

October 6, 2020
Regular Meeting of the Session
First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Illinois

The on-line Zoom Session meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by the Rev. Adam Quine. In attendance were Elders Cherie Aper, Cathy Maciariello, Debbie Schweitzer, Paul Kasa, Bob Chamberlain, Cathy Tiffany, Stuart Churchill, Jim Alexander and Clerk Connie Boss. A quorum was declared present.

The October agenda was approved. Rev. Quine read the opening prayer from Psalm 130 and the Gospel reading from John: 21. Session minutes from September 8, 2020, were approved.

Because the majority of the meeting was spent discussing survey results and whether to return to indoor worship, committee reports were briefly reviewed.

Treasurer's Report – reports were noted in Dropbox. There was no discussion. The Admin Team had provided a thorough explanation of the church's finances in the October LINK.

Clerk of Session Report – report is in Dropbox. The Session briefly discussed five upcoming grants provided by Presbytery. With the grant deadline approaching next week, it was decided each committee would review grant criteria and determine whether to apply in the spring.

Mission & Outreach – full report is in Dropbox but announced the Christmas Shopping Project will take place with students selecting gifts from a list of items available. Both Christian Child Care and Head Start will participate again this year.

Fellowship Committee – nothing to report this month.

Admin Committee – full report is in Dropbox but reported work on the ramp and stone work is nearing completion. The Admin Team has opted to wait to do the landscaping until spring. It was noted Lincoln Daily News made mention of a new ramp at the front of First Presbyterian Church, which was a nice advertisement. The Team discussed tracking Covid expenses. Rev. Quine and the Treasurer will work with the Administrative Assistant to see how they can be tracked, although to date, they have been minimal. Rev. Quine has drafted a job description for a tech/AV coordinator position. Rev. Quine will send the position description for Choir Director to the Presbytery for posting.

Worship & Spiritual Formation – full report is in Dropbox but the majority of discussion was about the Returning to Worship Survey. A link to Survey Monkey for evaluating survey results

The Worship and Spiritual Formation Team will meet on October 13 to discuss Advent, as well as how to handle worship on dates when Rev. Quine will be away, including his sabbatical.

Pastor's Report - full report is in Dropbox, but Rev. Quine highlighted upcoming discussions with Session members on how to initiate being a Matthew 25 church by addressing issues that are affecting our community and resurrecting the themes of "Ministry of the heart, hands and resources." Also noted was that Debbie Schweitzer and Cathy Maciariello will be going off Session, so the Nominating Committee will need to find replacements. John Malerich has agreed to fill Roger Boss's vacancy.

Motion was made to accept all reports.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m. followed with a closing prayer by Connie Boss.

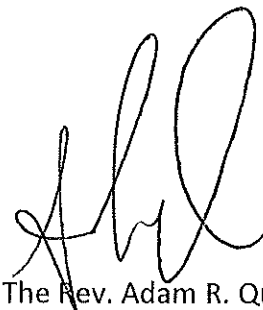
Motions approved:

- Approved Session minutes of September 8, 2020.
- Approved all Committee Reports.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report.
- Approved holding outdoor services in the church parking lot October 11. Facebook coverage will be provided for those who choose to remain at home.
- Approved returning to a hybrid service (indoors in the Sanctuary) October 18th with strict guidelines. Zoom/Facebook will be provided for those who prefer to worship from home.
- Approved moving worship time to 10:15 since Rev. Quine will first preach services at the Middletown Presbyterian Church
- Approved the services be shortened to 40 minutes, 45 minutes at the most.
- Approved recruiting a Tech/AV Coordinator to assist with online services starting October 18th.

Respectfully submitted,



Connie Boss, Clerk of Session



The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor