

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PERU, INDIANA STATED SESSION MEETING

July 23, 2008

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Peru, IN, held its stated meeting at 7:00 pm, on July 23, 2008, in the church library. The Reverend John E. Hess was moderator.

**ROLL CALL** - A quorum was present with 8 elders in attendance.

- a. Present: Elders Terry Geberin, Glenn Russell, Cathy Hahn, Kelly Newman, Bruce Embrey, Ed Morgan, Dick Hammersley, Jim Stackhouse.  
Staff: John E. Hess (Moderator).
- b. Absent/Excused: Elder Nancy Bender; Judy Friend (DCE).

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, and opened with a devotion and prayer by Elder Jim Stackhouse at 7:00 PM.

**A TIME OF SHARING AND GROWTH:** The moderator led the session in a discussion concerning moments, this summer, when the presence of God was especially felt.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Elder Glenn Russell made a **motion** that the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of June 25, 2008 be amended. **Motion CARRIED.** Amended minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of June 25, 2008 were approved.
2. Redacted minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of June 25, 2008, as amended, were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Received the following items of correspondence:

1. Donation request from Light of Life Bible Study

**MODERATOR'S REPORT:** The pastor's written monthly summary of activities was received and reviewed. The moderator reported that, while he would be participating, he would not be the officiant at the Hamm-Stackhouse wedding on August 2. The family has requested the reverends Eric and Norie Erickson, the bride's aunt and uncle, to perform the ceremony. The Ericksons are ordained Presbyterian ministers. Elder Glenn Russell made a **motion** that the use of the church be approved for the Hamm-Stackhouse wedding on August 2, 2008, and that the Ericksons be invited to perform the ceremony. **Motion CARRIED.**

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The church calendar for August was reviewed. August 10<sup>th</sup> was set as the date to distribute scholarships for the Fall semester.

## MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS and MOTIONS

1. **FAITH COMMITMENT:** Elder Dick Hammersley reported for the team. Work continues to find elders and deacons for the Class of 2011.
2. **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:** Written report dated July 2, 2008 was received. Elder Cathy Hahn reported for the team. Next communion: July 27 - Team 1. Team 3 will perform communion during the park service on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Elder Hahn provided information concerning the Ministry Fair, to be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>. A schedule was developed, for each ministry team to deliver a minute for mission during a worship service in August.
3. **GOOD NEWS:** Written minutes dated June 11, 2008, and July 16, 2008 were received. Elder Kelly Newman reported for the team.

**TRUSTEES:** Written minutes dated May 14, and June 11, 2008 were received, and Treasurer's report of May and June 2008 finances was reviewed. Elder Glenn Russell reported for the team. **Motion:** That the session call a special meeting of the congregation for the purpose of approving the recommended changes to the church by laws as presented. Following some discussion concerning the recommended changes, the **Motion was WITHDRAWN** and the Trustees will take another look at the by laws. **Motion:** That the session allow Lifeline Screening to conduct medical screenings for the public, at the church, in November, provided the organization checks out with the Better Business Bureau of Northern Indiana. Trustees will make the inquiry. **Motion CARRIED.**

## BOARD & JUDICATORY REPORTS:

1. **DEACONS:** Written minutes dated May 5, June 17 and July 15, 2008 were received.
2. **PRESBYTERY:** Commissioner's written report of May 9-10, 2008 presbytery meeting was received.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Elder Bruce Embrey reported the Restoration Funding Task Force will be meeting again on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. A memo concerning the 2009 budget process, from Elder Glenn Russell, was acknowledged.

**ADJOURNMENT.** A motion to adjourn was made and approved. The meeting was closed at 8:59 PM, with prayer by the moderator.

**NEXT SESSION MEETING**

The next stated session meeting will be held on August 27, 2008, at 7:00 PM, with opening devotions by Elder Ed Morgan and closing prayer by the Elder Terry Geberin.

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Ed Morgan  
Clerk of Session