

6-12-18

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

Rev. Adam R. Quine called the Session meeting to order at 5:56 p.m. with Ruling Elders Tracy Olson, Beth Green, Karen Sams Davis, Deb Schweitzer, Bob Chamberlain, Roger Boss, Cathy Maciariello, Rob Harmon, and Diane Osborn in attendance. A quorum was declared present. One guest, Kelli Woodford, was present.

Following prayer the Agenda was approved. Prospective member Kelli Woodford was examined by Session members and received into membership. She will be received by the congregation at a date to be announced.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved as were minutes from the May 27 Called Congregational meeting.

The Clerk reported attendance as follows: May 6 (51); 13 (63); 20 65; 27) 63. There were no Baptisms, Deaths, Transfers or New Members. Communion dates were May 6, 13, 20 and Home Communion with multiple homebound members.

Communications included:

Email from Pastor Quine informing the new giving option is online. Session members responded that the system is working;

Receipt from County Supervisor of Assessments office affirming Certificate of Exempt Status Property Renewal for 8-1591 Lots 4 & 5, Block 15, Wyatt & Latham's Addition, 317 Pekin St., is on file;

Email from Gary Davis proposing we pay tribute to our farmland donors in an enduring, tangible way; Related email from Keith Leesman suggesting placing a plaque in the Sanctuary to recognize the farmland donors;

Emails from Great Rivers Presbytery concerning various gatherings and announcing the Rev. Ryan Landino is our new Lead Presbyter for Transformation. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is making available a free Planning and Training and Responding to Human Caused Disasters resource.

Email thank you from Nancy Schaub on behalf of Kate's family for church usage for the wedding stating many people commented on the beauty of the church and the warm welcoming of the congregation. She said she is, "Truly blessed to call First Presbyterian my church home."

Rev. Quine explained Mark 3:25 to Session members, stating, "We become a family of those who live by the Spirit and who follow the Spirit into unexpected places." He shared a message entitled, "Opening Up God's House." This was followed by discussion.

Pastor Quine developed a shared ministry with St. John United Church of Christ including a joint Summer VBS program; met with the Opioid Task Force and with Ed Tibbits & His Hands Outreach; and assisted

with planning for an after school Summer Kick Off at our church and the Lincoln Junior High ball field. He has also collaborated with St. John Church on planning a Sunday afternoon gathering at the Spirited Republic including a Community Church Sing and furnishing food. A well-being labyrinth Night is also planned.

He will be on vacation July 25-31. During the month he made multiple visits with members and one hospital visit.

It was noted Aletheia Woodford will be attending the Monmouth College Theological Institute for Youth this summer.

Bob Chamberlain will be serving on the Administrative and Mission and Outreach committees.

Rev. Quine said a report showed 51 percent of Lincoln residents do not have a religious affiliation.

He assigned Homework to Session members including reading and reporting at the Retreat on one of two assigned books, The Power of Asset Mapping and Neighborhood Mapping. He plans to setup a Doodle Poll to determine the date for the day long Retreat. Rob, Diane, Bob and Karen will report on the Neighborhood book with Debbie, Roger, Beth, Cathy, and Tracy reporting on the Asset book.

Updating the membership roster will also be discussed at the Retreat. Pastor Quine stated, "We don't want to deny the fruits of our spirits. We must cultivate the spirit. . .We need to empower people to follow Jesus Christ."

It was noted one Scholarship application has been received and is being referred to the **Scholarship** committee.

Pastor Quine informed Session members he received several notes from members inquiring why the church did not use available monies instead of conducting a fund drive for the church roof and other projects.

The **Mission and Outreach** committee, Karen Sams Davis, chairman, requested the **Administrative Team** to adjust the budget software to include a paper trail for grant receipts and expenditures.

The \$400 retained locally from the Pentecost offering is to be used toward the tuition for a college course for a woman prisoner at Logan Correctional Center. This is being coordinated by Gary Davis with a Colorado college which offers a correspondence course, since the prison does not allow computer usage.

Education of inmates helps them to obtain jobs to support themselves following release and reduces the rate of recidivism.

The May 31 Summer Food Kick-Off Day on the Lincoln Junior High ball field featured face painting, crafts and games along with bouncy slides. Families were served hot dogs, chips, fruit, a drink and cookie. Volunteers from our church handed out VBS flyers.

The summer food program will be conducted at Northwest School and at the Junior High. There will be three days instead of only one. An online signup for volunteers is available.

The First Presbyterian End of School Celebration Grill-Out May 29 for Junior High children was attended by 15 students. Hot dogs, popcorn, and apples were served. Water balloons and ring toss were available for entertainment. Students signed up for gift cards during the successful event.

The joint First Presbyterian/St. John's U.C.C. summer VBS nights will be June 26, July 24, and Aug. 31 from 5:45 until 8 p.m. These will consist of a meal, worship, and a program/creation time following the themes of Creation, Resurrection, and Inspiration corresponding with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Children from the community will be welcomed.

In an effort to reduce all the requests for donations at Christmas time, Annie Hieronymus will be asking the congregation to donate a different item each month for the Children's Christmas Shopping Event. Donations for Christmas in July will be collected for purchasing presents for the Kemmerer Village children.

The total Food for Thought expenses for the 2017=2018 year for 45 students a week was \$4,299.58. A total of 1,494 sacks were filled at an average of \$2.88 per student per week. The remainder of last school year's Eaton grant and this year's Walmart grant paid for this. The last three weeks of the school year were paid from the church budget.

Karen Sams Davis has applied for Walmart and Elk's Lodge \$1,000 grants for the coming year. Tooth brushes and toothpaste are the Food Pantry requests for June. The committee plans to meet Aug. 22, Sept. 26, and Nov. 28.

The **Fellowship Team**, Beth Green and Debbie Schweitzer, chairmen, honored church women with carnations in celebration of Mother's Day. A group of 21 members and friends visited the National Weather Service in Lincoln for the 6 p.m. balloon launch and tour. A meal at Culver's followed.

The fellowship team covered tables and provided tableware, drinks and chicken for a potluck for Worship in the Park June 3.

Men in the congregation will be recognized on Father's Day. A trip to the Peoria Chief's game is planned June 23.

Annie Hieronymus is planning a once a month lunch. Last month was at Caf'e Billiards. This month will be June 21 at the Blue Dog Inn. Post worship receptions are planned following reception of confirmands and new members. The Wo-Men's Coffee will be July 7 at the home of Roger and Connie Boss.

It was decided Beth Green would find a suitable gift and send a letter to Third Presbyterian Church in Springfield in honor of the late Rev. Charles Hendricks, father of Choir Director Julie Kasa. A Session gift policy is to be determined.

The **Administrative Team** plans to replace the furnace and upstairs air conditioner unit, which would include Adam's office, for \$7,500. The committee also plans to purchase a second remote for the carillon at \$165. A plastic cover for the carillon is also needed. A total of 121 of 750 songs have now been loaded into the carillon.

Treasurer Melody Anderson reported a General fund balance of \$143,956, Memorial fund balance of \$34,616, and a Capital Improvement balance of \$96,982. Cash flow remains strong with income ahead of the budgeted amount and expenses less than budgeted. Expenses do exceed income. Worship service supplies are above budget. She wondered if an improvement in scheduling purchases could be made.

Capital campaign pledges totaled \$118,275 at the end of May with \$26,025 received. Session members reviewed the monthly Statement of Financial Position, the Deposit Register, Dedicated Accounts, the Check Register, and the Statement of Activities. It was noted the Scholarship funds being given in lieu of flowers do not appear to be deposited into the Scholarship account.

The following **motions** were approved:

To purchase a plaque and paraments for the Sanctuary honoring the church's farm donors. These will be dedicated at a later date;

To refer a Scholarship application to the Scholarship committee;

To not meet in July; and

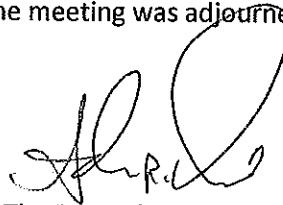
To approve the committee reports.

The closing prayer was given by Deb Schweitzer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session



The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor