

First Presbyterian Church of DuPage

### **Session Meeting Minutes on February 10 and 11, 2023**

February 10, 2023 (New Session Training)

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm. Moderator( Kelly Jean Norris)noted a quorum present. Agenda approved.

In attendance: Kelly Jean Norris( Moderator), Ruth Nauta( clerk), Roy Altonen, Walt Cowen, Bob Beugal, and Jim Nauta. Absent : Patt Pilgrim, Don Crebo, and Sampson Akotuah.

Meeting opened with prayer for church and members of session by Pastor K.J.Norris.  
Hyman #78 ( I Love You, Lord) sang . Scripture 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5 read. Discussed how Leadership affects Change. We shared how we had grown in faith and when God's presence in our lives was felt.

#### **Prayer Walking:**

Discussed what this is and mentally and with map of church in hand, mentally walked from room to room of church. in each room, prayer was given by rotating members for each room and people who Utilized room. Discussed doing prayer walk every Sunday through out Lent either remaining at church or physically walking around block. Prayers would be for church and congregation and various Schools, fire houses, and neighborhood.

Meeting closed by prayer at 8:30pm. Doxology #814 (Praise God) sung.

### **Session Meeting Minutes for Saturday February 11, 2023**

9am: Fellowship and Breakfast

Meeting opened at 9:30 am by prayer by Pastor K.J. Norris. Hyman# 814 sung . Scripture read from Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13. Discussion on various gifts, callings, different types of love, God's Grace and need to make effort to maintain unity.

Started session agenda at 11:03am.

In attendance: K.J.Norris (Moderator), Roy Altonen, Bob Beugel, Walt Cowen, Jerry DeYoung, Jim Nauta, Ruth Nauta (Clerk), Sampson Akotuah. Absent: Don Crebo.

#### **Clerk's Report: (Ruth Nauta)**

- minutes from January was approved.
- Communion given to 43.
- Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms- None

#### **Financial Report: (Elder Jerry DeYoung)**

- FPCD finances discussed. There is a estimate for \$3,000 for HVAC repair and approved. Motion to keep Peter Park on for financial advice thru spring by Sampson Akotuah, seconded by Bob Beugel. Was approved.

#### **Pastor's Report: (Kelly Jean Norris)**

- Doing series on Covenants for Lent. Introducing prayer walks during Lent. These will be done in church and walking around block weekly.
- Requesting Continuing education in May at cost of approx. of \$800 which includes program, gas, mileage and housing. Program is Festival of Homiletics b( Preaching).
- Did 165 hours by visitations of 3 families, and round trip to Rock Falls for funeral.

- Suggested donating to Disaster Fund for Turkey/Syria by separate donation or directly. Motion to accept by Walt Cowen, and seconded by Jerry DeYoung. was Approved.

**Personnel Committee-** K.J. Norris, Jim Nauta, Patt Pilgrim, Walt Cowen, Roy Altonen. Goal is to rewrite job descriptions and have personnel do self-evaluations that will be discussed with them.

- Meetings: Personnel- for March 2, Finance- Feb 21, Worship-Feb. 16, Ash Wednesday service- Feb. 22.

**Leadership structure was approved.** Fellowship- chair Bob Beugal, Finance- Chair Jerry DeYoung, History- Roy Altonen, Mission Partnerships- Sampson Akotuah, Safety- Chair Walt Cowen, Trustee- Chair Don Crebo, Young Adults- Chair Patt Pilgrim, Worship- Jim Nauta, Clerk- shared Chair Patt Pilgrim / Ruth Nauta.

### **Ongoing and New Business:**

- had another break in at church. Shed outside had Lock broken and few mechanical equipment taken. police report filed by Don Crebo. at next meeting will discuss outside cameras.

Closing prayer was given by Roy Altonen. Meeting closed at 11:50am.

Next meeting at March 9, 2023 6:30pm with agenda Security.

### **Lunch with Elders and Deacons followed by combined meeting**

Deacons in attendance: Tammy Horak, Linda Altonen, Mike Allen, Liz Waikas, Jennifer Harrison, Esther Asiedu, Rich Schwartz, Naa Okine. Absent: Barb Petrie.

Meeting of combined Elders and Deacons called to order at 1:42pm. Opening prayer given by Moderator(Kelly Jean Norris).

- Discussed moral leadership and how to be a faithful leader.

### **- Establishing 2023 Calendar:**

- Pastor K. J. Norris will not be here as follow: Jan. 31- Feb. 6 (Prep for Lent), April 11-17 (Rest from Easter), May 15-22 (Training Conf.), June 26- July4 Vacation), Nov. 6-13 (Prep for Advent), and one other as needed.

- Special Worship Services: Feb. 22- Ash Wednesday 7pm service, April 6- Maundy Thursday , 6:30pm Soup and Bread meal followed by service, April 7 Good Friday 7pm service, May 14 Mother's Day, May 28 Pentecost, June 18 Father's Day, Oct1 World Communion Sunday, Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday, Nov. 5 All Saints Day Sunday, Nov. 19 and 26 Thanksgiving Day Sunday/ Congregational Meeting, Dec.3 Advent Begins, Christmas Eve is a Sunday.

- Monthly food socials; 1st Sunday of month set as a food social day.

Dates set March 5- International Dinner, April 2 Palm Sunday- New members cake, May 7

Congregational/Volunteer Appreciation Day, June 4 Men's group to host hot dog lunch., July 9 190th Anniversary, August talked about possible Joliet Slammers game for Tues or Sat. , August 6 Back to school ice cream social ( Suggested to invite school board and principal), Aug. 19 Deacon Bingo night and Baked potato dinner, Sept. 16 Deacon's Theme night 6 pm potluck, Sept 29 Bonfire night, Oct Women and Men Retreats are scheduled. Women's for Oct. 13-15, and men's for Oct. 20-22, Oct 27 or 28 Trunk or Treat, Nov. 12 Chili Night, Nov. 19 Food drive during church, Dec 6 Ornament making for Blue Christmas, Dec. 16 Christmas Dinner, Dec. 24 morning and evening service.

Anniversary Celebration: Discussed possible activities to have, possible food truck, games, fire trucks, picnic at park where founding Rock is, Jim Nauta will look into park district reservations and time frame, Roy Altonen will be chairman for celebration and start committee of interested people to assist in planning.

3pm Combined meeting closed with prayer by Roy Altonen.

Minutes written by Ruth Nauta