

10.10.17

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was called to order by Pastor Adam R. Quine at 6:03 p.m. Ruling Elders Diane Osborn, Beth Green, Rob Harmon, Roger Boss, Deb Schweitzer, Cathy Maciariello, and Karen Sams Davis were present. Excused were Tracy Olson and Cass Busby-Elliott. A quorum was declared present.

Following prayer Ruling Elders shared their responses to the question, "Why Do I Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL?"

The Agenda and minutes from the Joint Session-Deacon meeting and from the September meeting were approved.

The Clerk reported September attendance of 3) 72; 10) 60; 17) 64; 24) 56;

There were no Baptisms, deaths, transfers or new members;

Communion was served Sept. 3; Home Communion was served to Jan Ulrich, Dorothy Harrison, Dorothy Gaffney, Dottie Drew and Sheila and Curt McCallister;

Communications:

An email regarding a building use request by the Welch family for the CE building Sunday, Oct. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a baby shower; Approved by email vote;

Email amending Call to Sept. 19 Special Presbytery meeting;

Letter from Presbytery, Gary Davis, treasurer, challenging our church to submit its 2018 per capita and shared mission pledge. Per capita is \$32 per member which will be distributed as follows: \$7.73 to the General Assembly, \$3.81 to the Synod; and \$20.46 to the Presbytery to its mission;

Based on 12/31/16 membership of 145 this would amount to \$1,120.85 for General Assembly; \$552.45 for Synod; and \$2,966.70 for Presbytery for a total of \$4,640. A remittance form due Feb. 1 is attached.

An email was received from Joel and Michelle Green requesting withdrawal of membership from First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL;

Email from First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, inviting us to attend installation of their new pastor;

Email from Bill Opper containing a revised copy of the Employee Handbook;

Letter from Associated Crafts and Willet Hauser Architectural Glass Co. of Winona, MN informing they will be in our area and would like to examine our church windows at no charge;

Letter from Presbyterian General Assembly asking us to consider contributing our 25 percent share of offering to a crisis of special magnitude: the oppression of racism damaging the lives of African American males. The Freedom Rising appeal is being started in five major cities and will work with programs and agencies offering support, development, and healing.

The Clerk signed end of the month checks.

**The Rev. Quine** informed he will be attending a two day continuing education workshop with Rob Bell on the Art of Preaching/Presenting Nov. 12 to 15 in Nashville. The November Session meeting is being rescheduled.

Session members were assigned a 250 to 500 word paper on, "What is the Function of Our Church; what is our 'primary' essence?" In addition each Ruling Elder is to respond to two questions for the Advent Meditation Book by Nov. 15. Each response should be 200 words or less. The Book will be made available at the Dec. 3 potluck.

There is a need for tornado, fire and shooter drills to be conducted.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, noted the October Kirk Nights will focus on a study of the Philippians and Father Mark of the Episcopal Church will examine theologies.

Book study discussed, The Better Part: Stages of Contemplative Living, and plans to explore, "When Spiritual But Not Religious is Not Enough."

Students and Youth and Food for Thought were celebrated Sept. 17, a week later than originally scheduled.

During Advent the Sermon will be divided into three parts. The first five minutes will be the candle-lighting. Next will come the Sermon; then the benediction.

A new piece of artwork on canvas will be created with congregational participation. Responses will be affixed to the artwork in the three outer areas of the design: letting go, naming God's presence, and taking hold.

We will be changing from purple to blue paraments for Advent. Caroling will be Dec. 13. Cathy will be presenting a Minute for Mission Sunday, Oct. 15.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green, chairmen, reported the Weiner Roast will be at the Boss home beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15.

Brenda Silano's home economics class has been asked to provide lasagna, salad, and garlic bread for the 6 p.m. Nov. 1 All Saints Feast. Cathy Tiffany is being asked to provide Joyce Kinzie's green bean dish. Beth Green and Annie Hieronymus are to provide cookies from the recipes of Corrine Houston, Marilyn Steiger, and Mrs. Forbush with Charlise Leesman providing a pecan cookie recipe from Mrs. Harrison Wilson.

The Nov. 4 Coffee will be at Flossie & Delzena's unless a hostess is attained. Sliced ham will be served for the Dec. 3 after church potluck. A light supper is planned following Christmas caroling Dec. 20. Carolers will meet at the church at 5:15 p.m.

Ideas for next year include an evening concert featuring all church musicians including Chet and Julie, preceded by a light supper; Feb. 13 Fat Tuesday at Cracker Barrel (approved); bowling in March; Spirited Republic for adult beverages and appetizers plus a visit to the Art Institute, possibly in the summer when the patio between the brewery and Guzzardo's is rebuilt;

Weather station and dining out (approved); An Atlanta home tour; congregational progressive dinner; a game night; and Destihl Brewery tour followed by drinks and dinner at their facility.

The **Mission & Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis, chairman, finalized its budget. The recipient of the 25 per cent (\$250) Peacemaking Offering retained locally is Moms Who Care, a Lincoln High School mothers' group who provide school supplies, snacks, etc. for limited resource students. A Minute for Missions is planned Oct. 22

The final Clothing Closet will be Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 to noon.

Following receipt from schools of the number of coats needed by students, the coats will be purchased at Walmart.

The committee will be taking a special offering Oct. 29 for Hurricane Assistance to be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Food Pantry needs for October are laundry soap and cleaning supplies. The next committee meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 29.

The committee recommended sponsoring a Holiday Shopping project for low income children and a program providing funding assistance for the Christian Childcare Center Library. The committee plans to apply for grants from the Presbytery for these projects.

The **Administrative** team reported the stewardship letter and pledge cards will be mailed Oct. 16 with cards to be returned Nov. 5. The 2018 budget committee meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. Oct. 11. Church website development is in progress and online giving should be available by the end of the year.

The Schulmerich g5 carillon has been shipped, and it is estimated the unit will be operational for the Advent season.

Bids for church roof work are out, but are incomplete. The work could be split into sections including the CE building, the office, and the main building. Tuck pointing is especially needed in certain areas.

Dennis Bruns of LincolnLand Communications is working on a bid for a secure camera system for the building.

Landscaping arrangements have been made with Jason Mauhar.

The Policy and Procedures manual has been updated. Staff annual performance reviews will be held the week of Oct. 15-21.

Roger Boss and the Rev. Quine attended a Scout full committee meeting to discuss personnel changes and budget concerns.

**Treasurer** Melody Anderson reported a General fund balance of \$95,015, Memorial fund balance of \$33,765, and a Capital Improvement fund balance of \$32,375.

The last installment of farm lease income is to be received in late October which should bring income more in line with the budget. Insurance reimbursement for lightning strike expenses should be received soon which also will help bring our income more in line with the budget.

The **Scholarship** committee is being placed under the Board of Deacons rather than the Session Spiritual Life committee.

A \$50 Cracker Barrel gift card is to be given to Bill Opper thanking him for his work on church manuals.

The following **motions** were approved:

To accept the request of Joel and Michelle Green to withdraw membership from the church;

To approve the Clerk's report;

To reschedule the November Session meeting to Nov. 19 following worship;

To hold a Holiday Shopping Spree for low income children; to upgrade the library at the Christian Childcare Center; and to apply for Presbytery grants for both projects; and

To receive the committee reports.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer given by Ruling Elder Rob Harmon.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session



The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor