

1.15.19

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Session meeting was opened at 6:02 p.m. by the Rev. Adam R. Quine. Ruling Elder Cathy Maciariello was excused. Ruling Elders in attendance were: Roger Boss, Bob Chamberlain, Cherie Aper, Paul Kasa, Diane Osborn, Beth Green, Tracy Olson, and Deb Schweitzer. Guests present were Melissa Tanner and Dena Aaron.

A quorum was declared present, prayer was given, and the agenda and December meeting minutes were approved.

The Clerk reported:

December attendance: 2) 71; 9) 120, St. John UCC guests; 16) 84; 23) 91; 24) 110; 30) at St. John UCC;

There were no Baptisms or New Members;

Communion Dates: Dec. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 23, 24; Home Communion: Dorothy Gaffney, Dorothy Harrison, Mary Wilson, Carole & Darrell Holladay, and Marilyn and Julius Kasa;

Communications included:

Email votes approving the Clerk's Annual report and the Dec. 16 Called Congregational Meeting;

Christmas card from Residents and Staff of Illinois Presbyterian Home thanking us for our support;

Two letters from Cliff Quine Jr. with appropriate scripture and enclosing \$25 in each for the building fund;

Christmas card from Northwest School;

Note from Pastor Quine thanking us for his bonus, Recreation Center membership, and our prayers on his behalf.

Thank yous from Melody Anderson and Julie Kasa for their gifts;

Thank you from Chris Thomas for her Christmas bonus;

Thank you note from Kemmerer Village for our donation of 12 Target gift cards, 10 Amazon gift cards; 6 Old Navy gift cards, and 4 iTunes gift cards;

And the following news from Great Rivers Presbytery: a new film, "The Genesis of Exodus," is available from PC (USA) involving immigration from Central America; and

The 2019 IRS mileage rates are .58 cents a mile for business; .20 for medical and moving; and .14 for charitable.

The Clerk reported authorizing payroll Dec. 26 and initiating payroll Jan. 19.

The Rev. Quine told Session members he hopes to take a three month Sabbatical Leave while he is working on his Thesis in the summer/fall of 2020 with graduation in the spring of 2021. He plans to apply for a grant which would cover Sabbatical expenses including pastoral preaching expenses while he is away.

His working thesis topic is, "Studying the Practices of Different Worship Communities." He is currently working on his Sabbatical proposal and hopes to form a Sabbatical Task Force, since he will be the first pastor from this church to take a Sabbatical. The Rev. Bruce Allison had planned a Sabbatical, but died prior to fulfillment. The task force would be composed of two Elders, two Deacons, and one member of the congregation. He said there could be no communication with him while he is on his Sabbatical.

Rev. Quine has established goals for each of the ministry teams. These are being incorporated into the Minute Book. Pastor Quine hopes to develop and attain more members on each committee and to tie each ministry to a particular Sunday.

He asked Session members to consider not meeting next January. Pastor Quine said he is in the process of sending letters to those who have not been in church for some time, asking them how their spiritual lives are going.

Pastor Quine outlined his pastoral care plan for a church attendee. He plans to order new Books of Order next year.

Session members discussed the need for a Church Cancellation Policy due to inclement weather including use of the answering machine and a phone tree.

Melissa Tanner and Dena Aaron met with Session members to inform the church **Boy Scout Troop** was unable to re-charter due to a lack of membership. They are hoping to establish a Boy Scout Troop for Girls, ages 10 1/2 to 18, which would be sponsored by our church. It would be the only troop for girls south of Bloomington.

Paul Kasa and Cherie Aper volunteered to co-chair the **Mission & Outreach** committee.

Session members signed up for Elder in Charge and Closing Prayer assignments and reviewed the February Calendar. **Dropbox Training** was conducted.

The following **motions** were approved:

- To re-elect Melody Anderson, Treasurer, for a one year term;
- To re-elect Diane Osborn, Clerk of Session, for a one year term;
- To re-elect Julie Kasa, Presbytery Delegate, for a one year term;
- To receive all reports; and

To adjourn at 7:35 p.m. following closing prayer offered by Beth Green.

Diane Cherry Osborn

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

Rev. Adam R. Quine

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor