with the bank bags.

It was noted the **Allison Scholarship** will be paid from Memorial funds. The **Women's Association Scholarship** has a balance of \$1,700. A LINK article will welcome contributions toward increasing the endowed amount for the Allison Scholarship.

Adjustments have been made to move items from the pastor's professional expenses #106 and continuing education expenses #105 to more appropriate accounts in Spiritual Life #306, mileage reimbursement #104, Church School, #401, service supplies #303, and retreats #743.

Lyndall Dallas has contacted Rob Harmon and Glenn Osborn about serving on the **Farm Committee**.

At the minister's request (not present) the committee unanimously decided his house loan will continue to be written off whether or not he finds another home to purchase.

**Treasurer** Melody Anderson reported balances of general fund, \$83,250; capital improvement, \$3,192; Memorial, \$39,561; and farm account, \$24,000. She said check register problems are being resolved.

The **Nominating** committee, Carolyn Reynolds chairman, informed Session members of the resignation of Deacon Diane Nolley. She said Charlise Leesman has consented to serve on the Deacon Board.

**Motions** were approved to enter into a contract with David Lanterman for use of the church ovens and to approve all reports.

The closing prayer was given by Rob Harmon and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor