

Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Normal May 23, 2007
7:00 P. M. Lounge Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord

<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, Excused	Darren Brant
John Tuttle, Excused	Kathy Tosh	Mike Breitner
Lloyd Wiesemann	Bee Diggle, Excused	Sandy Theile
Cathy Rinehart	Kelly Wilson	Mons Schrantz
Margaret Wolf, Clerk	Carolyn Markwood, Youth	Lynn Litwiller, Treasurer

Call to Order by Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord. **Roll Call.**

John Tuttle, Rob Kelley and Bee Diggle were excused.

Devotions and Opening Prayer were by Lloyd Wiesemann. His references were from Job and the book, Blue Like Jazz. Consider God's wonders!

Co-Pastor Report by Rev. Gaylord:

Thanked Carolyn Markwood for her service and wished her the best on her high school graduation and college days at Eastern Ill. University.

Thanked Phil for his devoted service as an Elder and chairing both the Mission Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Announced he would be doing a baptism at the 10:15 service, May 27, and that Susan Baller-Shepard would be preaching. He will be baptizing Elanor Cryer. June 3 at 10:15 he will baptize Jaiden Mousty.

Acknowledged the death of Eunice Bryan and all her service to our church as a teacher and her leadership in the Presbyterian women.

Reported on attending the Great Rivers Presbytery Workshop on churches and money held May 10, 2007. He gave a handout to all the Elders.

Shared the pastoral leadership conference at Alban Institute where they took The PACE Profile. Elders may take it too if they wish.

Led us in the 5th chapter of Becoming a Blessed Church study:

"Open to God as Power." He said one of his goals to the Personnel Committee would be "To encourage the prayer life of First Presbyterian Church."

Co-Pastor Report (on leave of absence) Rev. Jim Bell

Treasurer's Report submitted by Lynn Litwiller. Balance. Net Operating Total through April 2007, **\$69,363.67** Cash on Hand: \$360,963.79. \$10,000 for Building Escrow not included in this amount. A question of clarification will be asked Lynn about the escrow line. The new Financial Committee will be asked the same. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report.

Clerk's Report by Margaret Wolf

Minutes to Approve: April 25, 2007 Stated Session Meeting
 April 29, 2007 Congregational Meeting
 April 29, 2007 Reception of New Members Meeting
 May 16, 2007 Reception of Confirmation Class

Committee Minutes: Health Ministries, March 20, April 19, May 15;
 Adult Christian Ed, Apr. 23; Nominating, April 23; Stewardship, May 9;
 Worship, May 9; Personnel, May 9; Mission, May 9; Property, May 14.

Communions Served: 3 Sun. Worships, May 6; Confirmation Service, May 16.

Home Communions: 1 Helen Francis

Marriages: 2 (Rev. Gaylord) Melissa Finch and Jacob Kummer – May 19.

Kelley Marion and John Becker – May 18. Both in the sanctuary.

Baptisms: 3 Sonia Marie Price. Daughter of Steven and Danika Price, May 13; Sonia was born December 27, 2006.

Steven Kiel and Lindsay Stotler, May 16 (Confirmation Class)

Deaths: 1 Member Eunice Bryan. **Funeral**, May 19, 2007 (Rev. Gaylord)

Membership: 13 (Confirmation Class) **Current Active Membership: 548**

One transfer (already INACTIVE): Claire (Wilson) Entas to First United Methodist Church, 321 Oak Street. DeKalb, IL 60115.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Clerk's report.

Old Business:

Playmates/Preschool Report was eloquently given by Kelly Wilson, Kathy Tosh and Mons Schrantz. At the conclusion everyone was given a copy of the report and some questions were addressed. A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank the committee for their fine work, to receive the report, and release them from their duties. Elders will have time to review it. The contents will be on the June Session agenda.

New Business:

Worship Committee - Mons Schrantz. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have communion at the Funk's Grove Service, June 10, 10:15.

The July communion will be Sun., July 29, 10:15 – one service only, and Pastor Jim Bell will be officiating before his retirement brunch.

Other Committee Updates:

Adult Education – Lloyd Wiesemann asked for volunteers to assist with a new "Christian Enrichment Time" to be started this fall.

Stewardship - Judy Lindsay highlighted (!) that the new 2007 theme would be "Let Your Light Shine at First Pres". Kickoff is August 26.

Small Groups – Kathy Toss reported a successful Friendship First Picnic on May 20th and that several small groups begun during Lent are continuing.

Rev. Jim Bell Retirement Brunch - Mons encouraged that the Bloomington-Normal Ministerial Group be invited. All agreed.

Personnel – The proposed Administrative Assistant's Assistant will be on the June Session agenda.

Property – Jim Bouas simply said that they aim to please.

Dates to Remember. Joys & Concerns.

A sad concern is that Phil Eaton is resigning (due to his work schedule.)

A joy was Carolyn thanked all for her meaningful Youth Elder experience and shared that she was also a "graduate" of Playmates Preschool.

Rev. Gaylord wishes all graduates Good Luck and God Speed.

Summer Worship Times Begin May 27: 8:30 and 10:15 A.M.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Next Stated Session Meeting: 7:00 Lounge, June 27, 2007. Devotions Sheila Allen

Closure and Prayer was led by Rev. Gaylord.