

**The Regular Meeting of the Session**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 2016**

The Session meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Pastor Adam R. Quine. Ruling Elders Bill Oppen, Pat Baker, Cince Bowns, Marsha Dallas, Keith Leesman, Diane Osborn, Roger Boss and Cathy Maciariello were present. Guests included Debbie Schweitzer and Rob Harmon. The evening prayer was given.

A quorum was declared present. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**The Clerk** reported December attendance of 6) 86; 13) 79; 20) 109; 24) 157; 27) 59; the death of Jeanette Sue Chamberlain 12/29/15; no new members; and Communion Dates of Dec. 2, 6, 9, 13, 20, 24, and home communion for Dorothy Harrison.

Communications included email from Pastor Quine asking Elders to assist with the Stewardship of Hearts campaign and expressing the need to incorporate this into the vision for the church;

--Christmas letter from the Rev. Stephen McKinney-Whittaker, gap General Presbyter;

--Email from finance committee of budget and request for online Session vote; budget unanimously approved;

--Notification from Presbytery of Elder and Deacon training Feb. 20 in Springfield;

--Thank you from Pastor Quine for his Christmas gift and for our prayers and support;

--Thank yous from Janis, Mel, Julie, Debbie, and Roger for their Christmas bonuses;

--Thank you from Head Start Logan 1 for providing Christmas gifts for the children to give to others. Drawings from the children were enclosed;

--Email from Presbyterian Historical Society alerting us we did not receive a Heritage Preservation grant;

--Notices of property assessment for the Houston trust, Forbis Farms and Corrine Houston and Wilmert farms;

--FAX from Grant Central USA concerning grant writing workshop in Springfield March 14 and 15 for a \$575 fee;

--Online survey from Presbyterian Investment and Loan program;

--Note from Dorothy Drew thanking church carolers for visiting her and giving thanks for the Christmas basket;

--Email from Pastor Quine regarding Youth and Family Conference at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, given by Mark Yaconell, one of his mentors, Feb. 5-7. The \$10 fee will be paid by the church; also request for someone to provide meal for Sunday, Jan. 24 Youth Event;

--Letter from Presbytery informing previous per capita letter was in error. Revised figures include general assembly, \$7.12; Synod, \$3.81; and Presbytery, \$17.07, for a total of \$28 per capita per active member;

--Request from Pat Baker to give each of our youth a Token of Faith Christmas Gift from the Session. Approved in online vote;

--Letter from Toni Reifsteck including a copy of a Bruce Allison LINK and a copy of the Jane Poertner book. The LINK was referred to the church office, while the book was placed in the church library;

--Received Proxy form from Church Mutual for March 16 annual meeting at its Merrill, Wisconsin offices;

--Email from Marsha Dallas requesting use of round tables for Lincoln Junior High School Institute on Friday.

The clerk noted the reference sections of the Constitution and Bylaws have been updated to reflect the current Book of Order pages. This will be included in the annual report.

**Pastor Quine** reported eight men attended the first **Men's breakfast** at Cracker Barrel.

He has been asked by the Presbytery to attend COM training through the General Assembly in August.

The Rev. Quine will be attending the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conference in Chicago Jan. 26-30 and will also be away from the church for two Sundays during the South Dakota Youth Mission trip.

He plans to attend the Feb. 5-7 Storytelling: Remember What Matters Retreat at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the April 4 to 6 Young Pastor Cohort in Oregon, IL and the CREDO conference in Canton, N.C. Also attending the Springfield retreat will be Cathy Maciariello, and Carley and Kendall Martin.

The pastor asked committee chairmen to prepare a listing of dreams for their committees by November.

The **Mission** committee, Marsha Dallas chairman, informed the committee will be meeting the last Wednesday in January.

The **Spiritual Life** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, is meeting Jan. 24 with the worship committee.

The **Worship** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, recommended the following Communion dates for 2016:

Wednesday evening Kirk Night intinction: Feb. 10 (Ash Wednesday), 17, 24; March 9, 16, 24 (Maundy Thursday), 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27; September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30; December 7 and 21 (Blue Christmas);

Communion during Worship: Feb. 7 (D); Feb. 14, 21, 28 (I); March 6 (D); March 13 (I); 20, (Palm Sunday) and 27 (Easter) (D); April 3 (D); April 10, 17, 24 (I); May 1 (D); May 8 (I); May 15 (Pentecost) (D); June 5 (D); July 3 (D); August 7 (D); September 4 (D); October 2 (World Communion Sunday (I); November 6 (D); November 27 (Advent begins) (I); December 4 (D); December 11, 18 (I); 24 (Christmas Eve) (D); and December 25 (Christmas) (I).

The **Buildings and Grounds** committee, Pat Baker chairman, will meet on the third Sunday monthly. The committee has approved the LJHS tables request.

The **Stewardship and Finance** committee, Bill Opper chairman, provided updated budget information. His report stated declining revenue and increased needs have forced an evaluation of church initiatives. He said we still have a deficit budget, but it has been decreased. Many of the budget reductions were shared by the Buildings and Grounds and Mission committees. Repairing of the stained glass windows has been put on hold. Mission donations to the General Assembly and Presbytery are significant.

Each committee chairman, the pastor, and Deacon chairman is to receive a monthly listing of January expenses and issued checks to enable them to manage expenses.

**Treasurer** Melody Anderson reported balances of \$94,310, general fund; \$39,539, memorial fund; and \$3,191 capital improvement fund.

She said pledges are running ahead of expectations and total expenses are close to those budgeted. Organ and building maintenance expenses are higher than anticipated, but payroll is less due to not having a children's director and Open Table concerts. Overall we have less deficit than expected.

The **Nominating** committee reported it has completed its slate of Elders and Deacons.

Pastor Quine **presented books**, The Life of the Beloved, to outgoing Elders Bill Opper and Cince Bowns. Ruling Elders were each given copies of the revised Book of Order.

Due to a scheduling conflict the Session overnight **Retreat** at the Chira Center in Springfield was moved to the Fall.

It was noted the **Deacons** will be meeting on the second Monday every other month. The Elders will be assisting with the **Fat Tuesday** pancake supper in conjunction with their February meeting.

Members reviewed the December check register.

The following **motions** were approved:

- To approve the agenda and minutes;
- To receive the committee reports, Clerk's report and Pastor's report;
- To name Marsha Dallas Session representative on the nominating committee;
- To re-elect Melody Anderson treasurer for one year;
- To re-elect Julie Kasa Presbytery Delegate;
- To re-elect Diane Osborn Clerk of Session;
- To approve the Communion dates for 2016;
- To approve a recommended change to the Constitution and Bylaws which would change the number of Deacons from twelve to ten to twelve. This will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with prayer given by Cathy Maciariello.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, pastor