

**Stated Session Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church of Normal, Illinois  
January 25, 2006**

Roll Call: Moderator: Rev. James G. Bell, Co-Pastor  
Class of 2006 Class of 2007 Class of 2008  
Bob Hunt Jim Bouas Phil Eaton  
Dave Seyller-Excused Judy Lindsay Rob Kelley  
Faith TenHaken- Ex Cathy Rinehart Joni  
Painter  
E'Lane Tufts John Tuttle Jon Thetard  
Terry Tosh Lloyd Wieseemann Kathy Tosh  
Margaret Wolf, Clerk Matt Wieseemann, Youth Lynn  
Litwiller, Treasurer

Call to Order & Approval of Roll Call

Excused: Rev. Gaylord: Austin Seminary in Texas (Continuing Education)

David Seyller, Lauren's game in Champaign

A motion was made and seconded to excuse those absent. Motion carried.

Devotions and Opening Prayer were led by John Tuttle on "Servant-hood", the role of the Elder.

Reception of New Members: Bill, Pat & Robert Laughlin Transfer from "Kirk of the Pines", Arkansas.

Rev. Bell explained that we should allow them to join in absentia. Jim has asked them the questions.

Brian and Melanie Moody also wish to be reinstated. A motion was made and seconded to welcome the Laughlins and Moodys. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Net Operating Total YTD through Dec., 2005: (\$42,398.24)

Rev. Bell reviewed the report.

2006 Budget Rev. Bell (and Lynn) then presented the 2006 Budget and

comparisons were made to the figures of last year. Judy spoke to the Stewardship Drive & gave numbers.

Lloyd made a motion, seconded by Phil E., that we approve the new budget of \$899,484.

Motion carried. The new budget will be distributed to church members.

(Note, the Co-pastors' salaries were approved at a Congregational Meeting in November

when Larry Gaylord was called. The budget itself is only voted on by The Session.)

Clerk's Report

Minutes of Session December 14, 2005

Minutes of Committees: Health Ministries, Dec. 13; Children's Ministries, Jan. 4; Youth Sub-Committee- Jan. 9;

First Peacemakers, Jan. 8; Property, Jan. 10; Personnel,  
Jan. 11, Mission, Jan. 11, Nominating, Jan.16,  
Stewardship, Jan 11, Marketing, Dec. 28, Membership, Jan. 10,  
Small Group, Jan. 10, Memorials, Jan. 17

Deaths 1 Margaret Jean Sessions -Death: January 10,  
2006

(Funeral-Sanctuary, Rev. Jim Bell)

Baptisms 0  
Marriages 0  
Communion Served Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 2005 Jan. 1, 2006

Sanctuary

Home Communion By Rev. Bell: Ben & Selby Hubbard, Len &  
Lila

Gardner, Stan & Dorothy Cole

Clerk's Year End Report: 12/31/2004 Active Membership  
514

Gains for 2005 32

Losses for 2005 40

12/31/2005 Active Membership 506

Total Baptism 16

Total Marriages

4

Correspondence 0

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Clerk's Report.  
Motion carried.

Session Action on 2006 Church wide Mission Pledge: \$52,000 Great  
Rivers

Presbytery A motion was made, seconded, to approve the  
amended Mission

Pledge of \$49,000. Motion carried.

Co-pastor Report: Rev. Bell announced that he will perform a funeral  
on

Jan. 27, 2006 at

Kibler-Smith Funeral Home for Wynona Gillett (friend- not a  
member).

Thelma Nardin has suffered a severe stroke and is at Bro-Menn  
Hospital.

In February he will attend an overnight Presbytery Seminar on  
Retirement in Lincoln, IL

The transition to Co-pastors with Rev. Larry Gaylord is going  
well.

Installation will be Feb. 12, 4:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary. Rev.  
Priscilla

Bell will preach..

All are invited to a reception afterwards.

OLD BUSINESS Bob Hunt, Mission, continued the discussion from the  
Dec.

meeting on the various goals

and opportunities for the congregation relating to missions. He  
gave the Session members

a survey to complete. Rev. Bell asked members to return it to  
Bob's

mailbox by THIS

SUNDAY, January 29. Bob explained the "Dream Center" concept for  
communities. More

can be learned on the internet...try Google ..then Dream Centers  
..to see what all other  
U.S.A. communities have done to assist their needy.

NEW BUSINESS Brief updates from all committees:

Budget - Lynn Litwiller (see above)

Personnel -

Dave Seyller (absent)

Christian Education - E'Lane Tufts

She outlined the upcoming adult ed classes and spoke of the benefit of committees

offering to lead some classes (i.e. Health Ministries did one on Death and Dying.)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held June 25-June 29.

Congregational Life - John Tuttle

He listed upcoming ALL Congregation get-togethers, beginning with the social time

after the installation on Feb. 12. Their goal is to offer more activities where any church

member will feel he or she is welcome. "Friendsbyterians" gave this a good try, but

the name may not be used for future events.

Health Ministries - Cathy Rinehart

Cathy talked of their many activities as she passed out Heart Association red pins

to be worn on "Wear Red" Days - Friday, Feb. 3 and Sunday, Feb. 5.

She also asked that we not miss their bulletin board, cleverly designed each month

by church drummer, Sue Deatricks.

Membership/Outreach - Terry Tosh

He encouraged us again to look into the CCN (Church Communication Network)

on line for new activity ideas for our church. The "Class of 2005" new member lunch

will be Feb. 19. Session members are welcome! March 5 and 19 will be New Member

Orientation. Encourager Terry also asked that every Session member look out for

visitors in services and bring other friends who are looking for a church home.

Mission - Bob Hunt

A table in the hallway will continue to promote Mission opportunities for members,

i.e., the current Safe Harbor serving signup. This Sunday, Jan. 29, will

be the last in the series of the Mission class (9:45).

Nominating - Phil Eaton

Phil asked that Session give him input of potential new Session members, Nominating committee nominees, and a new member for Gifts & Memorials.

Property - Jim Bouas

The new exterior lights on the original part of the church should be installed within the next two weeks. He suggested that small groups or other individuals might "adopt" an area of the plantings to help keep our landscape in good order.

Small Groups - Kathy Tosh

The Small Group Leadership Forum is Feb. 18. Anyone may attend. Please

Sign up. Groups are encouraged to invite Rev. Larry and Leslie Gaylord to

visit their small group. This committee is one of his areas of focus..

The

committee is also looking at promoting short term groups (8-10 weeks) to do special studies. A group is currently being promoted for 2005 new members.

Stewardship - Judy Lindsay

Session complimented Judy on a job well done for the stewardship drive.

She

said it took many helpful people making personal contacts. The committee has

decided to use the same train theme next year - "Get On Board."

Worship - Jon Thetard

A schedule of current Elders was distributed for communion Sundays, including

designated chairs of each month. A third worship service is being considered.

Rev. Bell noted a new wording he'll use in worship after the Declaration of Pardon.

"Joys and Concerns" were shared. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

The next meeting will be Feb. 22, 7:00 P.M. in the lounge. Rob Kelley will lead devotions.

Adjournment prayer was led by Rev. Bell.

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Rev. James G. Bell, Pastor/Moderator

Margaret Allen Wolf, Clerk