

Minutes for the Meeting of Session of the Clinton Presbyterian Church

December 15, 2009

Approved: January 19, 2010

1. Roll Call

- a. **Elders Present:** Carol Kotopoulos, Liz Scannell, Tim McKinnon, Bill Kreutel, Lisa Miller, Kevin Spangler, Gwili Marsh, Gary Lindgren, Ino Sowder, Dave Boyer, Dorothy Battaglia, and Lori Hanlon
- b. **Elders Excused:**
- c. **Elders Absent:** Steve Hovey
- d. **Pastors:** Rev. Becci Curtis (Moderator)
- e. **Professional Staff:** Matthew Bradley
- f. **Guests:**

2. MOTION: to approve Kevin Spangler as Clerk Pro-tem

- 3. Opening Devotion by Rev. Becci Curtis: When we look back on the year 2009 what are we thankful for?**
Peacemakers and ongoing growth, variety of speakers giving the message at worship, growth as leaders, new projects even during a time of transition, new members, bringing Sunday services together each week, little things that are signs of life: good attendance, continued involvement.

4. Open Mic - None

- 5. Call for items to be included on the docket: Liz Scannell (1st) Tim McKinnon (2nd)**

6. Elder and Deacon of the Month:

Elder: Lori Hannon
Deacon: Pam Bozzi

7. Approval of Session Minutes:

- a. **Minutes of November 17, 2009 Session Meeting**
 - b. **Minutes of December 6, 2009 Session Meeting**
- MOTION to approve Session Minutes: Approved as changed.**

8. Clerk's Report

- a. **Correspondence - attached as:
Report of New Church Development
Moderator's (Presbytery) Schedule**

9. Attendance Report

Weekly Attendance - 2009					
Month/Date			2009	2008	
	9:00	11:00	Total	Total	Pastor
October 4	114	111	225	215	Rev. Becci Curtis
October 11	128	97	225	242	Rev. Jim Morris (retired Associate Pastor, Basking Ridge)
October 18	113	80	193	118	Carol Kotopoulos/ Formans
October 25	110	117	227	106	Rev. Estelle David (Chaplin, Edna Mahon Correc.Facility)
Total			870	681	Monthly Avg 218
November 1	135	104	239	248	James Foster
November 8	123	88	211	247	Rev. Becci Curtis
November 15	127	126	253	266	Howard A. Bryant, Sr. (Moderator, Presbytery of Elizabeth)
November 22	136	125	261	252	Market Street Mission/In Hands of a Woman Ministry
November 29	100	110	210	241	Samantha Bradley
Total			1174	1254	Monthly Avg 235
December 6	125	100	225	238	James Foster
December 13	117	95	212	286	Christine Treger
Total			437	524	Monthly Avg 219

10. Communion

December 5: Attendance 225 - Rev. Becci Curtis officiated

11. Baptism(s) - None

12. Ministry Reports and Motions

a. Peacemakers - Plan for retreat - No plan submitted. Still working on details. Discussed going through Peacemaker's study in the morning and discussing issues brought up at Town Hall meetings in the afternoon.

b. Worship

MOTION: to approve communion schedule for 2010 - **Approved**

MOTION: to approve Jill Prakopcyk and Elsjie Terblanche as members of the ministry. - **Approved**

- c. Finance/Treasurer's report - 55K deficit as of the end of November. Will probably not meet 90% of pledges.
- d. Personnel - update on staff - special year end bonus was communicated along with notification of a pay freeze for 2010.
- e. Membership - received 5 members into the church in December. One additional person is expected who went through the classes but will probably join later when her questions are answered.
- f. IPNC - update on search - Nothing specific other than what is in report.
- g. Stewardship - update on pledges - updates on stewardship are being communicated in bulletins. Carol will begin calling those who have not pledged.

13. Deacon's Report - None - Did not attend - December OFF

14. Report from Director of Music - Bell guru did workshop for Bell Choir. Preparations being made for Christmas service at Muskenetcong Presbyterian Church on 12/20/09. All encouraged to go before you come.

15. Moderator's Report - Planning a Heroes of the Faith Musical for January. Will discuss when it will take place and will bring the subject back to Session.

16. Old Business

- a. Church vehicle - \$1,500 in repairs. Session requested that a study be made of the cost to repair and keep vs. the costs to be incurred if the vehicle is sold. Tabled until January 2010 meeting.
- b. Session Retreat Planning - discussed earlier.
- c. Reminder: Ministry Team Mission Statements and Roles and Responsibilities - updates needed in advance of Retreat on January 9th.

17. New Business - None

18. For the Good of the Church - None

19. Adjournment with Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Spangler, Clerk Pro-tem

**Reminder: the next scheduled Session Meeting will be our retreat to be held on January 9, 2010 9am-5pm at CPC
Next regular Session Meeting will be January 19th, 2010**