

Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2006 7:00 Lounge
Minutes

Roll Call

Co-Pastors: Rev. James G. Bell (Moderator), Rev. Lawrence Gaylord
Class of 2006 Class of 2007 Class of 2006
Bob Hunt Jim Bouas Phil Eaton
Dave Seyller Judy Lindsay Rob Kelley- Ex
Elaine Tufts Cathy Rinehart Joni Painter
Terry Tosh John Tuttle- Ex Jon Thetard
Lloyd Wieseemann Kathy Tosh
Margaret Wolf, Clerk Matt Wieseemann, Youth (Ex is
excused)

Treasurer: Lynn Litwiller

Call to Order & Roll Call was by Moderator, Rev. Jim Bell

Motion was made, seconded and passed to excuse John and Rob.

Devotions & Opening Prayer were led by Cathy Rinehart: "Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Reception of NEW MEMBERS:

Rex & Judith Woodward; Gary & Wendy Satchwell - both couples transferring from Second Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, IL.

Treasurer's Report:

Net Operation Total, YTD (through Mar.2006) \$43,693.90

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Co-Pastors' Reports:

Congratulations to Rev. Gaylord on his Doctorate of Ministry Degree! Rev. Gaylord presented his Vision Task Force work:- a "Mission Statement" and a "Vision Statement" (see handout.) This will now go to each of the committees to be incorporated into their goals for '06-'07.

A report back is due to Rev. Gaylord by May 25.

Rev. Bell invited all to the Restoration Christian Church 2nd anniversary on April 26, 5:00 P.M. at Second Presbyterian Church.

* He presented Phil Enge's request for a new sanctuary piano. It was referred to the Worship and Gifts & Memorials committees.

* He encouraged 2 lay people to attend Presbytery on May 23.

Margaret Wolf will attend after her Clerk's Review.

*His Presbytery assigned church, First Presbyterian Church of Delavan, has secured a pastor, so moderator's job there is completed.

Clerk's Report:

Minutes of Session meetings on March 19 and March 22.

Minutes of Committees: Gifts & Memorials, Feb. 2006; Health Ministries, Mar. 21; Nominating, April 4; Christian Education: Adult Ed, Mar.27, Children's Ministries, Mar.15, Apr. 5, Youth, Apr.10; First Peacemakers, Apr. 9; Membership-Outreach, Mar. 21, Apr. 11; Marketing, Mar. 22; Property, Apr. 11; Worship, Apr. 11; Personnel, Apr. 12; Mission, Apr. 12; Stewardship, April 12. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept all of the above minutes.

Communion Served: 3 Maundy Thursday, Apr. 13 and 2 services
Easter Sunday, Apr. 16
Home Communion - 10 (Members Lyman Harris, Marjorie Kehl, Margaret Foster, Alice Cherry. Also Vernon Hill and Freeda Speers and 4 other Blair House guests.)
Current Active Membership: 534
Deaths - 1 Ellen Bradd, March 22, 2006
Baptisms -1 Phillip Hess, April 2, 2006
Marriages - 0
Correspondence - Invitation to Presbytery Assembly, May 23, First Presbyterian Church of Macomb, IL Clerk of Session Review of records is prior to the assembly 1:30-3:30 at nearby Scotland Trinity Church.

Old Business:

*Nominating Committee - Phil Eaton presented the slate for new Elders and the new nominating committee. It was questioned if there needed to be more candidates for the nominating committee so the congregation could choose. Jim Bell said that was not necessary. The Congregational Meeting will be June 18, 9:35 A.M. for the election. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report. New elders will take office September 1, 2006.

New Business:

*Committee chairs mentioned the following:

1. E'Lane noted that we approved the 2006-2007 Believers Bay church school curriculum in the minutes.
Graduates will be recognized May 14 via a power point presentation.
2. Jon said worship will be announcing some new types of services to try and it is hoped to have a third service added by fall.
3. Judy reported that Aug. 27 is stewardship GET ON BOARD- MAKE A CONNECTION day. One Great Hour of Sharing offering came to nearly \$7500.
She also announced a June 11, 7:00 P.M. youth choir concert from Texas to be in our church. Housing will be at Lexington High School.
4. Personnel is working with Sheila Melzer and Kelley Marion to create a screening system of personnel and volunteers who work with children.
5. Cathy said health ministries is concerned about how to best serve the 30 plus church members who are home based or in assisted living. Phil Enge currently helps many of them.
6. Rob will temporarily chair membership while Terry recovers from heart surgery. The picture directory scheduling is moving along well.
7. Kathy Tosh, small groups, said COMMUNICATION with new members is their number one goal. They want to get everyone involved. The next Membership Orientation will be June 4, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
8. The mission committee led by Bob Hunt is looking into Presbyterian Grants for Self Development of Peoples. Cookbooks for Katrina will be collected. Working with "Recycling with Families" is a goal.

Dates to Remember:

April 30, Baptism. Noisy Offering for Camp Scholarships
June 2, Confirmation (Pentecost Sunday), June 18, Congregational Meeting.

Next Session Meeting 7:00 May 24. Youth Confirmation Class; Susan
Baller Shepard

Devotions - Joni Painter

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Jim Bell at 8:30 P.M.

A special group prayer was done for Terry & Kathy Tosh, a prelude
for his heart surgery May 3.

Rev. James G. Bell Rev. Lawrence Gaylord Margaret Allen Wolf,
Clerk