

Session Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011

Stated Meeting of Session	The December 13, 2011 stated meeting of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, William Hudson at 7:04 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, Jane Dickey and Judy Selund. Also Ruling Elder Jim Yackel (Westminster PC in Munster) and five members from the Congregation
Absent and Excused	None
Prayer	Rev. Hudson opened the meeting with a prayer.
Introduction	Ruling Elder Jim Yackel (Westminster PC in Munster) was introduced. He has been appointed as ODCC's Transitional Care Consultant.
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 November 8, 2011 stated Session Meeting and the December 4, 2011 Congregational Meeting; seconded and passed.
Clerk of the Session Report	The following motions were passed by the Session at its November 28 th meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to approve the use of the building by the OD Town Council for its December 5th meeting • to approve the use of the building by Sandpiper on December 6th at 7 PM for a planning meeting
Board of Deacons	No Report (Written report attached)
Moderator's Report	No report
Old Business	<p>Interim pastor search – to date, no PIF's have been received by ODCC.</p> <p>Presbytery Letter (as part of the Congregational Petition item) A motion was made to respond to the Presbytery's letter sent December 7th (attached) requesting a "town hall" meeting with the Congregation on January 1, with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move the meeting to January 8th after the second service • The Presbytery commit to report the findings of the "reconciliation sessions" including providing the written report • A substantial portion of the Presbytery leadership team actually attend • Next steps in the pastoral search are clearly spelled out. <p>Motion seconded. Discussion: January 1 is New Years Day and numerous people who have indicated a desire to attend will not be in town at this time. The Presbytery letter states that the findings of the reconciliation sessions would be one of the items it would like to discuss at the meeting. The letter indicates that the full Presbytery leadership team would attend. Session and the congregation need specificity on what the next steps are in finding a pastor. Without these conditions, the meeting would be a repeat of the December 4th meeting.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

	<p>Congregational Petition A two part motion was made that Session formally present the Congregational Petition regarding Rev. Morrison to the Presbytery Council at the Council’s January 24, 2012 meeting for a decision to rescind COM’s decision to not renew Rev. Morrison’s interim contract, and in addition, to lodge a formal complaint against COM’s action pursuant to the book of order, if appropriate to a judicial consideration. The motion was seconded. Discussion was supportive of the motion because Presbytery has taken no action on the petition nor responded to it. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.</p> <p>Portage Food Pantry Board – It has been confirmed that Dean Squire shall continue to fill ODCC’s Board of Directors position on the Portage Food Pantry.</p> <p>The letter of recommendation for Rev. Morrison (attached) which was approved at the November meeting has been prepared and will be given to Rev. Morrison with copies sent to the Presbytery and kept on file by ODCC.</p>
New Business	<p>Elder-in-charge – Jane Dickey led the discussion and distributed a sign-up schedule. Follow-up discussion led to agreement to direct the Worship Committee to develop a list of pastors and a schedule of fees for their services for use by the elder-in-charge when circumstances require an ordained pastor.</p> <p>Motion made to schedule the Congregational Annual meeting for January 22, 2012. Motion seconded. Discussion: Rev. Hudson availability to moderate is limited; Rev Smith is scheduled to preach Jan 22nd and as an ordained Presbyterian pastor can moderate the meeting. Motion passed.</p>
<u>Committee Reports/Actions</u>	
Property (Dave Harbaugh)	No report
Stewardship (Ken Engle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report attached. • Due to receipt of additional pledges the 2012 budget short-fall has narrowed to \$31,567 • Endowment fund grants were awarded to the Christian Education (Youth Director Salary) \$2,500, Sandpiper \$400, and property (office remodeling) \$2,000. • Committee will undertake to clean-up the designated fund accounts. Several are listed with negative balances. • Motion made to approve Christmas bonuses of \$500 each for Brenda Sprengal and Libby Larson and \$100 for Dorothy Dvorsak. Motion unanimously passed.
Worship (Jayne Mann)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 received communion in November • Pulpit supply is covered thru the end of January 2012 • Report attached
Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Ruth Dyerly)	The balance of mission money that has not yet been dispersed is \$352.

Personnel (John Skafish)	The staff job description initiative has been on hold since the interim contract was not renewed. Paul Rake will oversee the transition of the current work to the 2012 personnel committee.
Christian Education (Jane Dickey)	No report
Technology (Julia Hoham)	No report
Prayer and Adjournment	By Motion the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for January 10, 2012 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek	See Attachments below

Deacon's Meeting Minutes

ODCC BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING

December 20, 2011

Members Present

Chris Alkema Nancy Hallman Patty Harbaugh Carol Huber Sean
Kilroy
Cheryl Engel Mardee Newton Jill Wirth Mary Louise Rieger

Not Present

Jacque Nagy Carol Smith Barb Smotherman

Opened meeting with prayer at 7:15

November minutes approved

Committee Reports

***Shut-ins** - No visits were made

***Cards** - Nancy sent cards to: Connie Collins, Roger Winsor, Gordon Johnson, Anne Meeks, Michelle Skaggs, Brad Wood, Libby, Kenny, Nancy Johnson, Carolyn Ribordy, Mike Webber & Mike Smith. A card was give to Mary Louise for Rob. Nancy will send a card to Dean Squire.

* **Flowers** – Mary Louise delivered flowers to Eleanor Taddei. Jill will take flowers after Christmas.

* **Session Liason** -Sean attended the Session meeting. Much the same information given as at the congregational meeting regarding the Pastoral search.

Old Business

Coat Drive -Cheryl dropped off the coats and sweaters collected to the Portage Re-sale shop.

Angel Tree- Jill delivered 20 gift pkgs. to the Bonner Sr. Center for the Angel Tree project.

Cards for Linda Crouch – Brenda is trying to get an address so these can be sent.

Pumpkin Run – Mary Louise was not at last meeting but reported that \$1,101.84 was raised for Heifer Int'l after expenses. She will talk with Brenda to see if check has been sent or if we can designate where the money should go. Mary Louise will follow-up on this.

New Business Looking ahead for projects for 2012.

Sidewalk Art/ Ice Cream Social – Mardee N. will look into this

Sweater/Blanket Drive – Chris A. brought up the need for these items at nursing homes.

Possibly do a drive in mid-January. On-going need in nursing homes.

January - sweater/blanket drive

February – Super Bowl / Chili Dump / Movie Night

March

April – Easter Brunch

May – Mother's Day Brunch

June – Father's Day Pies

July/ August – RailCats Game

September/ October – Pumpkin Run-Heifer Project

November – Food Drive / Talent Show

December – Angel Tree

Jill closed with prayer at 8:00.
Next meeting January 17, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Engel

Presbytery Letter

December 7, 2011

Bruce Klimek, Clerk of Session
Members of Session
Ogden Dunes Community Church
116 Hillcrest Road
Ogden Dunes, IN 46368

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Ogden Dunes Church,

I am writing in response to your request communicated through your Session moderator, Rev. William Hudson and Presbytery of Wabash Valley General Presbyter, Rev. Frank Vardeman, to meet with the Council of the presbytery at our next meeting. The next meeting of the Council is our retreat on Tuesday, December 13 during which we will be participating in a day-long workshop conducted by Richard Blackburn of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Therefore we will not be conducting our usual reporting and action docket. The next regular meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

The leadership team consulted by conference call yesterday and are recommending a "town hall" style meeting after worship on Sunday, January 1, 2012 in order to more immediately address your members' concerns than waiting for the Council's regular meeting. This "town hall" meeting could include the initial report of the Listening Team that has completed it's sessions with members of Ogden Dunes Church and to discuss possible next steps. It is hoped that members will be attending this opportunity to share together in a spirit of Christ's love and to work in mutual respect and understanding.

Please let me know as soon as possible as to your desire to host the "town hall" format on Sunday, January 1. We can work out the details as the time approaches.

My prayer is that your Advent worship is filled with anticipation for celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Peace and blessings,



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Linda L. Long, Stated Clerk
Rev. William Hudson, Moderator of Session
Rev. William McLean, Moderator, Commission on Ministry

Letter of Recommendation



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November 8, 2011

Re: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WITH RESPECT TO REV. DEREK MORRISON

To Whom It May Concern:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Klimek".

Bruce Klimek

Clerk of the Session

Cc: Ogden Dunes Community Church Session

Stewardship Report/Minutes

December 6, 2011

The Stewardship Committee met on December 6 for our regularly scheduled December meeting. All members were present. The monthly budget comparison was reviewed. Pledges were once again below budget and general offering is above the budgeted amount, somewhat lessening the monthly shortfall. The Committee is hoping year-end giving in December will close some of the almost \$18,000 shortfall in giving. Also discussed was the cash position of the Church as we come to the years end and a strategy for selling some stock in the Corporate Account portfolio if more liquidity is necessary.

Several small items for the proposed budget were discussed to get the proposal ready for a Session vote.

The Committee reviewed all of the accounts in the designated funds. Some have negative balances which should be cleared and others are unused accounts. The Committee feels these accounts should be reviewed and closed when possible.

Stewardship once again wants to urge Session to contact members and friends of the Church who may not have been at the Congregational meeting to let them know of the financial needs of the Church. The matter of purging the rolls of inactive members was also revisited by the Committee.

Lastly, the subject of bonuses for three long-time employees was discussed. While this is a trying time financially for our Church, these three employees have not been given a raise in four years. The Committee suggest \$500 Christmas bonuses for Libby Larson and Brenda Sprengel and \$100 for Dorothy Dvorsak. Although money is tight, without a pastor these people are called on to do even more than usual and are more valuable than ever.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Engel

Worship Committee Report

**Ogden Dunes Community Church
Worship Agenda
December 6, 2011**

Members of Worship in attendance:

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

Open the meeting with prayer.
Old Business:

Hanging of the Greens, Nov. 30th (Wednesday) Review

Wonderful Wednesdays Potluck/Prayer/Bible study

Duneland Christmas Festival

Christmas Eve No. ushers needed

Christmas Day-Phil Smith will be preaching: One Service

~~New Year's Day- One Service~~

Signage

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

Concerns

New Business:

Pulpit Supply: 2012

Jan. 1	Kenny Easton
Jan. 8	Phil Smith
Jan. 15	Bill Bailey
Jan. 22	Phil Smith – Communion
Jan. 29	Kenny Easton

Communion served to 95 in November

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012, 7:00 PM