

Minutes for the Special Meeting of Session of the Clinton Presbyterian Church October 6, 2009

Approved October 20, 2009

1. Roll Call

Elders Present: Dave Boyer, Bill Kreutel, Timotny McKinnon, Carol Kotopoulis, Lisa Miller, Dorothy Battaglia, Ino Sowder, Gwili Marsh, Liz Scannel, Lori Hannon, Arleen Buchanan
Elders Absent: Steve Hovey, Kevin Spangler, Gary Lindgren
Pastor: Rev. Becci Curtis
Professional Staff: Matthew Bradley
Guests: Judy Beck, Deacon Rep

2. Call for item(s) to be included on the docket

MOTION: to approved the docket; moved, 2nd and approved.

3. Clerk's Report

MOTION: to approved the minutes from the September 29th Special Session Meeting. Moved, 2nd and approved.

4. Deacon

Lisa spoke appreciatively about the efforts of the Deacons and especially the creative invitations to the upcoming Pot Luck.

5. Correspondence

Letters of resignation from Bill Barr and Dave Kelly were presented. Elders spoke of the contributions and long time service of both Elders. Dave Kelly had expressed himself in person to Elders as a group. Lisa will write a letter of appreciation to Dave. Session decided to send two elders, Dorothy Battaglia and Carol Kotopoulis to visit with Bill so that he might have an opportunity to know that we care and have appreciated his service.

MOTION: to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dave Kelly. Moved, 2nd and approved.

MOTION: to accept, with regret, the resignation of Bill Barr. Moved, 2nd and approved.

6. Motions Requiring Session Action

Interim Search Committee

MOTION: The interim search committee presented a motion request a \$3000 budget for potential travel and meals to hear a prospective pastor preach. This could include travel by the committee or the prospective pastor. Moved, 2nd and approved.

Nominating Ministry

MOTION: To add Allie Korab to the Interim Search Committee. Moved by Bill Kreutel; 2nd and passed by email vote.

7. Old Business

Long Range Planning: LRP informed Session that as previously discussed they will share the REVEAL Survey with the Interim Search Committee and offer to review it with the committee as needed.

Town Hall Meeting: A discussion of the Town Hall Meeting held on Sunday October 3, 2009 was held. It was well attended with approximately 45 in attendance which included elders and deacons. Elders reflected that there were still major communication issues that need to be overcome and that trust needs to be rebuilt. The feeling was that this meeting and other initiatives were part of a growing process for Session to begin that rebuilding process. As part of this communication, Session suggested reviving the "Session with Session" column in the Bellringer that was very well received.

Finance/Budget

Liz distributed the financials and budget planning materials and asked for draft budgets to be returned by October 23rd.

Posting of Minutes

Approved Minutes will be posted on the website from this date forward as promised to the congregation.

MOTION: to post the docket on the website until the minutes are approved.
Moved, 2nd and defeated

8. New Business

Community involvement: A question was raised about partnering with other Youth Groups in the area. This led to a discussion about more participation in the community with other churches (possibly the Methodist Church) and possibly community groups. The feeling was that this is something we would like to do, but must wait until we at least have an interim in place.

9. Moderator's Report

- Becci spoke about the arrangements for Richard Moller's memorial service Saturday, October 10th and the future needs of the family. Elders mentioned that they would have liked to have been informed sooner and Judy Beck said she would ask the Deacons to add Elders to the email distribution list in the future.
- Women's Bible Study has 23 participants including some new people and going very well.
- Sunday School is in full swing and continues to improve and the confirmation program has been revamped.
- Youth Group has been split into two age groups and is going well
- The Forman Family will be in worship on the 18th of October.

The happy consensus was that all things considered we are doing quite well with new initiatives and positive movement in many of our programs. Appreciation for Becci's hard work accomplishing her own job and the many other duties she has assumed. One way we can help Becci is by finding our own replacements when we are unable to complete a service rather than asking her to do so. Appreciation for the Worship Ministry was conveyed for their efforts that have allowed us to continue moving forward and with no interruptions in service.

10. Adjournment with Prayer

MOTION TO Adjourn at 9:00pm. The meeting ended with prayer offered by Rev. Becci Curtis.

Reminder: The next scheduled Session Meeting will be a regular Session Meeting to be held on October 20th at 7:00pm at the Church.