

**Stated Session Meeting March 28, 2007**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Normal 7:00 P.M. Lounge**  
**Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord, D. Min**

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

**Call to Order** by Moderator Larry Gaylord. **Roll Call** with 3 excused Elders.

The three guests were welcomed.

**Rev. Gaylord opened the meeting with prayer.**

**Reception of New Members:** Lea Spinks, Scott and Cathy Kiel. John Tuttle, Membership Chair, said the candidates were all from the "Network Class." Lea, Scott and Cathy affirmatively answered Rev. Gaylord's questions. The Elders then in turn welcomed them into our congregation.

**Co-Pastor Rev. Larry Gaylord Report**

Rev. Gaylord incorporated devotions into his **ELDER STUDY** Segment, the third chapter of "Becoming a Blessed Church." Note to Session members: at the April meeting, be ready to address the Five Questions from this third chapter!

He reviewed quite a long list of church members in need of prayers for medical reasons. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accommodate the city for a 2008 Polling Place for the Primary and General Elections in April and November. This community service at no cost will be needed Mon.-Wed., 5 A.M.- 8:30 P.M. for both elections.

Pastor Gaylord and family will be gone April 22. Rev. David Gaffron will preach.

He also has planned his minister study for May 14-16 at the Alban Institute, Our Lady of the Snow, near Belvidere. The topic is LEADERSHIP which he'll report to Session in May.

**Co-Pastor Rev. Jim Bell Report** –(See First Focus, March 14 Issue, page 5)

**Treasurer's Report** by Lynn Litwiller

Balance. Net Operating Total through Feb. 2007 **\$ 49,501.13**

Lynn reported the auditors had been here March 27, 2007. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

**Clerk's Report** by Margaret Wolf

**Minutes to Approve:** Feb. 28 Stated Session Meeting (correct spelling Rev. S. Baller)  
 March 4 New Members Meeting

**Committees Minutes:** Nominating, Feb. 26, March 12; Congregational Life, March 19;  
 Mission, March 14; Peacemakers, March 11; Property, March 12;  
 Worship, March 14

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept all minutes as corrected.

**Communions Served:** 2 Sunday, March 4 Sunday Worships Next Communions –  
 Maundy Thursday, April 5 and two regular Easter services, April 8.

**Home Communions:** 1. Ralph Rodriguez

**Marriages:** 0 **Deaths:** 1 Olive Aldrich, Sept. 6, 1919-March 3, 2007

**Baptisms:** 2 Adult Bruce and Keiko Hawkins

**Funerals:** 2 by Rev. Larry Gaylord. Sanctuary

for Martha Miller (died Feb. 28) Former Member & Olive Aldrich, Member-Mar.17.

**Current Active membership - 543**

**Old Business:**

Personnel - Rob Kelley, Personnel Committee Chair , reported on his visit with Rev. Jim Bell March 7<sup>th</sup>. He and Andy Cooney ( Personnel Committee Member), will meet again with Rev. Bell on Monday, April 2.

Playmates/Church Special Committee – Kelly Wilson

The committee has met once and will continue their dialogue.

**New Business:**

Mission – Phil Eaton proposed a wish to Session from his committee “to restore the Mission Budget to \$20,000 (from \$15,000) with the enlightenment of the church finances (Jan. pledges) and to buffer the Angel Fund.” It was the consensus to leave the BUDGET in tact. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and carried to allow a SPECIAL OFFERING to replenish the ANGEL FUND on either April 15 or 22, An explanation of the Angel Fund Uses will be included in the offering opportunity.

Personnel/Nominating- Sheila Allen reported on her meeting with the church staff to gain their input on the church administrative and pastoral needs.

Financial Committee - Stewardship Chair, Judy Lindsay, asked for clarification on the formation of this new committee and will proceed to fill the committee as written in the February 28 Stated Session Minutes.

Plans for Holy Week were reviewed. It was suggested that, if possible, a handout be created for distribution on Palm Sunday outlining all the events.

**Joys , Concerns, Dates:**

Reminder of Cleanup Day April 28, 8-Noon.

April 29: Art Show, New Member Class and Jerry Parson Vocal Program.

Save May 16<sup>th</sup> when Elders meet with the Confirmation Class.

**A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.** Time: 8:35 P.M.

**Closing Prayer** was led by Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord with a concluding group Lord’s Prayer.

**Next Meeting: April 25, 2007. 7:00 P.M. Church Lounge.** Devotions: Kathy Tosh