

Session Notes

Following are some highlights from the July 21, 2011 Regular Session meeting. The unapproved minutes are posted on the church bulletin board near the library:

MOTIONS

Consensus Agenda:

Items approved by acceptance of the meeting agenda:

- Affirmed that communion was served at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on July 3, 2011.
- Acknowledged the wedding of Eric Chancellor and Nicole Fast on June 18, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Removed Maxine Emry from the church roll--deceased 6/14/11.
- Removed Myra Perry from the church roll—deceased 6/23/11.
- Acknowledged Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiated a memorial service for Myra Perry at Roper & Sons Funeral Home on 7/1/11.
- Removed Doris VonSeggern from the church roll—deceased 7/1/11.
- Approved the wedding of Tami Caughey and Mike VanArsdall on September 8, 2012 at Eastridge Presbyterian Church.

Regular Motions:

A motion was approved to elect Brett Joseph as Church Treasurer for a term of six (6) months.

A motion was approved to allow “His Little Feet Children’s Choir” to perform on October 16, 2011 to take a “love” free will offering in the Welcome Center, guaranteeing the choir a minimum of \$250.

A motion was approved to call a special congregation meeting on July 31, 2011 at 10:05 a.m., for the purposes of joining Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd, in requesting Homestead Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Crelin and Eastridge Presbyterian Church, effective September 30, 2011 with his last Sunday in the pulpit on August 21, and for electing two (2) elders to fill existing vacancies on Session, to begin immediately.

REPORTS TO SESSION

Report of Head of Staff:

A written report was received. Rev. Crelin submitted a letter of resignation as Head of Staff. He will be moving to Sun City West, Arizona to become Senior Pastor at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. Discussion about the logistics of Rev. Crelin’s remaining time at Eastridge was discussed. His resignation will be effective September 30, 2011 with August 21, 2011 as his last Sunday in the pulpit at Eastridge. The time between these two dates is unused vacation and continuing education time.

Rev. Crelin described the “His Little Feet Children’s Choir” that will perform on October 16, 2011. He reported that Jim Budka is interested in conducting a photography class for adults in the church. Darryl White has been asked to be a part of worship on August 28, 2011.

A webinar is being held at Westminster on August 2, 2011 concerning n-FOG. Gail Keown and Robin Hadfield have been working together in an attempt to better understand the impact of n-FOG on Eastridge.

Rev. Crelin announced that Cody Ramsay has resigned as Director of Youth. Jason Anderson has assumed responsibility for the youth committee during the remainder of the summer.

Report of Interim Associate Pastor:

A written report was received. The activities in which Rev. Frazier-Koontz had participated included, but were not limited to: twelve (12) pastoral visits/counseling, four (4) hospital calls, two (2) premarital counseling sessions, nineteen (19) home communion visits, and two (2) Stephen Minister meetings.

Report of Treasurer:

A written report was received. June 2011 revenues were at 47.93% and expenses were at 44.87%. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Report of Trustees:

The minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting were received. Church staff will pursue 3 bids for exterior window in Narthex and will inform Trustees of results of these bids. The renovation of the Boy Scout shed will be completed as part of an Eagle Scout project. Trustees will complete an inspection of the Mission House at least one time each year. Church audit is in process.

Staff Reports:

Director of Christian Education—Susan Taylor

A written report was received. Projects in which Susan Taylor participated included, but were not limited to the following: Nursery and childcare scheduling, Sunday School, VBS, plans for Fall 2011, and general clean up of the Resource Room. Sunday School attendance for 2-year olds-2nd grade: 2 -12 children attending. From Vacation Bible School, \$619.22 was received in monetary donations and \$1161.00 was received from the Men's Group lunches. Disbursements included Eastridge Pantry, The Gathering Place, New Life International, and Schuyler Vacation Bible School. Attendance for VBS included 165 children (Nursery – 5th Grade), 101 children from Eastridge families, 12 children of grandparents of Eastridge, 33 friends of Eastridge families, and 19 children from community. Staff included 90 from 6th grade – adults of all ages, 36 youth, 54 adults. It was a wonderful week with lots of energy and activities.

Director of Music—Molly Schmit

A written report was received. A variety of musicians have provided music for our Sunday morning worship services through the summer. The following provided music in June and July: Bret Olsen, Village Presbyterian church Choir, Diane Harris, Virginia Downs, Gail Blankenau, Brian Kohel, Aaron Bittmen, Jake Heidelk, Hannah Lambert, Darcie Olsen, Jenna Bubas, and Patty Niemann. Four Scholarship Singers have been hired to join the Chancel Choir this year.

The next regular session meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.