

Minutes for the Meeting of Session
Clinton Presbyterian Church
January 19, 2010

Approved: February 16, 2010

The joint meeting of Elders and Deacons of Clinton Presbyterian Church was opened by Pastor Becci Curtis. Topics of discussion included reflections on the Christmas Eve services, town hall meetings. Session reiterated some of the things they have done to meet goals of more open communications including town hall meetings, open microphone opportunities, publishing minutes, printing Elder and Deacon email addresses in the bulletin and the recent Peacemaker retreat.

1. Roll Call

- a. Elders Present: Liz Scannell, Gary Lindgren, Kevin Spangler, Bill Kreutel, Steve Hovey, Ino Sowder, Lisa Miller, Lori Hannon, Dorothy Battaglia, Gwili Marsh, Arleen Buchanan, Dave Boyer, Tim McKinnon
- b. Elders Excused: Carol Kotopoulos
- c. Elders Absent:
- d. Pastor: Rev. Becci Curtis
- e. Professional Staff: Matthew Bradley
- f. Guests: none

2. Open Mic - no guests

3. Call for items to be included on the docket:

Property - use fee

MOTION to approve docket as amended passed unanimously.

4. Elder and Deacon of the Month

	Elder	Deacon
January	Liz Scannell	Betty Ann Dhein
February	Lisa Miller	Judy Beck
March	Lori Hannon	Wes Kotter

5. Approval of Session Minutes:

- a. **Minutes of December 15, 2009 Session Meeting**
- b. **Minutes of December 20, 2009 Congregational Meeting**

MOTION to approve Minutes as amended passed unanimously

6. Clerk's Report

- o Upcoming Presbytery Meeting January 23rd at Watchung Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield and letter from Howard Bryant
- o Commissioner(s) needed - no volunteer and Becci will be away. Arleen to call Lisa Lomauro who has attended in the past to see if she is available

- Annual Statistical Report - Arleen asked who would be the appropriate contacts to help provide the necessary information - they are Ino, Dave, Steve and Lee

7. Attendance Report

Weekly Attendance - 2009						
Month/Date	9:00	11:00	2009 Total	2008 Total	Pastor	Notes
December 6	125	100	225	238	James Foster	Second Sunday of Advent
December 13	117	95	212	286	Christine Treger	Third Sunday of Advent
December 20	49	75	124	282	Lessons & Carols	Fourth Sunday of Advent - SNOW
December 24 (3 services)			690	699	Rev. Becci Curtis	Christmas Eve 5-230 7:30-270 10:30-190
December 27	NA	78	78	102	Christmas Hymns	One Service - 11 AM
Total			1329	1607	266	Monthly Average

Annual Average Worship Attendance

210

8. Communion

December 6 - 228 served
December 24 - 669 served

9. Baptism(s) - no requests yet but there are several on the horizon

10. Ministry Reports and Motions

- a. Peacemakers - CPC Conflict Resolution Covenant was distributed to session members. It is a document Elders are asked to sign each year.
- b. Worship
 - The committee informed session that Communion will not be served during Lent except for the dates that were previously approved
 - Session heard a request from George Milligan and Doris Cramer (on behalf of the Hunterdon Hills Lions Club) to put an Eyeglass Recycling Box in the fellowship hall. Property recommended placing it in the hallway outside fellowship hall. Doris and George will take responsibility for regularly checking it and emptying the contents. Session had no objection.
- c. Membership
 - Ino commented that she felt the retreat last Saturday feeling uplifted and that the time was well spent.
 - Having reviewed the rolls, the membership ministry brought the following motion.

MOTION: The Membership Ministry moves to delete the following members (list attached) of the congregation from the Inactive Rolls. Motion approved as amended.

- c. Finance/Treasurer's report - Revised budget

MOTION: to approve budget with amended deficit of \$77,621 (an increase of \$4,000) which occurred as a result of a spreadsheet error. Approved unanimously.

Church Vehicle - session reported that the cost of reimbursing for mileage and the cost of maintaining the vehicle were virtually the same. Session decided to wait another month before deciding the fate of the vehicle pending the hiring of the interim.

- d. IPNC - Becci reported that the committee is very close to making a recommendation to session. They are having their final in person interview this week and are hopeful to have someone in place by the beginning of March.
- e. Personnel - Employee Manual for non-ordained staff. Session has had ample time to review the manual and share any comments with the Personnel Ministry.

MOTION: to approve the Employee manual as presented by Personnel. Passed unanimously

Session decided to continue its policy of openness as it relates to the distribution of minutes.

- f. Nominating - this ministry is anticipating a greater need for members as it begins to seek Elders and Deacons for the next term. Tabled motion for congregational meeting until next month
- g. Property - one of the groups using the fellowship hall for their meetings is having trouble paying their usage fee. They meet during normal office hours.

MOTION: to allow this group to continue using the facility and to accept the donation they are able to make for now. We will re-evaluate in six months. Approved unanimously

Tim reminded us that anyone who uses the manse needs to remember to lock all the doors and turn out the lights.

11. Deacon's Report - no report

12. Report from Director of Music - no report

13. Moderator's Report

Pastor Becci reported that 39 students and 7 chaperones will be going to Lake Champion on the senior high retreat. Jr. High group will be going to Lake

Champion in March. Plans are being made for the June mission trip to NY in the week prior to confirmation Sunday which is June 27th. Fundraising activities will begin soon.

14. Old Business

- a. Ministry Purpose Statements - tabled in favor of a dedicated meeting to review these statements.

15. New Business

- a. Update on Ecumenical group - Gary told session about the Community Elders Prayer Group that met at CPC recently with approximately 15 in attendance representing five churches. Several events are in the planning stages including a “doubters’ service” and an event featuring Robbie Zacharias or someone from his team. It is a fledgling group with an emphasis on prayer and is looking for additional participating elders.
- b. Clerk opening - Arleen expressed regret at the need to resign. Ino will make a call to the nominated candidate.

16. For the Good of the Church

Lisa presented an invitation from Boy Scout Troup 121 to all elders to attend the 100th anniversary of the troop on February 6th at 4:30pm. There will be presentations, a court of honor and dinner.

17. Adjournment with Prayer

MOTION: to adjourn at 9:15pm approved unanimously. Pastor Becci Curtis closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Arleen Buchanan
Clerk of Session

Next Regular Session Meeting February 16th

Peacemaker - Leadership Opportunity Training

Tuesday, February 2

Tuesday, March 2

Saturday April 10th 9:00am

Tuesday May 4th if required