

1.9.18

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL

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

Prayer was followed by approval of the Agenda. Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

The Clerk reported December attendance of 3) 72; 6) 12; 10) 73; 13) 12; 17) 82; 21) 12; 24) 48 & 99; 31) 53;

There were no Baptisms, Deaths, Transfers, or New Members.

Communion was served Jan. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 21, and 24 (twice); Four home Communion were served.

Communications included an email from Church Mutual informing it is offering 50 \$5,000 scholarships to fulltime advanced religious scholars;

A brochure from Willet-Hauser industry leader in stained glass window restoration and preservation; referred to A-Team;

Thank you note from Bill Opper for the Cracker Barrel gift card and for our statement of support and recognition;

Building use request from Kathy Moore for the CE building and kitchen for a baby shower for Heidi Feb. 3 from 11 .m. to 5 p.m.; approved by email vote;

Request from Jane Thompson for proof of her baptism; this information was confirmed in the new flash drive received from the Presbyterian Historical Society and forwarded to Trinity Episcopal Church;

Tentative building use request from Cherie Aper for the CE building Christmas afternoon for a family gathering; approved by email vote;

Building use request from Nancy Schaub to use the church for a wedding for her "daughter" Kate's wedding rehearsal and wedding in June to be performed by her uncle with Pastor Quine doing premarital counseling; approved by Session pending pastoral approval in email vote;

A letter from Church Mutual concerning tax bill review; standard mileage rate of 54.5 for business travel, 18 cents for medical or moving, and 14 cents for miles driven for charitable organizations; and renewal of POAMN membership.

Thank you note from Chris Thomas for her Christmas gift and support from the church;

Thank you note from Julie Kasa for her Christmas Bonus and continual support of the music program;

Thank you note from Shirley Opper for the prayers for her and Bill, bouquet of flowers, Christmas caroling at their home, and for Communion served by Pastor Quine;

Thank you note from Kate Kollinger and Maureen Looney, nieces of Dort Gaffney, for the poinsettia sent to Dort and notes from the congregation; and

A Certificate of Exempt Status form from the Supervisor of Assessments office.

The Clerk noted she signed a three year contract with Area Disposal, a Church Mutual payment plan, and end of the month checks. A letter from the IRS notified us our 941 Tax Return for 2016 had not been filed. Following discussion with our past administrative assistant, Christine was able to locate a copy of the completed form which had not been signed. I signed the form and Christine mailed it Dec. 29.

The Rev. Quine informed he has been working with the Deacons to create a new "Welcome Info" folder. He made two hospital visits this month and nine other visits.

He has been working with the Worship & Spiritual Formation Team on programming for Lent, Confirmation, Kirk Night, the cantata, a trip to Scotland in the fall, and a Day of Rest at First Pres.

Pastor Quine has been collaborating with Ken Schweitzer on redesigning the worship book, has invited 'ministry partners' to give 'Moments for Mission' on Sundays; meeting in February with people interested in outreach outside the box; plans to attend the MLK breakfast; and would like help planning an Adult Mission Trip to Chicago and a Youth & Children Mission trip.

This month he has been solidifying the snow removal process, updating/converting the website, working with Bill Opper to develop the Manual of Operations, and looking into sexual misconduct training for church staff and Session members.

With the Fellowship team, Pastor Quine is hoping to collaborate with the Worship & Spiritual Formation team for a trip to the Basilica in St. Louis, MO.

Rev. Quine noted he will be switching from Mondays to Fridays off for several weeks due to his classroom schedule in February, March, and April.

He termed his meeting with entry level cohorts at Eden Theological Seminary both, "Affirming and Challenging."

He told Session members, "We have the opportunity these next twelve months to lead our people to familiar pools of hope, but also to new streams that lead to an oasis of life."

The **Worship & Spiritual Formation** committee, Cathy Maciariello chairman, informed there will be two Ash Wednesday services. The committee is seeking feedback from Advent.

The **Fellowship** committee, Debbie Schweitzer and Beth Green chairmen, reported a group of 20 caroled for our Super Seniors and Shut-ins followed by treats at the Schweitzer home. The committee provided the Kirk Night meal Dec. 13. The committee will meet after worship Jan. 21 to begin planning for 2018.

The **Mission** committee, Karen Sams Davis chairman, noted the Food for Thought distribution was changed because of school being dismissed for inclement weather.

The **History** committee reported Keith Leesman and the Clerk, utilizing Presbytery guidelines, disposed of unnecessary church records and saved those records needing to be retained.

The **Treasurer** provided Session members with copies of the December Statement of Activities, Check Register, Deposit Register, and Statement of Financial Position.

An updated listing of Ruling Elders was distributed, the February calendar was reviewed, and sign up sheets for Communion dates and Closing Prayer were made available.

The following **motions** were approved:

To re-elect Melody Anderson treasurer for a one year term;

To re-elect Diane Cherry Osborn clerk of session for a one year term;

To re-elect Julie Kasa Presbytery Delegate for a one year term;

To receive the Clerk's Report;

To hold the February Session meeting during the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper Feb. 13 being served by the Ruling Elders from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Menu items are to include bacon, sausage, and hash browns. The Deacons will be asked to provide transportation; and

To accept the committee reports.

Cathy Maciariello closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cherry Osborn, Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine, Pastor

