

The Regular Meeting of the Session
First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

The Session meeting was postponed from Tuesday, Feb. 9, until Wednesday, Feb. 17, due to the illness of Pastor Adam Quine, moderator.

Ruling Elders Pat Baker, Deb Schweitzer, Cathy Maciariello, Keith Leesman, Rob Harmon, Cass Busby Elliott and Diane Osborn were present. The evening prayer was given.

A quorum was declared present and the agenda and minutes of the annual congregational meeting and of the January Session meeting were approved.

The Clerk reported January attendance of 3) 68; 10) 69; 17) 52; 24) 77; 31) 71. There were no deaths, transfers, and no new members. Communion was served Jan. 3.

Communications included:

--The Church Mutual **proxy** was signed and returned;

--The Presbyterian **Investment and Loan program survey** was completed and returned;

--Emails from Bill Opper regarding changes in the proposed budget and informing the form declaring our **2016 giving** to the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly has been submitted;

--Invitation from Presbytery to **Mission Matching**: Sharing the Light April 18 at Westminster Church in Springfield;

--Email from Rev. Quine: Article entitled, "TLC: Think Like a Christian," and reminder Elders are serving the Fat Tuesday supper;

--Email from Pat Baker on Clergy Issues: Conflict Among Top Reasons Pastors Quit;

--Email from Pastor Quine informing church youth will be offering Soup to Go after worship Sunday, Feb. 7, to raise money for the 2016 **Mission Trip** to Martin, South Dakota. Donations will be accepted.

--Thank you from the Presbytery Administrative Team for payment of 2015 **per capita** fees.

--Email from the Rev. Carroll Richards enclosing a copy of, "A Brief **History** of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL". This document was previously not in our church collection and was referred to the history committee.

--Email from Nancy Schaub that she will have Valentine's Day sampler boxes available Feb. 14 for purchase with proceeds being donated to the Youth for their **Mission Trip**.

--Invitation from the First Baptist Church inviting us to the installation service and reception for the Rev. Ben Manley, senior pastor, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

--Session members were given copies of the yearly Elder, Communion, and Closing Prayer lists.

The clerk reported she has signed Adams 2016 Terms of Call Renewal and that the secretary has submitted the form to the Presbytery.

Pastor Quine reported a Bucks for Blessings **grant** might be available to assist with funding our **Block Party**. He noted **Open Table** concert series money could also be utilized.

He said Jill and Garret Apel have informed they are attending another church, but would like to remain on our roster until further notification.

The **Mission** committee, Marsha Dallas chairman, reported **Food for thought** is serving 112 students with Debbie Schweitzer and Cheri Aper coordinating efforts during the absence of Karen Sams Davis.

The **Clothing Pantry** project will first serve the public in early April at the Gossett Building on Broadway Street. Volunteers will be utilized to sort donated items.

Rev. Quine has arranged for the administrator of the Logan County Health Department to present a **Kirk Night** program in April. Other recipients of mission funding will be invited to future Kirk nights.

Junior and Senior High Youth are raising money for their **Mission Trip** to South Dakota in June. The Youth will be selling soup Feb 17 and Nancy Schaub will have baked goods for sale Valentine's Day with proceeds going to the Mission Trip.

The **Spiritual Life** and **Worship** committees, Cathy Maciariello chairman, reported Pastor Quine is working on a detailed thematic approach for Lent.

Upcoming events include a 10:30 a.m. Morning Book Study in the parlor; morning prayer in the Chapel at 7:30 a.m. March 21-25 during Holy Week; a foot-washing service and play on Maundy Thursday;

Prayer stations on Good Friday; a Good Friday Tenebrae service; attending the Easter Vigil at the Episcopal Church; a Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. dinner at The Palms Grill in Atlanta followed by a performance by jazz/folk/gospel artist Lucy Smith and her trio;

The Lincoln College Choir will sing during worship Feb. 28 with the Spiritual Life committee hosting a meatless congregational potluck in their honor following church. Church music will thematically match the Lenten services.

Sunday School teachers in February are Kendall Martin, children, and Cathy Maciariello, youth. On Feb. 14 Nancy Schaub will decorate cupcakes in the CE building for both age groups.

A new Sunday flower policy is being considered by the committee with silk arrangements being used on Sundays when flowers are not donated.

Flower donors should be reminded prior to their Sunday if payment has not been received. The secretary is expected to keep track of flower payments.

Treasurer Melody Anderson informed the Session the general fund balance is \$81,294 with the memorial fund at \$39,558, and the capital improvements fund at \$3,192.

She explained questions arose last month due to two voided checks. The treasurer said income was slow for January.

The **Stewardship and Finance** committee, Keith Leesman chairman, reported offering envelopes have been placed in the pews. He said direct deposit of pledges is being reexamined for possible implementation if sufficient interest is shown by the congregation.

The committee has submitted tax exemption forms to the county for the church parking lot and buildings.

The committee recommends the Session approve accepting donations for the Boy Scout Troop and passing the donations through to the troop and reinvestment of the \$50,000 and \$40,000 CDs with the Synod for 60 months with maturation dates of Feb. 23 and March 31.

Additional insurance coverage might be needed dependent upon donations accepted on behalf of the Scout troop.

The committee is asking each committee chairman to approve committee bills and inform the secretary of the appropriate fund for them;

The stewardship and finance committee was also asked to set a spending limit for items needing Session approval.

It was noted several budget corrections were made after the annual report was printed and were included as an insert to the report. The committee has scheduled a Feb. 22 meeting.

The following **motions** were approved:

--All committee reports;

--The request from the secretary to change her days off from Monday to Wednesday during March and April;

-To accept donations for the Boy Scouts and passing them on to the troop;

--Reinvestment of the CDs;

--Applying for Bucks for Blessings grant;

--To contact Todd Spellman about creating and maintaining a new church website with Pastor Quine to ascertain a salary recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with prayer given by Diane Osborn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, pastor