

Session Meeting Minutes  
 March 08, 2011

<b>Stated Meeting of Session</b>	The March 08, 2011 stated meeting of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, Reverend Derek Morrison at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Quorum Present</b>	Moderator Rev. Derek Morrison, Jane Dickey, Bruce Klimek, Judy Selund, David Larson, Mark Lecy, Julia Hoham, David Harbaugh, Jayne Mann, Ken Engel, John Skafish and Paul Rake
<b>Absent and Excused</b>	Ruth Dyerly
<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 as modified to include approval of Special Called Session Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2011 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 February 8, 2011 Session Meeting and the February 13, 2011 Special Called Session Meeting; <b>seconded and passed</b>
<b>Clerk of the Session Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of membership rolls           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reported that William M. Dickey (#1032) was mistaken for his father and erroneously deleted from the membership roll as deceased. <b>Motion</b> made to reinstate William M. Dickey (#1032) to the membership roll; <b>seconded and passed.</b></li> <li>○ Motion made to remove the following deceased individuals from the membership rolls - Ruth H. Osann (#127) and Dr. Melvin Griem (#243). <b>Motion seconded and passed</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Motions</b> made by e-mail           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building Usage by Ogden Dunes Book Club on March 6 from 1-3 PM</li> <li>○ Authorization to baptize Kalten Alkema on February 27</li> </ul> <b>Both Motions passed.</b> </li> <li>• Clerk's Annual Questionnaire for Year Ending December 31, 2010 overdue. Clerk will work with Stewardship Committee Chairman to get the Questionnaire completed and submitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Deacons (Rev Morrison and Dave Harbaugh)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shut-in contact system in place whereby each shut-in has two assigned deacons who will insure that shut-in is contacted at least once a month</li> <li>• 15 people attended the March 5<sup>th</sup> Movie Night</li> </ul>
<b>Moderator's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting confirmation class</li> <li>• Focused on working with Technology Committee in February</li> <li>• Planning to take Sunday April 3 as a vacation day. Worship Committee will need to supply the pulpit</li> <li>• <b>Motion</b> made to call the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the COM Interim Process; <b>motion seconded and passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Motion</b> made to adjourn the Executive Session; <b>motion seconded and passed.</b></li> </ul>

<u>Committee Reports/Actions</u>	
Property (Dave Larson)	<p><b>Building Usage Motion:</b>  March 20, 1-4 PM for Ogden Dunes Historical Society presentation of the History of the Steel Industry in the area. <b>Motion passed</b></p> <p>Manse Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reported that a prospective lessee has signed a lease at \$1,200 per month subject to the approval of the Session. The following were handed out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manse Lease Addendum</li> <li>○ Church Manse Repairs/Rental letter</li> <li>○ Manse condition report</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Motion</b> made to not lease the manse and to move forward with a sale of the property. <b>Motion seconded and failed.</b></li> <li>• <b>Motion</b> made to lease the manse at \$1,200 per month for a 6 month term (subject to a lease document approved by Paul Rake) and to limit expenditures prior to and during the lease term to those necessary for safe occupation. <b>Motion seconded and passed.</b></li> </ul> <p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An evacuation plan has been developed. Adoption of the plan is pending until it is reviewed by the OD Fire Marshall and he inspects the building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The alarm system is currently inoperative; the issue is being addressed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Furnace repairs are underway. A control switch that needs to be replaced is on order</li> <li>• Work on the front exterior door locks is underway; they are expected to be working properly in the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
Stewardship (Ken Engle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one page February and YTD financial report was handed out</li> <li>• An Endowment Fund CD is maturing. Alternative investments are being evaluated for the funds given the extremely low CD rates.</li> </ul>
Worship (Jayne Mann)	<p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>93</b> people received Communion in February 2011</li> <li>• A hand-out was provided on the number of people involved in conducting Worship Services. A plan for more involvement from the other committees is being implemented</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to extend</b>	<b>Motion to extend meeting to 9:20; motion seconded and passed.</b>
Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Paul Rake)	Liz Daniel's e-mail updates discussed with plans to provide a broader distribution of them
Personnel (John Skafish)	Development of job performance evaluations for paid staff shall commence.
Christian Education (Mark Lecy and Jane Dickey)	<p>Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacation Bible School scheduled for June 20 – 24; planning has commenced</li> <li>• 13 youth and 5 adults went on ski trip; weather was good and a good time was had by all</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Motion</b> made to direct the C/E to develop a job description and financial package for the position of Youth Director to be presented at the April Session Meeting; <b>motion passed.</b> Discussion on the motion centered on the February 13 Special Called Session meeting.</p>
Technology (Rev. Morrison)	<p>Information items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office computers are working with external backup – the server has been decommissioned and the leased lap top is beyond repair.</li> <li>• Web site is up and running</li> <li>• Working on making the Church a WFI zone</li> <li>• Hearing aid loop has been activated to transmit to those hearing aids equipped to receive from the loop. Most hearing aids are so equipped.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	None
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Klimek reported the following from the Wabash Valley Presbytery’s February 22 Quarterly Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vote was held on several GA Overtures. The Overture to change the ordination standard was controversial with much discussion from the floor both for and against. The vote on this Overture was 57 for the change, 42 against it and one abstention. The change eliminates the following from the Book of Order: <i>“Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and to conformity to historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.”</i> The change adds the following to the Book of Order: <i>“Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”</i></li> <li>• The General Presbyter has requested invitations from the Congregations of the Presbytery for him to join them in one of their Worship Services and in a Session meeting.</li> <li>• A <b>Motion</b> was made to instruct the Clerk of the Session to draft a letter to the Presbytery expressing the Session’s disapproval of the Presbytery’s vote in favor of the change to the ordination standard. The <b>motion was seconded and passed.</b> Discussion on this motion explored the alternative of inviting the General Presbyter and discussing this with him in person. The alternative was not substituted for the motion but the Clerk of the Session was instructed to send an invitation to the General Presbyter to attend a Worship Service and a Session Meeting with the intent of raising the issue at the Session meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Prayer and Adjournment</b>	By <b>Motion</b> the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Respectfully Submitted:	

Bruce Klimek	
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