

Session Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2010

<b>Stated Meeting of Session</b>	The December 14, 2010 stated meeting of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, Reverend Derek Morrison at 7:02 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Quorum Present</b>	Moderator Rev. Derek Morrison, Jane Dickey, Ken Engel, Laura Hannon, Bruce Klimek, John Skafish, Judy Selund, Ann Sampson, David Larson, Mark Lecy and Ruth Dyerly
<b>Absent and Excused</b>	Gordon Johnson and Chris Hoham
<b>Prayer</b>	Rev. Morrison opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>Motion</b> made to approve the proposed agenda and an adjournment time of 9:00 PM, <b>seconded and passed.</b>
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>Motion</b> made to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 Session Meeting <b>seconded and passed</b>
<b>Clerk of the Session Report</b>	Four e-mail votes were conducted since the last session meeting. The following motions all unanimously passed. Quorums existed in all cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to call a Congregational Meeting on November 21, 2010 at 11:45 AM for the purpose of electing the 2010 Nominating Committee</li> <li>• Motion to call a Congregational Meeting on December 12, 2010 at 11:45 AM for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the terms scheduled to start in 2011</li> <li>• Motion to change the worship service schedule on December 26 and January 2 to one service beginning at 10:00 AM for each of these Sundays</li> <li>• Building usage motion for November 18 from 7 – 9 PM – use of the Fish Room by the Porter County Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Ogden Dunes Branding Leadership group</li> </ul>
<b>Moderator's Report</b>	Rev. Morrison expressed how welcoming the Congregation has been to his wife, Loraine, and him. He expects to spend six months learning about the Congregation and assessing its needs for the purpose of determining the qualifications of the permanent pastor we should be seeking. He is currently involved in visitation of individual Congregation members and meeting individually with Elders.
<b>Board of Deacons</b>	No Report
<b><u>Committee Reports/Actions</u></b>	
Property (Ken Engel for Chris Hoham)	<b>Motion</b> made on behalf of Stewardship and Property Committees to prepare the manse for rental and to seek a renter at the going rate for equivalent property subject to final approval by the Session. Discussion covered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The initial assessment of tax implications are that there will be none, and if subsequently it is determined that there are, the after tax rental income should still make economic sense.</li> <li>• Repairs necessary to rent are currently assessed as minor (e.g., fix wall cracks, touch-up painting, rug cleaning, etc.)</li> <li>• Realtor, John Defauw, has expressed willingness to assist in the rental process</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Motion passed</b></p>
Stewardship (Ken Engel)	<p><b>Motion</b> made to form a committee to review membership rolls to be completed within next six months. Discussion covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous attempts not productive</li> <li>• Committee of Bruce Klimek, Ann Sampson and Rev Morrison agreed upon</li> <li>• Ann Sampson and Bruce Klimek to conduct a preliminary review of Official Register to cull out individuals known to be deceased or no longer members to create a more accurate list to work from</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> made to approve proposed 2011 Budget (hand-out provided). Discussion covered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premised on 2010 budget and expected 2011 pledges</li> <li>• Level allocated to Deacons and Worship Committees discussed. Decided that designated funds will be transferred to operating budget when appropriate levels are recommended by the respective Committees</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p> <p>Information item: Endowment Committee Grants awarded at December 7 meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,500 to design and maintain new Church web site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michigan City company to design site and maintain it on its server</li> <li>○ Chris Hoham and Dave Larson Jr. to oversee</li> <li>○ On-going \$20 per month maintenance fee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TBD Sum to cover remaining balance required to cover Liz Daniels mission trip (sum currently expected to be a few hundred dollars)</li> <li>• Sandpiper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$1,000 Continuing Education Program</li> <li>○ \$1,000 playground equipment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Worship (Laura Hannon)	<p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>171</b> people received Communion</li> <li>• Worship service planning conducted with three core questions in mind <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Impact on visitors</li> <li>○ Impact of children</li> <li>○ Impact on members</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Working contemporary music into one or more of the worship services is under consideration</li> <li>• Consideration being given to upgrading Sunday bulletins</li> </ul>
Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Dave Larson and Ann Sampson)	<p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1,000 mission allocation planned for Haiti diverted to the Liz Daniels mission trip</li> <li>• Christmas Service times and visitor welcome banner to posted in front of Church to be seen by outgoing vehicle traffic</li> </ul>
Personnel (John Skafish)	<p><b>Motion</b> made to enter into an executive session. <b>Motion passed.</b></p> <p><b>Motion</b> made to adjourn executive session. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
Extension of Time	<p><b>Motion</b> made to extend the adjournment time to 9:15; <b>seconded and passed</b></p>

<p>Christian Education (Mark Lecy and Jane Dickey)</p>	<p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jr. High and High School youth group is collaborating with St. Peter Lutheran Church Youth Group.</li> <li>• Chuck Smothermon's Sunday School class of adults and high school youth is working well</li> <li>• Advent calendars handed out to the youth</li> <li>• New testament curriculum is being used in the Sunday school</li> </ul>
<p><b>Old Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Planning – no report</li> <li>• Pastor call processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Interim contract with Rev Morrison has been fully executed by all required parties</li> <li>○ Ken Engel will confirm all documents required by COM have been submitted</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Manse – See Property Committee report</li> <li>• Sound System – Bob Hartman spearheading drive to secure the funding for the desired upgrades</li> <li>• Jayne Mann staff status – John Skafish to confirm December 1 effective date with Jayne.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of new elders and deacons – to be conducted at the January 9, 2011 Second Service</li> <li>• The Congregational Annual Meeting and Corporation Meeting to be called for January 23, 2011 at 11:45. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All reports to be submitted to the office no later than January 10, 2011</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Session expressed its appreciation to outgoing elders Chris Hoham, Gordon Johnson, Laura Hannon and Ann Sampson for their faithful service over the last three years</li> </ul>
<p><b>Acceptance of Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Motion to Accept Reports made and passed</b></p>
<p><b>Prayer and Adjournment</b></p>	<p>By <b>Motion</b> the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek</p>	