

April 10, 2018

Regular Meeting of the Session

First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois

The Session meeting was called to order by the Rev. Adam R. Quine at 5:58 p.m. Ruling Elders Roger Boss, Karen Sams Davis, Cathy Maciariello, Rob Harmon, Beth Green and Tracy Olson were in attendance. Excused were Debbie Schweitzer and Diane Osborn, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present.

The meeting began with opening prayer. Bob Chamberlain was introduced as the new elder.

The Agenda was approved and motion carried.

The Session proceeded to the Chapel for evening prayer and Passing of the Peace.

Report of the Clerk –

- Debbie Schweitzer and Diane Osborn were excused.
- Motion was made and approved to accept the March 13, 2018 Session minutes.
- The May calendar was reviewed.

Pastor's Report (see report for details) -

- Mailed letter to students old enough to start confirmation classes. Classes begin May 6, 2018, 11-1 pm. Two have confirmed an interest.
- New Members/Inquirer's class will start April 22, 2018. The class is three weeks long and will begin immediately after worship with lunch served. Session members are encouraged to attend, meet and mingle with five potential new members, answer questions, etc.
- Bible Study continues on Wednesday mornings.
- Ministry Outside the Box – the group has met monthly, cleaned and organized the upstairs youth room. They have met with the school's administration and explored outreach opportunities with students. On the last day of classes, they hope to host the summer kick off.
- Shared involvement with the local Rotary, met the new minister of St. John's UCC.
- Adam continues to meet regularly with Mark Evans of Trinity Episcopal Church and promote interactions, meals, etc. between our two churches.
- Adam has attended Heroine/Drug prevention meetings with Angie Stoltzenburg.
- Time away: April 18 vacation, April 23 continuing education at Chiara Center and April 26-27 continuing education.
- Adam thanked those who assisted with the Malerich funeral and provided letters to Ron Ritchhart's Honor Flight.

Reports from Committees

Mission and Outreach:

- Karen Sams Davis reported arrangements are made for the "minute for mission" presentation from the SIU dental clinic. Should an adult mission trip be planned, she would like the Urban Immersion Service Retreat considered.

Worship & Spiritual Formation:

- Special thanks were given to Cathy M. for the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary during Lent and Easter. Cathy reported that on April 22 (day of the Choir's Cantata), there will be a special slide presentation prior to and after worship.

Fellowship:

- Beth Green indicated plans for a progressive dinner have been moved to the fall.
- Patrick and April Doolin had agreed to share their recent trip to Jordan April 11th at Kirk Night, however, Mr. Doolin's father recently passed away. The decision was made to continue with the meal as planned since the Trinity Episcopal Church has been invited.
- We will visit the local weather station May 16th, meeting at the church no later than 5:45 in order to observe the 6 o'clock release of the weather balloon.
- Sat June 23 –Peoria Chiefs ballgame

Resources Report:

- Rick Whiteman has been called to review the problem with the downspout under the office steps.
- The internet connection has improved with CCA's assistance.
- Roger is still awaiting a call from Dennis Bruns in regards to removing the old carillon console.
- Major church maintenance projects (see detailed report):
 - (a) Roof replacement due to hail and wind damage over the last several years. The estimate to repair the roof is \$107,000. Insurance will cover \$44,000 leaving \$63,000. Suggest \$30,000 be used from capital funds resulting in \$33,000 to be obtained somewhere.
 - (b) Tuck-pointing is needed to repair deteriorating bricks on the building. The estimate to repair is \$25,000.
 - (c) Replacement of 3 sets of exterior wooden doors due to age. Estimate for doors is approximately \$40,000, though dependent on final choice.
- The committee recommends the consideration of these projects to the Session. The committee also asks the Session for advice on how to fund these projects (\$98,000) if approved. It is suggested the roof be given priority.

Treasury Report: General fund balance \$116,369, Memorial Fund balance \$33,774 and Capital Improvement \$57,409.

The Session voted and approved the Admin Team's proposal for capital improvements.

The Admin Team will serve as the Funding Task Force who will provide a minute for mission during church services explaining the three projects. Storm damages suggest the church act on the roof repairs first. The committee should also create a letter to the congregation explaining the need for all three projects and propose a building fund campaign which could be carried out in three phases. Session members should be prepared to answer questions from the Congregation.

A motion was made to accept the remaining reports.

New Business:

- Lawn care - The Session reviewed a lawn care contract submitted by Landers Lawn Care. Motion was made and approved to accept the contract.
- Clover Giving - the website developers have everything they need, EXCEPT the name and drivers' license number for the individual who will be responsible for processing the gifts. They explained the drivers' license requirement is to verify identity and run a light background check since this person is handling the flow of monetary gifts. When asked who this person is in their other churches, they replied: usually the person who does the reporting or an office administrator, sometimes it is the treasurer or the technical expert. The Session moved and approved this responsibility be given to Chris Thomas with Mel serving as the "check and balance".
- The church's website will be updated within the next 2 weeks.
- The Session reviewed a letter by Cince Bowns. The Session suggested Adam provide feedback to Cince, as to what has taken place since the event and the plans going forward.
- Cince had suggested the topic of diversity could be incorporated in a Kirk Night event, and she would be happy to lead the discussion. The Session agreed this was a good topic for discussion. Adam will follow up.
- Members spent time in the sanctuary discussing and planning communion. The ruling Elder should arrange for those serving with him/her a month in advance. Five (5) elders are needed for communion by intinction; one to serve with Adam; two to serve at the front of the church on the other aisle, and two to serve to members who do not wish to come forward. Elders will serve each other. When finished, elements are to be placed on the table and Elders may return to their seats. Adam will serve the musicians and choir. Adam is in the process of creating guidelines.
- A monthly communion sign-up sheet for Elders will be created.
- Sunday April 29 has been set as installation for Elder Roger Boss, Deacon Annie Hieronymus and Elder Bob Chamberlain.

Karen Sams Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Boss, Temporary Clerk of Session

The Rev. Adam R. Quine