

**Stated Session Meeting**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Normal, IL February 28, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M. Lounge Moderator Pastor Rev. Larry Gaylord**

Class of 2007	Class of 2008	Class of 2009
Jim Bouas	Phil Eaton	Sheila Allen
Judy Lindsay-Excused	Rob Kelley	Darren Brant
John Tuttle	Kathy Tosh	Mike Breitner
Lloyd Wiesemann	Bee Diggle	Sandy Theile
Cathy Rinehart	Kelly Wilson	Mons Schrantz
Margaret Wolf, Clerk	Carolyn Markwood, Youth – Excused	Lynn Litwiller, Treasurer

**Call to Order** by Moderator Larry Gaylord. **Roll Call** and **Welcome to Guests**  
**Opening Prayer** by Rev. Larry Gaylord.

**Reception of New Members:**

Kyle Pott                      Affirmation of Faith  
Jamie Wagner                Affirmation of Faith  
Rev. Gaylord asked Kyle and Jamie the four questions for membership. The Elders then welcomed them to our congregation.

**Welcome to New Elders:** Bee and Kelly. (Class of 2008) Presentation of Certificates. They were ordained on Sunday, February 25, 2007

**Devotions and Prayer:** Elder John Tuttle. John challenged us to the work of evangelism

and church growth. He reflected on the book, NETWORK. Some discussion followed about continuing the new member class as part of the adult education Sunday morning format. The Membership/Evangelism Committee is hoping to sponsor another new member class this spring.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lynn Litwiller

Balance . Net Operating Total through Jan., 2007 **\$ 41,304.13** Approximately \$75,000 has been set aside if there ever comes a final building bill! A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

**Playmates Preschool** – Board representatives Lynn Litwiller & Gina Brant gave a presentation on the need for a fee free garage sale and aspirations for a positive relationship between the preschool and the church.

**Co-Pastor's Report** – Rev. Gaylord mentioned seven church members who are currently facing medical challenges, asking Elders to keep them in their prayers.

He was grateful for Rev. Chet O'Neal's filling the pulpit Feb. 18. During that Sunday Rev. Gaylord visited the Evangelical Free Church. He told us about their Connection Café ministries. In this vein, as a mini-in service and education spot he shared Chapter 2 of Becoming a Blessed Church-Setting a Spiritual Foundation.

“What can we do to recapture a sense of aliveness and vibrancy?”

Susan Ballard-Shepard will be preaching March 11. Larry will also be present.

Both Rev. Gaylord and Rev. Jim Bell attended Presbytery on Feb. 27, 2007.

The Associate Pastor position was discussed. Where is the Lord leading us? Rob Kelley, Personnel Chair, said his committee will take some leadership to facilitate more input here. He will bring back a report to the March 28 Session.

**Co-Pastor on Sabbatical** - Rev. Jim Bell. Margaret read Jim's report from an e-mail she had received. The Presbytery Executive has asked Jim to Chair a special Administrative Commission that will deal with any congregations desiring to leave the denomination (possible 15-20). He is also working with the Adopt-A-School program out of Dallas. The church supplies personnel and financial resources, as well as the building for an after school program. Major government grants are available. One school selected is Brigham, where we have been involved, but much more work will be needed.

**Clerk's Report** – Margaret Wolf

**Minutes to Approve:** January 24, 2007 Stated Session Meeting  
January 28, 2007 Congregational Meeting

Committees: Marketing, Jan. 17; Nominating, Jan. 22, Adult Christian Ed, Jan. 22; Stewardship, Feb. 7; Property, Feb 12; Personnel, Feb. 15; Health Ministries, Jan. 16; Membership/Outreach, Feb. 19.

Peacemakers,

Feb. 11; Gifts & memorials, Jan. 22; Health Ministries, Feb. 20.

A correction was requested in the Nominating Minutes to simply read that there be

“established the position of Associate Pastor.” (No PNC is to be formed as yet.) A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept all minutes, including the correction.

Communion Served – 3 Feb. 4 (both Sunday services), Feb. 21, Ash Wed.

Home Communion – 9 By Rev. Ogata at Blair House

Marriages – 0 Deaths - 0

Baptisms – 5 (Feb. 25):  
Alissa Grace Briggs  
Anna Roe Dunne  
Connor Stafford Dunne  
Sean Patrick Dunne  
Karen Sandra Kinley  
Luke Andrew Jun

**Current Active Membership – 535 plus 2 tonight= 537.**

**Old Business –**

**Formation of a Financial Committee**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to form this Committee which would consist of: the Financial Coordinator, the Treasurer, the Stewardship Committee Chair (who is an Elder), the two Pastors, and Two Members at Large, One of the members at large will CHAIR the committee. The purpose of the committee is to oversee the creation and maintenance of the budget; to promote

communication among financial leaders of the church; and to provide a quarterly report of finances to the congregation.

**New Business -**

Personnel Committee – Rob Kelly proposed an Administrative Assistant Position for SUMMER months. No action was taken. Various options will be explored, including the use of volunteers.

Playmates Preschool Study – John Tuttle distributed and discussed his findings.

Property Committee – Challenge from Playmates Board Reps. Charge for use of Great Hall for Garage Sale. (See Feb. 12 Minutes). After some discussion, the Session agreed to stand with the original decision of the Properties Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to form a special committee to review the relationship between First Presbyterian Church and Playmates Preschool and report back to Session. The three Elders to serve on the committee are Kelly Wilson, Kathy Tosh and Mons Schrantz.

Request from Mission Committee/Jerry Parsons. Jerry was given permission to give a concert on Sunday, April 29, 4:00, in the sanctuary AND to collect an offering to be given to the Salvation Army's Safe Harbor project.

**Joys and Concerns-** Rev. Vickie Kintzel made a visit to the church on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Friendship First study groups are off and running. Prayers for Ed Diggle.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Time 9:40. Rev. Gaylord led the

**Closing Prayer** concluding with a group Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting. March 28, 7:00 P.M. Church Lounge. Devotions: Mike Breitner