

# Session Notes

Following are some highlights from the June 16, 2011 Regular Session meeting. The unapproved minutes are posted on the church bulletin board near the library:

Session members received a copy of a letter to Rev. Crelin from Terry Schlossberg , Campaign to Reclaim Biblical Teaching, titled, "Presbytery Stated Clerks Warn of nFOG's Effects" and a copy of the Eastridge Presbyterian Church Congregation Bylaws.

## MOTIONS

Consensus Agenda:

Items approved by acceptance of the meeting agenda:

- Affirmed that communion was served at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 services on June 5, 2011.
- Acknowledged the wedding of Mark Charipar and Alisa Nollendorfs on June 3, 2011 at Eastridge Presbyterian Church with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Removed Eddie Anderson from the church roll—deceased 5/28/11.
- Removed Evelyn Morris from the church roll—deceased 6/2/11.
- Acknowledged that Rev. J.P. Carlson officiated at the funeral service for Evelyn Morris on June 11, 2011 at Eastridge Presbyterian Church.
- Removed Wayne Liesemeyer from the church roll—deceased 6/7/11.
- Acknowledged that Rev. James W. Crelin officiated at the funeral service for Wayne Liesemeyer at Eastridge Presbyterian Church on June 15, 2011.
- Removed Ivan Klein from the church roll—deceased 6/11/11.
- Approved the baptism of James Michael Dickey, son of John and Sarah Dickey, at the 10:30 a.m. service on June 19, 2011.
- Removed Larry and Carol Hill from active rolls, transferred to Southwood Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE.
- Removed Alek Blankenau from church roll per parent's request, graduated and moved to Texas.

#### Regular Motions:

A motion was approved for Rev. Crelin to discuss with Robin Hadfield and/or Gail Keown their interest and willingness to research changes that will be necessary in the revised Book of Order as a result of the nFOG and subsequent changes that will be required in the Eastridge Presbyterian Church Bylaws.

A motion was approved to call Congregational meetings on October 2, 2011 and on January 29, 2012.

A motion was approved to direct trustees to contract with a business to resolve the stained glass window problems to assure that the outside windows meet specifications. Costs should be incurred by indoor maintenance fund.

#### REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS

Elders Jason Anderson, Steve Anderson, Kim Braaten, and Jack Sunderman served as commissioners to the stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, on May 19, 2011. A new minister, the Rev. Sungjae Lee serving the Lincoln Korean Presbyterian Church was welcomed. His installation is set for June 19 at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Harold Rainey was recognized as he retires from three congregations in Homestead Presbytery and also as Stated Clerk. Rev. Raymond Meester, pastor of Lincoln Heritage was elected to succeed Hal as Stated Clerk beginning July 1, 2011. All of the amendments to the Book of Order were approved. For a brief overview: <http://homesteadpres.org/wordpress292/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/20110519-OVERTURE-REVIEW-COMMITTEE-REPORT.pdf>

#### REPORTS TO SESSION

Rev. Crelin and Bob Mitchell provided information regarding the \$1 million Capital Campaign that ended in May 2011. Bob reported that more than \$600,000 of the Capital Campaign funds was used to pay off all capital debts. Approximately \$250,000 remains in the account, which were designated for the completion of the renovation work in the Christian Education Building. However, in the fall of 2009, a catastrophic failure occurred in the compressor for the Christian Education Building air conditioner. This was the third failure of this particular unit since the construction of the Welcome Center caused the air conditioners to be relocated. An extensive investigation indicates that the probable causes are (1) a less than ideal installation of refrigerant lines which created a liquid trap and/or (2) the inherent short cycle operation of a large compressor doing small space air conditioning as is sometimes required by our Christian Education building control system. These problems can be overcome by replacing the existing HVAC system with a total of four smaller HVAC system units. The total cost of this change would be approximately \$100,000.

The cost to repave the church parking lot is estimated at \$40,000. Renovation and refurbishment of the Sanctuary pews is estimated at \$40,000 and the cost to complete the renovation work for the CE building including asbestos abatement, fire sprinkler system, new handicap accessible restrooms, and removal of the old west stairway was estimated two years ago to be approximately \$510,000.

After extensive discussion, Session requested that Bob Mitchell seek from Davis Design an estimate of the costs for the design for the next phase of the Capital Campaign projects and report that cost to Session in order that additional decisions may be made.

Rev. Crelin reviewed the changes that will be made in the revised Book of Order in July 2011 as a result of the approval of Part 3 of Amendments to the Book of Order. He reported that there is a huge spectrum and large gap regarding the changes. Rev. Crelin referred Session members to two pieces of correspondence that were distributed. Rev. Crelin stated that changes will be required in the Eastridge Presbyterian Church Bylaws.