

8.14.18

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

The Rev. Adam R. Quine called the Session meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with Ruling Elders Karen Sams Davis, Cathy Maciariello, Bob Chamberlain, Beth Green, Diane Osborn, Tracy Olson, and Rob Harmon present. Excused were Ruling Elders Debbie Schweitzer and Roger Boss. A quorum was present.

The Evening prayer was given and the Agenda and minutes of the June meeting were approved. The Session did not meet in July.

**The Clerk** reported June attendance of 3) 33 (park); 10) 58; 17) 59; 24) 51;

There were no Baptisms, Deaths, Transfers, or New Members. Communion was served June 3 with Home Communion being served to multiple Home Bound members.

Communications from Great Rivers Presbytery including information on tax reimbursement for entertainment expenses and First Presbyterian, Lincoln, IL, presents Discover Scotland Trip April 28-May 7;

Building Use Request from Ellen Dobihal for the CE building and kitchen for backup rain location for family picnic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 1, for up to 25 people. The request was authorized by an email vote;

Great Rivers Presbytery email on Board of Pensions benefit selections for 2019; disaster preparedness, and on preparing a listing of phone numbers, including cell numbers and emergency contacts, and establishing a Call Tree;

Email Call from the Presbytery for a Special Meeting July 24 for the examination for ordination and installation of candidates to serve churches in Monmouth and Clinton;

Note from Chaplain Ryan Edgecomb and Administrator Steve Territo of the Christian Nursing Home thanking us for allowing them to present a Minute for Mission. They wrote, "We thought your Sunday services were beautiful, uplifting, and God Glorifying. If we can be a blessing to your congregation in any way, please let us know."

The Clerk signed June End of the Month checks.

**The Clerk** reported July attendance of 1) 56; 8) 56; 15) 64; 22) 77; 29) 55;

There were no Baptisms, Deaths, or Transfers. New Member: Kelli Woodford is awaiting congregational reception. Communion dates included July 1 with Home Communion being served to Paul & Sue Beaver, Dorothy Harrison, and Carole & Darrell Holladay.

Excuses and absences included Roger Boss and Debbie Schweitzer, both excused.

Communications included an email from Great Rivers Presbytery containing a Study Leave and Continuing Education Grant application and a note thanking us for paying our full 2018 Per Capita.

An inspirational message was received from the Rev. Ryan J. Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation. Clerk of Session Training meetings are scheduled for September and October;

A thank you note from Jody Bottles for assistance provided by the church;

On recommendation of the Administrative Team, the Clerk signed an Energy Purchase Agreement with AEP Energy Inc. The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation Aug. 23, 24, 27, and 28 with Sandy Blane and Diane Osborn filling in during those dates.

**Pastor Quine** told Ruling Elders, "We need to reflect on who we are." He said beginning in September he plans to take the Church, "Down a road of personal and communal exploration of our internal lives."

He hopes to find staffing for a church booth during the Lincoln College Lincoln Fest from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 29.

He noted the Deacons are working on New Member folders and Mission booklets.

Rev. Quine said an application for an Outreach Presbytery Mission Grant has been made to enable finding a location for a, "Safe space, brave place," for an off church location for students, possibly off the Square.

The space would provide a place to do homework, read, shoot hoops, etc. with the program having a spiritual component. St. John's UCC Church plans to participate in this project and interest has been shown by Trinity Episcopal Church. The space would operate from 3 to 6 p.m. A kick-off Block Party is planned.

Pastor Quine is planning a new member reception for Kelli Woodford in October, possibly on Reformation Sunday, with refreshments being served following the service.

Since all Ruling Elders were not available on any given date for the Session Retreat, the Retreat activities will be split between the September and October Session meetings. A spring retreat at the Chiara Center in Springfield is a possibility.

Monthly projects include staff evaluations, budget planning, working with Cathy Tiffany on the Website, and using an outside organization to do a publication for visitors, mission, and outreach. The pastor officiated the memorial service for James Stewart, former congregational member. He is working on compiling a list of members who have not visited or contributed recently.

Pastor Quine is exploring resources for parishioners to help assist with loved ones who are in long term care. He is also working with developing care lists with the Deacons.

VBS type events are being planned on a monthly basis and a Mission Trip is in the works for September. His time away includes Aug. 29 to 31.

Confirmation Sunday has been scheduled for Sept. 9. The annual meeting with the Deacons will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 9.

The **Mission & Outreach** committee, Karen Davis chairman, reported a \$15 donation for the Kid's Christmas Giving Event. A total of \$205 has been received for the Christmas in July for Kemmerer Village project.

The Summer Food for Kids for July was attended by 100 children. Planning is underway for next year.

A half day mission painting project is being planned at the Presbyterian Home in Springfield in honor of the late Dr. Charles Hendricks, father of our Choir director, who served on the Board of the home and later became a resident there. Youth will be assigned a task to be determined.

The Food for Thought sign up was Aug. 12 in the CE Building. Grants of \$2,000 from the Elks' Lodge and \$750 from Walmart along with funding from the BBQ proceeds will be used to purchase non-perishable weekend food for Northwest School children.

In July a group from our church read and enacted *The Jungle Book* to children at Christian Child Care. The library is in need of book donations for children from age 3 to 13. Volunteers and mystery story readers are being sought.

Band Aids, Kleenex and paper towels are being collected in August for the Food Pantry.

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, informed the first three Kirk Nights will involve learning about Enneagrams. Eventually this will involve the entire congregation.

The Book Group, *In the Sanctuary of Women*, is aimed as a springboard to explore female spirituality and to deepen bonds among church women. Ten women signed up for this experiment.

The committee is recommending in pastoral absence the pulpit be filled by talented congregation members due to disappointment with several pulpit supply preachers. However, those with successful preaching experience at our church, or enthusiastically endorsed by Rev. Quine could be asked to fill the pulpit.

Three Bible School evenings, in conjunction with St. John United Church of Christ, have been planned. Fourteen attended the June 26 session at our church and 20 at St. John's July 24, with the third session scheduled here Aug. 21. Theme for the third session is, "The Holy Spirit as Life Giver."

The events were well received. Each consisted of a meal, loosely structured spiritual time, a variety of creative projects, and a short lesson.

While the Choir was on vacation this summer, special music was provided by Roger Boss, Debbie Schweitzer, Julie Kasa, Rebecca Kasa, Gary and Karen Sams Davis, Ellie and Carley Martin, the women of the Choir, and Chet Lord-Remmert.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green, chairmen, traveled to Epiphany Farms in Bloomington Thursday, Aug. 10. Fourteen members and four guests ate varied farm to table dinners there.

The **Administrative Team**, Roger Boss, Rob Harmon, Tracy Olson, and Bob Chamberlain, chairmen, reported \$52,905 of the \$60,744 building fund campaign has been received. Rev. Quine suggested thank you notes be sent to the donors.

The A-Team recommended in July the Session approve a two-year contract with AEP for energy at \$0.05292 per kilowatt hour.

The committee received a \$4,000 estimate on repairs for the office air conditioner which had been out of warranty for two months. The Mother Board and blower were previously replaced at \$850. An estimate from Plut Heating and Cooling put costs at \$3,860 to include a new air conditioner condenser, coil, lines, materials, and labor. The Plut bid was accepted by the committee. It was decided Plut would take over the yearly heating and cooling maintenance including replacing filters and doing seasonal checks.

Several committee members cleared weeds and debris from the east and front sides of the church. Members discussed sealing the parking lot.

The treasurer reported receipt of the first farm income. The committee decided to move \$25,000 from the General fund to the Capital Improvement fund to enable disbursement for tuck pointing and the remainder of the roof contract. A check from Church Mutual covering the remainder of the storm damage is expected soon.

Keith Leesman and Bill Opper are reviewing the draft of the church Manual of Operations.

In August, Lyndall Dallas reported farm income would likely meet the amount designated in the proposed budget. He explained the flexible lease method and related church farm income over the past seven years.

The Farm committee recommended income of \$105,000 to \$110,000 for next year. The committee discussed ways to bring clarity to the congregation concerning the work of the farm committee.

The A-Team approved a whole new air conditioning and furnace system for the parlor at an estimated expense for a brand new unit at \$16,080. Money for this replacement is to come from the Maintenance fund.

The inspection of fire extinguishers from SimplexGrinnel (Johnson) was approved. The A-Team approved spending \$1,352 from the Capital Improvement fund to replace broken windows. A proposal from Chuck's Glass was accepted.

A-Team members met with a landscaping company to discuss future projects. Jim Manning has been contacted to begin conversation about the church doors. He has recommended we talk with a Bloomington contractor.

It was noted the Boy Scouts are continuing to remain under our sponsorship and meet in our building.

The first payment for Allison Scholarship Recipient Emme Olson is to be made to her college in August.

Session members and the PNC are being sent a pastor evaluation form. In September, budget development forms will be given to the Session, committee/team chairmen, and Deacons.

The A-Team approved a \$4,600 audit proposal from Estes, Bridgewater & Ogden. It was noted the roof and tuck pointing portions of the building campaign have been completed.

Rev. Quine and Rob Harmon will be recruiting others to present an Active Shooter plan for the church.

The **Treasurer** reported a June General fund balance of \$112,154, Memorial fund balance of \$34,617; and a Capital Improvement balance of \$10,530. The July totals were General fund, \$112,154; Memorial fund, \$34,619; and Capital Improvement fund, \$27,203.

The June Statement of Activities, Check Register, Dedicated Accounts, Deposit Register, and Statement of Financial Position, and Statement of Activities and Dedicated Accounts for July were reviewed by Session members.

The September calendar was updated by Session members.

Ruling Elders presented Pastor Quine with a stoll in appreciation for his five year relationship with our congregation. Its inscription reads, "Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense Before You."

The following **motions** were approved:

To approve the Energy contract;

To approve the Clerk's report and receive committee reports;

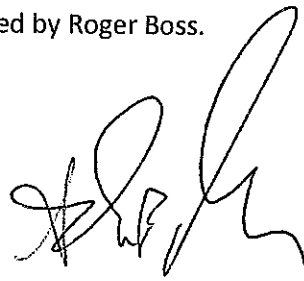
To adjourn at 7:12 p.m. with the closing prayer offered by Roger Boss.

The next meeting will be Sept. 11.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session



Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor