

Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Normal, IL August 22, 2007
6:15 P.M. Lounge Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord

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

Supper was served by Sandy Theile, assisted by Judy Lindsay & Margaret Wolf

Call to Order Moderator Rev. Larry Gaylord **Roll Call** Excused John Tuttle.

Welcome Guests Class of 2010 Elders: Andy Cooney Eric Boeck,
Dave McMorris, Shirley Redd and 2008 Jerry Ringer & youth elder, Rob Melchiorre.
Members to join, Jim & Sue Henry

APNC

(Associated Pastor Nominating Comm.: Becky Mentzer and E'Lane Tufts

Devotions and Opening Prayer Margaret Wolf Theme: Fear Not The Future – one
day at a time. Prayer for the New Session: Philippians 4: 4-9.

Acceptance of New Church Members Jim and Sue Henry. Rev. Gaylord asked the
appropriate questions. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive Jim and
Sue into membership of our church .The Session followed with the usual individual greetings and
welcomes. Jim and Sue come via letter of transfer from Springdale, Arkansas.

Report of the APNC Representatives (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee). Becky
and E'Lane asked for input from the Session members as to talents they wish to see
in the new Associate Pastor. Some talents desired were Evangelism, Ministry to Young
Adults (including singles, college students, young married), Pastoral Care, Teaching & Preaching.
Rev. Stephen Whittaker, Delavan, is their Presbytery liaison.
They also asked permission to visit each committee.

Pastor Report Rev. Larry Gaylord

Pastor Gaylord said his change of terms of call will be submitted to the Presbytery of Great Rivers
and to the PC (USA) Board of Pensions after the **Sept. 30 Congregational
Meeting. Time: 9:35 in the Sanctuary.**

He reported on those who are facing health issues.

The New Session Training Day has been changed to be held as part of the regular
Session meeting on Sept. 26.

There will be a "Spiritual Retreat" on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the A.M.

The sanctuary needs a new higher powered projector. Expensive! The current
one could be used for Believer's Bay in the lower fellowship hall.

Treasurer's Report Lynn Litwiller was present to highlight her report. She had prepared an
additional Audit Comparison of 2006 & 2005 handout. Net Operating Total, July 31, 2007
\$43,786. Cash on Hand \$324,772.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Report on Compilation of Financial Statements (Don Heinold, CPA, P.C.),for Year Ended Dec.
31, 2006, was distributed to all Session members (grey booklet).

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Lynn Litwiller as Treasurer of the
Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Normal, IL for the year Sept. 2007-2008.

Clerk's Report Margaret Wolf

Minutes to Approve: Stated Session Meeting. July 25, 2007

Minutes amended (omit finance committee names).

Committee Minutes: Children's Ministry, July 16; Gifts & Memorials, Aug. 13; Stewardship Aug. 8; Worship, Aug. 15 ; Congregational Life, Aug. 20; Personnel, Aug. 9; Property, Aug. 13; Adult Ed., Aug. 20.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve all minutes as amended.

Communications A thank you letter from Midwest Food Bank was read to acknowledge all the work of Rev. Jim Bell since December, 2006. This was from David Kieser, President.

Communions Served 1 Sunday, July 29

Home Communions 0

Baptisms 2 Liliana Sophia Frey on August 5, 2007 by Rev. Gaylord, daughter of Christopher and Lisa Beninato Frey. Born April 23, 2007
Wren Sophia McMorris will be baptized August 26, 2007 in the sanctuary by Rev. Gaylord. She was born Feb. 20, 2007. Her parents are David and Cara McMorris.

Deaths 1 Wayne Townley (Jan. 9, 1929 – Aug. 11, 2007)

Funeral 1 for Wayne - Memorial Service Aug. 18. Sanctuary. Led by Rev. Larry Gaylord and Rev. Jerry Stone.

Current Active Membership – 546 + Jim and Sue= 548

Annual Records Review August 11, Macomb. Clerk (and incoming clerk!) received an APPROVAL for our church records through June, 2007.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Shirley Redd as Clerk of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Normal, IL for the years Sept. 2007-2010.

The current clerk, Margaret, will update the pastor photos in our hallway. Rev. Gaylord's new photo (by Ken Kashien) was "unveiled" followed by many "oohs and aahs!"

Old Business

Judy Lindsay - "Follow the Light" Sunday – August 26. Judy updated the Session on the plans for the "festival" (booths, lunch, etc.) It will begin at 11:00 A.M. – or right after the second worship service.

New Business

Jim Bouas - Properties. Updated the Session on the following challenges:

More efficient lighting is needed in the hallway canisters and EXIT signs.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to contract to do this approximately \$14,000 project, with the option of splitting the expense with the current 2007 and the new 2008 budgets.

The new lower kitchen flooring is completed. The carpeting has been fixed.

To comply with city ordinance, the boiler room needs a protective sheet rock ceiling. . A motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize the Property Committee to spend whatever is needed to complete this project.

Mons Schrantz unveiled his new Stewardship plan – "Apostles." (Sept. 16-Oct. 14)

Sheila Allen - Nominating Committee report for **Sept. 30 Congregational Meeting**. Six names have been selected for the ballot.

Rev. Gaylord - Committee Assignments. Session members were asked to indicate their preferred committee on which to serve. A final list will be distributed at the September Session meeting.

Dates: ONE Sunday Service – Labor Day Weekend Sept. 2, 10:15 A.M.

**New Elder Installation – Sept. 9 – Both worship services.
Communion at Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 Sept. 9
Believers Bay Sunday School & Adult Christian Ed Begin Sept. 9, 9:45 A.M.**

Joys and Concerns.....Announcements.

Rev. Gaylord individually thanked each outgoing Elder: Jim Bouas, Judy Lindsay, Lloyd Wiesemann, Cathy Rinehart, Margaret Wolf (and John Tuttle and Carolyn Markwood in their absence.)

He said it had been an exceptional Session and he appreciated all their support.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer.

motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.
had us join in a circle and repeat the Lord's Prayer.

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Rev. Gaylord

The next Stated Session Meeting will be September 26, 2007. 7:00 P.M. Lounge.
Devotions: Sandy Theile

Rev. Larry Gaylord, D. Min., Co-Pastor

Margaret Allen Wolf, Clerk

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