

**The Regular Meeting of the Session**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL**  
**Monday, Aug. 8, 2016**

The Session meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by the Rev. Adam R. Quine. Elders Debbie Schweitzer, Marsha Dallas, Cathy Maciariello, Rob Harmon, Pat Baker, and Diane Osborn were present with Elders Roger Boss, Cass Busy Elliott, and Keith Leesman, excused. A quorum was declared in attendance.

Following prayer the July minutes were approved with a change in wording and a name correction.

The clerk reported July attendance of 3) 83; 10) not recorded; 17) 67; 24) 75; and 31) 63;

Deaths: Emory Clark Gaffney, 7/5/16;

Communion Dates: July 3; Home Communion, Diane Dill;

Communications included:

Email from Janis Klockenga notifying us her husband's Cancer has recurred and she will need office volunteers for six days while he undergoes surgery. This will be followed by both Chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Volunteers are Aug. 9, 8-1, Carolyn Reynolds; Aug. 12, 8-1, Debbie Schweitzer; Aug. 17, 8-1, Cathy Maciariello/Sandy Blane; Aug. 18, 8-1, Annie Hieronymus; and Aug. 19, 8-1, Sandy Blane/Keith Leesman.

Janis plans to take her computer with her and follow up on emails and work on the bulletin, planning to come home to print the bulletin. She intends to return to work when Don is out of intensive care.

Email from Stewardship & Finance Committee requesting the farm committee attend its 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 meeting at the church to give an update on what might be expected in terms of farm income for 2017 and an idea of where we stand for the remainder of this year and on any other issues.

Copy of Email from Keith Leesman to Kent Froebe of Lincoln Elementary District 27 on behalf of himself and Pat Baker thanking and confirming the acceptance by First Presbyterian Church of District 27's gift to the church of folding chairs and a rack from Jefferson School. Initial plans were to pick them up the morning of Saturday, Aug. 20.

Registration brochure for the North Central Wee Kirk Conference Oct. 4 to 6 at the Potawatomi Inn in Angola, IN.

Letter from Lincoln College welcoming our participation in Lynxfest, student involvement and community vendor fair, Aug. 25. We may set up a table or share information in student gift bags. This was referred to the Spiritual Life & Worship committee.

Notification from Pastor Quine of the death of Diane Dill.

**Pastor Quine** reported he will be conducting a graveside service for Ruth Pasquale. He also asked the Worship committee to find pulpit supply while he is away Sept. 25. A house blessing for his new home is planned for September. He noted Christian Childcare could provide a program for Kirk Night.

It was noted our former hymnals could be of use to the Middletown congregation. Prior blue hymnals were given to the Mason City Church. A question concerning distribution of The LINK was referred to the personnel committee. Personnel issues are to be addressed at the September meeting.

The **Mission Committee**, Marsha Dallas chairman, reported on the **Hope Grows Neighborhood Center** and **His Hands Outreach**. The committee is investigating future opportunities for service in the low-income area of Lincoln near the Logan County Fairgrounds. Community building activities as well as Bible Study are provided through the program. We are donating the local portion of the Pentecost offering to this group.

It was decided volunteers would continue to bag snacks for **Food for Thought** in the CE Building and then deliver them to Northwest School. This might be moved to the school once the school year is underway.

**Christmas Shopping Days** for Head Start have been scheduled for Dec. 8 and 9. Volunteers will be needed to help children select and wrap presents. The **Clothing Pantry** will be offered in November.

The **Spiritual Life & Worship** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, reported there will be an outdoor concert during our **Block Party** Sept. 10. The city fire and police departments are being asked to participate.

The Worship committee plans to meet Aug. 14 with Spiritual Life meeting Aug. 21.

Youth attending the Mission Trip to South Dakota led Worship Aug. 7. Scholarship winners Ellie Martin and Clay Olson were recognized.

The **Choir** is singing the first Sundays of July and August with special music planned for other Sundays. An **outing** in Springfield is planned Aug. 25 to hear Dr. Amy Jill Levine, whose book was discussed during **table Talk**.

The closet next to the CE Building bathroom has been cleaned and is being used exclusively by the Worship Committee for parament and other worship supply storage.

The **Buildings & Grounds** Committee, Pat Baker chairman, said a bat specialist is to meet with the committee.

The **garage** clean up date is Aug. 20.

The **Stewardship & Finance** committee, Keith Leesman, chairman, asked Session members to approve renewing the Houston Scholarship CD which matures Aug. 30 for 60 months at a rate of 1.49 per cent. He said the scholarship checking account has a balance of \$1,768.

Janis is to write checks for the first semester of scholarship payments for recipients Ellie Martin and Clay Olson. The checks will be sent directly to the colleges.

The second installment of farm income has been deposited in the general checking account.

The committee reported the **Boy Scout** Troop may be obtaining a trailer which the church will need to insure. Development of the church **website** is underway.

**Budgeting** is to begin soon with each committee chair being asked to consider and identify what they will be budgeting for 2017. Each committee will be receiving a listing of their expenditures for this year.

**Treasurer** Melody Anderson reported a General fund balance of \$109,167, a Memorial fund balance of \$43,568, and a Capital Improvement balance of \$3,192. She said income is running ahead of the year to date budget primarily due to the offering line and farm income.

Income is running ahead of expenses YTD, with BBQ expenses remaining to be paid. The first real estate tax installment has been paid.

Session members reviewed a report of checks issued during the month.

**Motions** were approved to renew the CD;

To serve Communion at the Retreat; and

To approve the Clerk's, Pastor's, and committee reports.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pat Baker at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor