

Session Meeting Minutes
November 08, 2011

Stated Meeting of Session	The November 08, 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, Julia Hoham, David Harbaugh, Mark Lecy, Ken Engel, John Skafish, Paul Rake, Jayne Mann, Dave Larson and Jane Dickey. Also present Rev. Jeff Carter for Reconciliation Report, and approximately six members from the Congregation
Absent and Excused	Judy Selund
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 8:30 made; seconded and passed.
Approval of the Minutes	Motion made to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011 stated session meeting; seconded and passed.
New Business (Reported out of order to accommodate Rev Carter who left after this item)	Reconciliation Committee report submitted by Rev. Carter. To date, 55 members have spoken to the committee. Meetings will continue thru November 10. Subsequent meetings are possible in the event of more requests, but the committee will prepare its report for the COM and the Session starting the week of November 21. The committee members will not be available the week of November 14. Rev. Carter advised that the committee report does not substitute for the survey planned by the Session as part of the pastoral search process. Session suggested the planned November 28 Session (see below) meeting would be a good opportunity to present the report.
Clerk of the Session Report	The following items read into the record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mail motion to approve the baptism of Declan Michael Kilroy at the November 6, 2011 Second Service. The motion passed unanimously. • Letters to the Session submitted by Bill Bailey and Chuck Smothermon (Attached)
Board of Deacons	Minutes from October 18, 2001 meeting submitted (attached)
Moderator's Report	No report
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Nominating Committee – Mark Lecy reported that a slate of Elders and Deacons shall be established by the end of the month. Rev. Hudson advised that he would be unavailable to moderate the Congregational Meeting December 11. Motion made to have another session meeting on November 28th to review the nominating committee slate and other business; seconded and passed. Motion made to change the Congregational meeting scheduled for December 11th to December 4th; seconded and passed. The Memorial Garden trustees and corporation trustees were discussed. Jane Dickey shall ensure the Memorial Garden requirements will be satisfied, and Paul Rake will ensure the requirements for corporation trustees are in order for the January Corporation meeting. • Interim pastor search – Session expressed concern that there has been no action

	<p>on (1) the follow-up taken by Rev. Reason at the September meeting to advise on expedited methods to search for an interim pastor and (2) the information provided by Rev. Hudson at the October meeting that ODCC would be receiving PIF's for the interim position vacated by Rev. Morrison. Rev. Hudson shall investigate why we have not received any PIF's and report at the November 28th meeting. Since, in the meantime, Rev. Morrison's contract has terminated, Rev. Reason's follow-up is now moot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregational Survey – Rev. Hudson advised that he has given the petition to Frank Vardeman, Laura Reason, Linda Long and Bill McLean and that they have it under consideration. Session expressed its disappointment that the petition was not delivered to the Carol McDonnell at the Synod level and the Presbytery Council which Rev Hudson advised he would do at the October meeting. The October Session discussion on the matter was recalled to point out that the people Rev. Hudson has given the petition to have all been involved in the situation to date and the intent of the petition was to appeal to a higher authority. Rev. Hudson assured Session he would present the petition at the next Presbytery Council meeting in December and deliver it to Carol McDonnell. • Portage Food Pantry Board – Bruce Klimek will check with Dean Squire to determine if he plans on continuing to fill ODCC's Board of Directors position on the Portage Food Pantry. • Session appointed Julia Hoham as the ODCC commissioner for the November 2011 Presbytery meeting
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Taddei funeral service request – Eleanor Taddei's request that Rev. Morrison conduct her funeral service was discussed. Her concern is that Rev. Morrison may not be available because of the expiration of his contract with ODCC. Motion made to authorize Rev. Morrison to perform the funeral service of Eleanor Taddei by authority of ODCC Session even if the service is performed after the interim contract is no longer in force. Motion seconded. Discussion: Rev. Morrison has expressed is willingness to perform the service. Rev. Hudson advised that the Presbytery would have no objection to this. Motion passed unanimously. • Dunes News Hilite issues – Clerk of Session noted the following correction to the September edition containing the Hilites of the September Session meeting: "Monica Hoham, exercising her privilege of voice read her letter questioning Session's extension of Rev. Morrison's contact and criticizing Clerk of Session September 10 letter to the Congregation" should read "Monica Hoham exercising her privilege of voice read her letter criticizing Rev. Morrison's September 11 sermon and Clerk of Session's September 10 letter to the Congregation." It was noted by Session the Session Hilites are Session notes, not minutes per se. • On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Paul Rake introduced a draft letter of recommendation (attached) from Session for Rev. Morrison. Motion to approve the letter to be signed by Session made and passed. • Exit reflection – Motion made for the Personnel Committee and other interested members to conduct an exit discussion (date to be determined) with Rev. Morrison to get the benefit of his insights on ODCC and its current state; seconded and passed.

<u>Committee Reports/Actions</u>	
Property (Dave Harbaugh)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Usage Motions: Motion to approve Jeri Kris to use the building on November 19th for a baby shower; passed. • Office remodeling underway; delivery of new furniture expected next week. • Motion to approve \$3,480 bid from Frontier to install a new phone system made. Discussion: Current system broken and obsolete. Remodeling has ceiling torn out exposes all the old wiring and other electronics and provides ideal access for installation of the new system. Competitive bids and alternatives discussed. Motion amended to approve the bid and approve transferring the money from the Designated Church Capital Improvement fund to pay it made and passed.
Stewardship (Ken Engle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report attached. • 42 pledges received to date compared to 69 last year • \$121k pledged to date compared to \$169K last year • \$4,900 for grants from the endowment fund available for 2012, grant applications being evaluated
Worship (Jayne Mann)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 71 received communion in October • Pulpit supply is covered thru and including December 25 • Motion made to enable Worship Committee with appropriate notice to change Communion Sundays when necessary to accommodate the schedule of ordained pulpit supply pastors; seconded and passed. • Christmas Eve services shall be held at 4:30 and 9:00; on Sunday Christmas Day one 10 AM service shall be conducted as has been the case in the past. • Report attached
Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Ruth Dyerly)	All mission money has been dispersed except for \$500 which was declined by the Singles Group.
Personnel (John Skafish)	See New Business
Christian Education (Jane Dickey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve November 26th Youth Group Christmas tree cutting trip; passed. • Motion to approve Youth Group sledding party tentatively scheduled for Dec 3rd, or when weather and snow permit; passed. • Thursdays with Kenny are going well with to-date attendance at 6 children
Technology (Julia Hoham)	No report
Prayer and Adjournment	By Motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek	See Attachments below

Bill Bailey's Letter

Letter to the Reconciliation Committee

My name is William Bailey and I am an Elder of the Ogden Dunes Community Church. I object to the Committee on Ministry firing my minister without due cause or explanation to the Session or to the Congregation. It has been 2 months since we were informed that Reverend Derek Morrison's contract would not be renewed and that no one from the Presbytery has had the decency or courage to appear before the Congregation with due cause.

I want to first address the flawed reasoning that led to the decision mandating that this church go through the process of reconciliation. The first issue is the need for reconciliation. By whose determination and authority is it that the Ogden Dunes Community Church is forced to go through this process? When there are over 100 signatures on a petition supporting the minister why do 5 letters objecting to the minister warrant a Reconciliation Committee? Is it mandatory that we must all agree with one another? I was personally unhappy with the last minister who had no great theological depth, was a poor pulpit speaker and was non-existent in visiting the sick and the shut-ins. He was minister here for 5 years and not once did the Presbytery mandate a Reconciliation Committee to see if members of the Ogden Dunes Community Church were happy with the direction of the church.

The Presbytery's insistence on a Reconciliation Committee is a sleight-of-hand trick to distract the Congregation into squabbling over their own perceived differences rather than focusing on the primary fact that the Presbytery fired Reverend Derek Morrison, a man that has made a huge impact on the spirit of the Ogden Dunes Community Church and a man that the Prebytery highly recommended as an interim minister. Does the Presbytery have such an over abundance of ministers that they can just discard a minister with Reverend Morrison's abilities and years of experience?

If reconciliation is so important, what is being done to reconcile between Reverend Morrison and the Presbytery? Why is there no committee comprised of members of the Reconciliation Committee, members of the Ogden Dunes Community Church, members of the Session and members of the Presbytery?

The second point is that I was an observer at Session when the Session was told that if the Reconciliation Committee was not endorsed by the Session; that the Interim Pastor Search could not and would not proceed and that the Presbytery could and might replace the entire Session. Why would we embrace the idea of reconciliation if the majority of the congregation were happy in the first place and when, in the second place, that we feel that we are forced to comply? Why is there no discussion or any attempt by the Presbytery to reconcile with the Ogden Dunes Community Church?

The third objection is that it was stated at the last Session meeting that the Presbytery already has a pretty good idea what is going on at the Ogden Dunes Community Church. How is that possible if no one from the Presbytery has met with the Congregation of the Ogden Dunes Community Church? Upon what sources of information do they base their assumption? At Session, we were told that the Reconciliation Committee was given background information by the Presbytery prior to the Reconciliation Committee meeting with the Ogden Dunes Community Church. This taints the Reconciliation Committee before they even walk in the door. Any prior background information is therefore biased and the outcome is thus suspect.

The fourth objection is the makeup of the Reconciliation Committee. There is no one on the Reconciliation Committee representing the Session or the Ogden Dunes Community Church. The Book of Order is quite specific that nominating committees and search committees all be done with full transparency with committee members representing all groups of the community church. Why is it then that this committee is comprised of members from outside the Ogden Dunes Community Church with no one from the Ogden Dunes Community Church on the committee?

Anyone with a grudge or the intent to denigrate either Reverend Morrison or the Session could make specious and baseless accusations that could slander and permanently stain the reputation of Reverend Morrison or members of the Session. Any claims, even those that are false and unsubstantiated, would be noted and recorded as part of the survey of the committee and those unfounded charges could then follow Reverend Morrison for the rest of his life not only damaging his reputation, but his livelihood as well. Reverend Morrison or members of the Session should have the opportunity to refute any negative or derogatory statements that are directed at them at the time that they are made and before they are made a part of the permanent record.

The Committee on Ministry fired, Reverend Morrison, without any stated due cause or explanation to the Session or to the Congregation. Now we have been told that we must endure another delay in the search for a full time minister.

The Presbytery has shown a complete disregard and utter contempt for the spiritual well being of the Ogden Dunes Community Church by firing Reverend Morrison and leaving us without a minister just prior to the major holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. These holidays are important not only for the specific day itself, but also for the spiritual journey that ends with thanking God for the many blessings that we have received and for the greatest gift that He has given to us. Why was the Presbytery in such a hurry to fire Reverend Morrison that he could not be allowed to minister to the church for at least 2 more months taking the Ogden Dunes Community Church through the holidays?

The Ogden Dunes Community Church cannot continue its search for a permanent minister because the Presbytery process is that we must have an Interim Minister to help with us with the search process. Reverend Derek Morrison came highly recommended to the Ogden Dunes Church when we were searching for an interim pastor, but now, for no apparent reason, Reverend Morrison is not good enough according to the very same Presbytery that recommended him so highly in the first place.

Now the Ogden Dunes Community Church, must begin all over again with a new interim minister who will not be able to guide us through the search process because the interim minister will have no basis of experience in working with the Ogden Dunes Community Church to help guide us in selecting the right minister for our church. Before Reverend Morrison was chosen as our interim minister, the Ogden Dunes Community Church was informed that it would take a minimum of 1 year and more likely 18 months before we would be ready to search for a new permanent minister. This means now that the Ogden Dunes Community Church could be without a permanent minister for over 2 1/2 years. Where is the concern by the Presbytery for the spiritual well-being of the Ogden Dunes Community Church that it was more important to fire an interim minister than to allow him to move the church forward toward finding a permanent minister?

The Ogden Dunes Community Church was blessed to have a minister like Reverend Nancy Becker for 18 years. I was serving on Session when Reverend Becker announced that it was time for her to move on. She felt she accomplished much with the Ogden Dunes Community Church and now was the time to move outside of her own comfort zone and bring her talent and experience into helping other churches as an interim minister. She said that she would not even think of leaving us if she did not think that the Ogden Dunes Community Church was strong enough both financially and spiritually to handle her departure.

A great many members of the Ogden Dunes Community Church had been active participants and leaders within the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet, a lay weekend ministry for men and one for women and The Awakening, which is a lay ministry for high school youth which Reverend Becker and her husband Mike Becker were the driving force and instrumental in the early development. The involvement in the Great Banquet and Awakening filled not only those that attended, but filtered throughout the whole Ogden Dunes Community Church body. It was that spiritual nourishment that was to feed us for the years ahead.

After Reverend Becker left, we endured the interim search process which led to an interim minister that maintained the status quo while we engaged the search for a permanent minister. We were not a church that was looking for a new minister because we were broken, but rather we hoping to find a new minister to take us to the next level. Our search committee presented the Congregation with a new minister with no practical experience in leading a church, but one who was vetted by the Presbytery as being quite able to lead our church.

As stated, I was personally unhappy with the last minister who had no great theological depth, was a poor pulpit speaker and was non-existent in visiting the sick and the shut-ins. Instead of inspiring sermons featuring the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer we were fed outtakes from the Simpsons.

He was minister here for 5 years and in that time he managed to eradicate all of the new programs instituted by Reverend Becker that were breathing new spiritual life into the Ogden Dunes Community Church. The Praise Worship service that was held once a month was abolished. The church service for high school graduating seniors that featured the youth leading the entire service was abolished. The unique Thursday night beach church service in the summer was abolished.

That minister quit. Once more the Ogden Dunes Community Church had lost a minister, not because he was asked to leave, but simply because he decided that he did not want to be a minister any longer.

When Reverend Derek Morrison came to us, it was like a breath of fresh air. We did not realize how much we had spiraled down into spiritual mediocrity. His pure force of energy caught everyone by surprise. After his first Sunday, we as the congregation knew what it was to be spiritually inspired by the Word of God. Reverend Morrison was intent on awakening us from our spiritual slumber. Attendance increased under Reverend Morrison as an interim minister instead of it dropping off. Praise worship songs came back into the monthly mix of worship. The sick and shut-ins were visited. Reverend Morrison even changed the solid door into the pastor's office from wood to glass. This was done to invite more openness into his office and to prevent even the hint of impropriety behind closed doors.

Not once since Reverend Morrison arrived have I heard any negative comments directed to Reverend Morrison, his style, personal theology or administrative abilities. When asked about the type of minister we needed to call to the Ogden Dunes Community Church, Reverend Morrison said that he thought that we were strong theologically, spiritually and financially. He stated that he wanted to guide us so that we did not make the same mistake twice.

As someone who has experience in working with high net-worth clients; President of the Town Council of Ogden Dunes; Elder of the Ogden Dunes Community Church; Community Lay Director of the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet; leader of a large 1,300 member philanthropic fraternity and member of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital for Children-Chicago; it has been my experience that no one is ever loved or even liked by 100% of the membership. To expect that Reverend Morrison would be appreciated by every member of the congregation of the Ogden Dunes Community Church is ludicrous.

What is more telling however; is the 100+ signature petition that was delivered to the Session in support of Reverend Morrison. That overwhelming support should speak volumes by itself. It is sad that a handful of members have precipitated this whole situation.

There was another minister who was loved by the people, but a vocal minority and church hierarchy wanted to get rid of him. Lies were told, stories exaggerated, and the church hierarchy held control and influence over the process. No one in that church hierarchy stood up for that minister. Those in power got their way; they crucified that minister. Don't let that happen again.

Smothermon Letter

Charles C. Smothermon, Jr.
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October 27, 2011

To: PCUSA Reconciliation Team

My name is Chuck Smothermon. I am an elder in Ogden Dunes Community Church having served two three year terms on Session. I also lead a men's Bible study on Saturday mornings, a prayer group that meets at the church on Wednesday nights, and I teach an adult Sunday school class on Sunday mornings. Up until a few years ago I taught a youth bible study that met every Wednesday after school. I have been blessed by having been given the opportunity to lead Sunday Worship and to occasionally preach the Word of God

I fully support the actions of the session this past year and believe that one of the greatest blessings this Church has received was when Rev. Derrick Morrison became interim pastor of this church.

Our congregation had experienced a difficult time during the ministry of Rev. Leach. He offered little pastoral care and was involved in very little of the life of the congregation. When he abruptly left, the Church felt abandoned and unloved by him. His heart never seemed to be in his work here. Enough said about this time in the life of the Church.

In Rev. Morrison we have had a pastor who very much displayed a love for the flock of God and love in being a Minister of Word and Sacrament. His preaching has been excellent and lives have transformed by it. For the first time in quite a while we have experienced scholarly and passionate preaching.

I was shocked, as was most of the congregation, to hear that his contract was not going to be renewed by Presbytery. I attended the first meeting of session with member of C.O.M. and was even more stunned when C.O.M. never could give a good reason for his "firing". In spite of the unanimous support of session and the passionate pleas of session members C.O.M. refused to change its mind and is holding to its position.

Later when the Clerk of Session was informed that a Reconciliation Team was in place who would be coming here to hold "listening sessions" we were all, again, shocked and puzzled as to why C.O.M. decided to impose this upon the congregation. Almost everyone was asking the same question. "What or who needs reconciliation?" The only thing most

People could think of was that because of its heavy handed, dispassionate handling of Rev. Morrison's contract, Presbytery had felt the need to be reconciled to the congregation. Although this had not previously been deemed necessary, a good number, if not most of the congregation, certainly felt the need for this now, but hold little hope of this actually happening.

At the last session meeting our temporary moderator Rev. Hudson introduced Rev. Carter who is leading the "reconciliation team". As questions were asked about the need for a reconciliation, the only clear answer that emerged from either Rev. Hudson or Rev. Carter was that there existed "Frictions" in the church. There have always been Theological differences in the Church between those who hold to the inerrancy of Scriptures and the teaching that Salvation can only come in one way, through receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and those who hold to universal salvation and that only parts of Scripture are inspired. Since the number of people who hold to the Orthodox Christian view far outweigh those of the other view, most of us were not aware of any real problems or "frictions" that existed in the Church. Most people were not aware of any serious split in the Church, at least until now. It is my opinion that someone or some people have misled the C.O.M. into believing that there are serious problems here.

To state that the Session of this church and Rev. Morrison are out of step with the congregation is totally false, as evidenced by the petition circulated by one of our members containing around 100 signatures in support of Rev. Morrison and the session.

As to the survey that was in progress, and which was apparently handed to C.O.M. by Ms. Monica Conrad Hoham, who acted without and any authorization either by Session or by Rev. Morrison, this was a clear attempt to discredit the session and Rev. Morrison.

Originally the survey was passed on to a member of this congregation, who was asked to check over and reformat the survey, if needed, in order that its language would be clear and understandable to all who would be receiving it. The intentions of Rev. Morrison and the session were that, after editing, the survey would be read, edited, and voted on by the session, and then

Sent on to the T.C.C., Rev. Reason or C.O.M. for approval. The person who was given the task of reformatting the survey apparently didn't approve of the tone of the survey and then sent it on to Ms. Conrad Hoham. This was clearly done with the intent of stopping the work of completing the survey by session. It should be noted that a copy of the survey appeared on the Facebook page of a small number of vocal, like minded people, who wanted to make an issue of it all.

The question remains "How could all this happen in a system that prides itself in Justice?" How could such a small number of people have so much power as to deceive so many? Or maybe another question to ask might be; "How can a higher Church body become so distant from its members that its cares seem to more about protecting a system than the nurture of true spiritual growth in its Churches?"

It has now become clear that many members of the congregation who formerly could care less about the concerns of Presbytery are now very upset with the way Presbytery has handled this whole matter.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Smothermon, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Deacon's Meeting Minutes

ODCC BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2011

Members Present:

Jacque Nagy Barb Smotherman Carol Smith Nancy Hallman Cheryl Engel
Mary Louise Rieger (present on speaker phone for partial meeting)

Members Absent

Jill Wirth Chris Alkema Carol Huber Patty Harbaugh Sean Kilroy
Mardee Newton

Jacque opened with prayer at 7:10
September minutes were approved

Committee Reports

- ***Cards & Concerns** – Nancy sent cards to Joe Bell and Roger Winsor. Also thank-you cards to Town & Country for donation of grocery bags and Susan Mihalo for help with information regarding youth involvement in last years food drive. Will send cards to Rod Dyerly and Barb Smotherman's granddaughter.
- ***Flowers** – flowers were delivered to Eleanor Taddei
- ***Session Liason** – no one attended the Session Meeting

Old Business

- ***Coat Drive** – Cheryl contacted the Portage Resale shop and they would like us to collect coats, esp. children sizes. Cheryl has contacted Brenda to put in Dunes News & will call Debby Bailey about rack. Carol Smith will make signs to advertise. We will also get a box to collect sweaters for Portage Resale shop.
- ***Angel Tree** – Jill is out of town. Will re-address next month.
- ***Food Drive** - Nancy Hallman got bags from T & C and made flyer to attach to the bags. Jacque will talk to Kenny @ the youth distributing the bags and helping collect after school. Bags need to be passed out by Nov. 4
Cheryl has made a sign-up sheet that will go up October 23.
- ***Talent Show** – Set-up of stage on November 10 at 2 pm. Also tables & decorations
Talent show begins at 10:30 on Saturday, November 12.
- ***Brunch** – Begins after talent show (11:30)***See second page
- ***Luncheon November 13** – A sign-up sheet was passed around for bringing something for the luncheon for the last Sunday that Rev. Morrison will be with us.
- ***Pumpkin Run** – Mary Louise is making t-shirts and spoke to us on speaker phone. and reported 30 people have signed up. Sean will make the route & will e-mail it to Brenda to get copies made. Brad Wood will donate sandwiches for the event.
Barb - snacks, Cheryl – water, Mary Louise – Dessert. A volunteer or 2 are needed to stay at the church to serve lunch.

A discussion was held and a record is now being made that in the future, if the Deacons decide to sponsor an event it needs to have volunteers willing to plan, support and work the event. Maybe a vote should be taken before we decide to undertake a project. More help is definitely needed from everyone.

Personnel Committee Draft Letter of Recommendation

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WITH RESPECT TO REV. DEREK MORRISON

The Ogden Dunes Community Church wishes to inform those parties of interest that it wholeheartedly recommends for employment and commends for future consideration any potential association with Rev. Derek Morrison. The church has been impressed with his pastoral devotion to individual congregants, his enthusiasm for our children's needs and his energetic and gifted sermons. We were blessed to have had the opportunity to know this extraordinary man, to witness his Christian faith and to hear his powerful message of devotion to the Word.

We endorse any future potential relationships he may seek as a pastor. We emphasize our special support because we are mindful that his contract with this church was not allowed to be renewed through no fault of his own or in any way related to his ministry here.

You may seek further recommendations from individual members of the Session or the many congregants who sought to have him remain as interim pastor.

For the Session,

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New Business – Jacque shared her thoughts about reaching out to a large number of young adults (30+) from the community and people who grew up in the church who are now living close by to join together for social events. Would this be a good way to get young adults, many starting families to get involved in the church? Think about it!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Next meeting - November 15

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Engel

AFTER TALENT SHOW BRUNCH ASSIGNMENTS MADE

Fruit Platter	Carol Smith
Veggie Tray	Nancy Hallman
Cheese Platter/Grapes	Jacque Nagy
4-6 Quiches	Jill call ppl. From last year (Lecy, Hannon, Kleyweig, Hartman)
2 Quiches	Carol Huber
4 dz. Cookies/Brownies	Barb Smotherman
2 dz. Bagels + 2 dz. Muffins	Mardee Newton
2-3# Ham rolled up	Cheryl Engel
Variety of Jelly/Jams	Mary Louise Rieger
3 – Gallons Orange Juice	Patty Harbaugh
2 Gallons Apple Cider	Chris Alkema
2 Gallons Apple Cider	Sean Kilroy

- Barb will find out about butter patties, small plates, cups & napkins (donation from Jonna)
- Tableclothes, pumpkins, gourds have been purchased.
Barb will bring color napkins, baskets.

SET UP/WORK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 9 am

Stewardship Committee Handout

INCOME	Oct. Actual	Oct. Budget	Over/Under	YTD. Actual	YTD. Budget	Over/Under
Pledges Curr. Yr.	12922	13954	-1032	121663	139540	-17877
General Offering	2275	1667	608	21961	16667	5294
Reg. Income	17402	16157	1245	157331	161573	-4242
Total						
EXPENSES						
Committee						
Christian Ed.	14	256	243	1987	2563	576
Worship	900	512	-388	5787	5125	-662
Mission	0	1317	317	8100	13168	5068
Evangelism/Fell.	154	125	-29	828	1250	450
Property	6625	3348	-3276	41190	33483	-7706
Assets						
Corporate Account						156112
Endowment Account						133474
Total Assets						289587

Stewardship Report
November 8, 2011

The Stewardship Committee meeting for November was rescheduled for November 9 so my report will be limited to an overview of the October monthly budget comparison detail and the results from Consecration Sunday, November 6.

The October pledges collected totaled \$12,922 compared to a budget of \$13,954. Year to date pledges are \$17,877 below budget.

The results of pledges received on Consecration Sunday were rather disappointing. The totals were \$121,616 in 42 pledge units. This is in comparison to \$168,468 and 68 units pledged in 2011. We expect and pray that more pledges will be coming in between now and the end of the year but I believe Session should fully expect the budget proposal from the Stewardship Committee for 2012 to contain a significant deficit.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Engel

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Worship Committee Report

**Ogden Dunes Community Church
Worship Minutes
November 1, 2011**

Members of Worship in attendance:

Libby Larson x	Joy Newton	Margo Hartmann x
Roger Winsor x	Jayne Mann x	Jean Bell x
Carol Smith x	Lolly Dogan	Sue Klimek x
Judy Selund	Eileen Woodard	

Dave Harbaugh joined us as his meeting was canceled.

Jayne opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 PM

Old Business:

Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 30th (Wednesday) This will be a potluck/work evening.

People can come as early as 5:00 PM and the meal will be eaten at 6:00 PM

(Afterward people can join Chuck's Prayer/Praise service after finish decorating church)

Reports: (Ushers, Communion, Liturgists, Sanctuary Set-up)

All working on schedule

New Business:

Pulpit Supply:

Nov. 20 Phil Smith
Nov. 27 Chuck Smotherman
Dec. 4 Paul Votaw (Communion)
Dec. 11 Phil Smith
Dec. 18 Chuck Smotherman
Dec. 25 Phil Smith (maybe)

We will be trying to keep some stability in filling the pulpit as we await an interim, using familiar pastors and members of the congregation when possible. As we need an ordained pastor for Communion services, we will ask session to grant us leeway on the dates as long as we have one Communion service per month. Sufficient notice will be given.

Additionally, we would like to continue the Wednesday prayer services through Advent, with a potluck, carols and an Advent agenda. These would begin at 5:45 with the service at 6:30 until 7:30 PM

Christmas Eve: We will have a 4:30 PM Children's/Family service in fellowship hall by the Angel tree with a Christmas Story and carols. The later service will be at 9:00 PM with the Christmas story celebrated with Scriptures, Carols and Christmas Special Music.

Christmas Day/New Year's Day

We would suggest to Session that one service is provided on Christmas and New Year's Day as they fall on a Sunday. This has been the tradition from the past. This would be at 10:00 AM. We can use the signage from last year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2011, 7:00 PM

Carol closed our meeting with prayer at 8:00 PM

Respectively submitted by Jayne Mann