

Session Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2011

Stated Meeting of Session	The October 11, 2011 stated meeting of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, William Hudson at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Quorum Present	Moderator Rev. William Hudson, Ruth Dyerly, Bruce Klimek, Judy Selund, Julia Hoham, David Harbaugh, Mark Lecy, Ken Engel, John Skafish, Paul Rake and Jane Dickey. Also present Rev. Jeff Carter and approximately six members from the Congregation
Absent and Excused	Dave Larson and Jayne Mann
Prayer	Rev. Hudson opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.
Approval of the Agenda	Motion made to approve the proposed agenda; seconded and passed. A motion to adjourn at 9:00 made; seconded and passed.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion made to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 stated session meeting; seconded and passed.
Clerk of the Session Report	The following items read into the record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail motion to approve the Deacon's planned 5K Run/Walk to support the Heifer. The motion passed unanimously. • Letter to the Session submitted by Allen and Nancy Johnson (Attached)
Board of Deacons	No Report
Moderator's Report	Rev. Laura Reason has resigned as the transitional care coordinator of ODCC. Timing for appointment of a new transitional care coordinator is not known at this time.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Nominating Committee – Mark Lecy shall chair the committee. The plan is to have a slate developed by the end of November with plans for a Congregational meeting to vote on the slate December 11. The status of trustees for the Corporation and Memorial Garden was discussed and it was agreed that these positions will be investigated by the committee to ensure that they are properly filled. A motion was made to call a Congregational meeting on December 11, 2011 after the second service to vote for Elders, Deacons and trustees; seconded and passed. • Interim pastor search – Rev. Hudson advised that this was within the jurisdiction of Session. The Presbytery will be providing resumes of potential candidates. • Congregational Survey – Rev. Hudson advised that all action related to the search for a permanent pastor has to be put on hold until a new interim is in place.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation committee – Rev. Carter lead the discussion of the reconciliation committee. The enquiry related to the purpose and authority of the committee. Rev. Carter listed the committee members, asserted it is not an administrative commission, but will be making recommendations to Session and Presbytery based on listening sessions it plans to hold. The status of the forthcoming recommendations is not clear. It was agreed that Rev. Carter shall draft the notice to the congregation about the listening sessions and Session shall announce the session and distribute Rev. Carter's write-up. • Congregational Petition (Attached) – On behalf of Bob Hartman, Paul Rake

	<p>presented a petition signed by approximately 100 members of the congregation which requests that the Committee on Ministry decision to not approve the extension of Rev. Morrison’s interim contract be reconsidered by the next level of authority in the PC – USA hierarchy. Discussion on how to proceed with this petition ensued. Rev. Hudson suggested that it go to the Presbytery moderator and General Presbyter, Frank Vardeman. It was pointed out that the Presbytery Moderator will be Rev. Reason in November and that she and Rev. Vardeman have already been involved, and that the objective of the petition is to go to a higher level. Rev. Hudson said the Synod would just refer it back to the Presbytery. Session expressed its dismay that the expression of 100 members of the congregation (comprising most of the active membership) would be treated so lightly by the PC – USA established hierarchy. Rev. Hudson agreed to present the petition to the Presbytery Council in addition to sending it to the Synod Moderator, Carol McDonald. In his opinion this is the best chance for the petition to get a hearing and some consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Mail Voting Procedure – It was agreed that a formal e-mail voting process needs to be established. Rev. Hudson asked to be involved in developing this procedure. • Rev. Hudson Moderating Expenses – Motion made to send letter to Presbytery to inform it that Rev. Hudson’s moderating expenses shall be for the account of the Presbytery until ODCC’s interim contract with Rev. Morrison expires. Motion seconded. Discussion: basis for the motion is that the contract with Rev. Morrison includes moderating services and it is the action of the Presbytery which necessitates Rev. Hudson’s service; therefore, the cost should be for the Presbytery’s account. Motion passed.
<p><u>Committee Reports/Actions</u></p>	
<p>Property (Dave Harbaugh)</p>	<p>Building Usage Motions: Motion to approve Ogden Dunes Women’s Club request to use the building on December 4th for their annual Santa Claus event that is usually held at the Fire Station, but which is unavailable due to repairs which will be underway then; passed.</p>
<p>Stewardship (Ken Engle)</p>	<p>Report attached.</p>
<p>Worship (Jayne Mann)</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Ruth Dyerly)</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Personnel (John Skafish)</p>	<p>No report</p>
<p>Christian Education (Jane Dickey)</p>	<p>Motion to approve October 15th Youth Group trip to Six Flags; passed.</p>
<p>Technology (Julia Hoham)</p>	<p>No report</p>

Prayer and Adjournment	By Motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek	See Attachments below

Johnson Letter

September 11, 2011

Dear Members of Session of Ogden Dunes Community Church:

Allen and I have been members of the Ogden Dunes Community Church for more than 35 years. Together we have served as deacons, elders and on committees too numerous to name. We came to this church from different denominations; our children grew up in this church, and we have embraced our Presbyterian and community church life. It is with a heavy heart that we feel disconnected from our church.


Two months ago, we and several members of our church met with Rev. Morrison and two members of Session, Bruce Klimek and Jane Dickey. It was an opportunity for our families to voice their concerns about the direction and a feeling of disconnectedness from our church. I regret that I must continue to voice my concern regarding inclusion in the life of the Ogden Dunes Community Church.


Following the worship service on Sunday, September 11th, 2011, we were instructed by Rev. Morrison to remain in our seats for a meeting with Bruce Klimek, Clerk of Session. While I believe the intent of the meeting was truly to provide information to the congregation, as a former Clerk of Session and an Elder of the Ogden Dunes Community Church, I found the meeting to be detrimental to our congregation. The general membership of our church was not made aware of this informational meeting. While this may not have required a notification consistent with a "called meeting" of the congregation, the meeting was certainly limited to only those who happened to be in attendance. This communication style continues the "we-them" dialogue, fostering greater concerns and feelings of exclusion from the work of our church.

Furthermore, the mechanism offered for additional information, individual contact with any member of Session is not an inclusive process. This gives the opportunity to create rumors and unintentional or intentional misstatements of information. In our earlier meeting this summer, we encouraged our church leadership to host informational sessions, create a healthy and healing dialogue, announced and easily accessible by all members of our congregation.

We believe in the polity and process of the PCUSA. It is there to strengthen our congregations and to allow for a dialogue that is both healthy and at times healing. We urge the Session to create such a dialogue immediately. Our church, both as a community church and a Presbyterian Church, is important in our lives, our member's lives, as well as the lives of the "friends of the church", and our surrounding communities. These diverse theological groups have benefited from and flourished with the church's role and welcoming environment. We hope that our session can foster the continuance of a welcoming, respectful, listening environment where we look for opportunities to agree and heal our spiritual lives.

Respectfully,


Nancy Johnson


Allen Johnson

Congregational Petition

October 9, 2011

Ms Linda Long
Stated Clerk of the Wabash Valley Presbytery

Dear Ms Long,

When I heard that Rev. Derek Morrison's contract as our church's interim pastor was not being renewed by Presbytery, I was very disappointed and concerned and asked—what can I do? I was concerned that both the interim and permanent pastor selection process was being delayed and that, if Presbytery did not like Rev. Morrison as our interim pastor, would we be able to choose a permanent pastor like him?

I chose to circulate a petition among the members and "friends" of our church to see if my feelings regarding Rev. Morrison and the Christian message he was preaching were the same. As evidenced by the over 100 signatures on this petition (see attached) the majority of our congregation feels the way I do.

There is a minority who have expressed to me and others that:

1. Our church should be "more open" and invite everyone to become members.
2. The Bible should be interpreted and is not infallible. All Christian beliefs are open to interpretation.

My response to these minority comments follow:

1. I feel our church should be open to all people who profess their faith in Jesus Christ or who want to learn about Jesus and his teachings.
2. I agree that some things in the Bible are open for interpretation—that has been the basis for the various Christian denominations. But there are certain precepts of Christianity that cannot be interpreted, such as:
 - A. Jesus is our Lord and Savior and He is the only way to salvation.
 - B. He died on the cross for our sins. Man cannot save himself alone.
 - C. Many teachings in the Bible are key to how we live our lives.
 - D. The virgin birth of Jesus Christ, His resurrection and divinity are fundamental to Christianity.

Rev. Morrison preaches these foundations of Christian faith.

Please consider this petition and the feelings, thoughts and opinions of these Christians who have signed and endorsed it in support of Rev. Morrison.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Hartmann
Ogden Dunes Community Church

cc: Palma Camren, Moderator, Presbytery

Frank Vardeman, General Presbyter, Presbytery

Carol McDonald, Executive, Synod of Lincoln Trails

Douglas Tracy, Stated Clerk, Synod of Lincoln Trails

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Thomas C. Cornwell

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Robert F. Hartmann

ROBERT F. HARTMANN

Margo M. Hartmann

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Henry W. Kleyweg

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Claudia Kleyweg

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Celeste M. Clark

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William Bailey

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Debra L. Bailey

Debra Bailey

Robert O. Bailey

Robert Bailey

Ross D Bailey

Ross Bailey

Tiffany Kilroy

Tiffany Kilroy

Michelle Skaggs

Michelle Skaggs

Joy Newton

Joy Newton

Roger Winsor

Roger Winsor

George Rieger

George Rieger

Bruce Funky

Bruce Funky

Dean & Sue Squire (2)

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Chuck & Barb Smotherman (2)

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Ann and Walter Sampson (2)

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Carolyn M. Ribardy

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Denis E. Ribardy

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Kathleen Wirth

William Wirth

William Wirth

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Briana Klimek

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Jeff Whitehead

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Stacie Klimek

Megan Klimek

MEGAN KLIMEK

Bruce Klimek

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* Beverly Hubbs

Beverly Hubbs

* FRIEND OF THE CHURCH

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Nancy Hallman NANCY HALLMAN

Martha Newton MARTHA NEWTON

Sean Kilroy SEAN KILROY

Edward Skaggs EDWARD SKAGGS

* Cynthia Olsen CYNTHIA OLSEN

* Hillary Woloshans HILLARY WOLOSHANS

Judy Spornick JUDY SPORNICK

Anne M. Muntean Anne M. Muntean

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LIBBY LARSON



DAVID A. LARSON

* Samantha Larson

SAMANTHA LARSON

Barbara Homme

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W. A. Warrick

W. A. WARRICK

Wilma Warrick

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Thomas D. Woodward THOMAS D. WOODWARD

* Linda Biancotti Linda Biancotti

* James Biancotti James Biancotti

* Ralph S. Stinson RALPH S. STINSON

* Sharon Stinson Sharon Stinson

Kelly Aikema Kelly Aikema

Carol Grenchie CAROL GRENCHE

Jacqueline J. Nagy Jacqueline J. Nagy

Cordelia K. Swanson CORDELIA K. SWANSON

Paul Swanson PAUL SWANSON

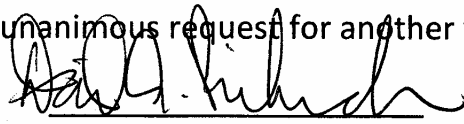
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Cheryl Engel

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Dick Nix

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Beverly Roknich-Nix

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Ken Engel

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Richard A. Nagy

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Jayne Mann

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Susan J. Klumek

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Jeri Kris

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Judith Tarpo

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Liz Daniel

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* Laurie DeFauw

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Patricia Harbaugh

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* Dorothy Harbaugh

DOROTHY HARBAUGH

* John DeFauw

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Nancy Gerometta

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Chris Alkema

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Judy Selund
[Signature]

Judy Selund

David A. Larson

We are a Christian Church - But your Committee

doesn't seem to understand that, Derek Morrison

is a practicing Christian! If you attended his

Services you'd kiss

the ground he stands on!

Shame on the Committee!

Shame on all of you.

Go some where else

and leave us alone

We will run the church with out you - Leave us

you Non Christians!

Joseph H. Bell

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Rebecca Hunt

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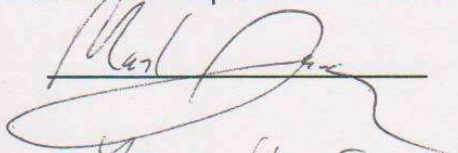
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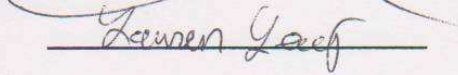
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LAUREN LECY

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Isabel Rea

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Carol L. Cornwall

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Stephen R. Kris

STEPHEN R. KRIS

Phillip G. Smith

Phillip G. Smith

Carol H. Smith

CAROL H. SMITH

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Moderator Expense Letter

Ms. Long,

Grace and Peace.

I am writing in regard to a bill the Ogden Dunes Community Church has received from Reverend William Hudson for his services moderating our Session meeting on September thirteenth. As the chair of the Stewardship Committee, I was made aware of this bill and have consulted with the other Session members. After prayer and deliberation we feel that ODCC is not responsible for this or any upcoming expenses for the services of Reverend Hudson. The ODCC has a current contract with Reverend Derrick Morrison in which his duties include moderating Church meetings including the Session meetings. Since the need for an additional moderator is a Presbytery mandate, we feel any expenses incurred should be paid by the Presbytery until the time Reverend Morrison's contract concludes. If you have any need for further discussion of this matter please feel free to e-mail either myself or the ODCC clerk of Session. Thank you.

Abiding in His Love,

Ken Engel
Stewardship chairperson

Stewardship Report / Minutes
October 4, 2011

The regularly scheduled Stewardship Committee was held on October 4. The first order of business was to review the September monthly comparison detail. The monthly pledges received were nearly \$4,300 below the budgeted figure for the month. The current cumulative total for pledges is now almost \$17,000 below the budgeted figure. While this figure is somewhat disheartening, last year at this time we were slightly over \$19,000 under budget. Historically we have made up some of this difference in the final two months of the year. We pray that holds true again in 2011. On a positive note, the general offering year to date, is still almost \$4,700 over budget lessening the budget deficit somewhat.

Our only other piece of business was finalizing the plans for the Consecration Sunday Celebration dinner. I would like remind the Session that the Consecration Sunday dinner is being paid for this year by a generous donation by a member of the Congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Engel
Stewardship chairperson