

EASTRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MINUTES
May 12, 2011

A regular meeting of the Eastridge Presbyterian Church Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Huxtable Lounge of the church by Moderator Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd.

Present: Moderator Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd, Interim Associate Pastor Peter Frazier Koontz, Elders Jason Anderson, Steve Anderson, Gail Blankenau, Kim Braaten, Carol Budka, Tim Creger, Kathy Kuehn, David Marx, Ralph Reimann, Kim Shirk, Jack Sunderman and Linda Douglas, Clerk.

Excused: Elders Beth Birnstihl and Wayne Fetterley

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Frazier-Koontz opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was approved to accept the agenda, including items on the Consensus Agenda.

A motion was approved to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2011 regular Session meeting (pp. _____) with the following correction: **A motion was approved** to notify Rev. J.P. Carlson that he is responsible for any future payments on the automobile that was originally provided for his use through funds from an anonymous donor to Eastridge Presbyterian Church.

A motion was approved to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2011 Special Session meeting (pp. _____).

CORRESPONDENCE

An application to Eastridge Memorials and Endowments was received from Susan Taylor requesting funds for Amelia Rangel (\$330) and Adam Alexander (\$230) who were “in charge of Kool Kids this past school year. This money is to be used as a scholarship for college for Amelia and Adam.”

Rev. Crelin read a letter from Doug and Mary Lienemann regarding the use of Capital Campaign funds.

MOTIONS

Consensus Agenda:

Items approved by acceptance of the meeting agenda:

- Affirmed that communion was served at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services on May 1, 2011.
- Approved the wedding of Amanda Day and Scott Orso on April 21, 2012 at Eastridge with guest Pastor Micah Eldridge officiating.
- Approved the wedding of Mark Charipar and Alissa Nollendorfs on June 3, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Acknowledged the wedding of Janae DeSelms and Jason Culver on April 16, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Acknowledged the wedding of Morgan Hartshorn and Bryce Gerteisen on May 7, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Acknowledged the wedding of Jessica Radenslaben and Gregory Grosse on April 30, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. Carl Eskridge officiating.
- Removed Glen Kempf from the church roll—deceased 5/7/11.
- Acknowledged that Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd and Rev. Peter Frazier-Koontz officiated at the funeral service for Glen Kempf on May 11, 2011.
- Acknowledged the baptisms of Ethan Berkebile and Colton Whetsone at the 9:30 a.m. service on May 1, 2011 at Eastridge with Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd officiating.
- Removed Confirmands from the baptized member roll.

Regular Motions

A motion was approved to validate the annual salary package of Interim Associate Pastor, Peter Frazier-Koontz in the amounts of \$48,000 annual salary, \$12,000 housing allowance, and \$3,600 deferred compensation retroactive to the beginning date of his contract.

A motion was approved for Susan Taylor to submit an application to Eastridge Memorial and Endowment Committee requesting funds for Amelia Rangel (\$330) and Adam Alexander (\$230) who were “in charge of Kool Kids this past school year. This money is to be used as a scholarship for college for Amelia and Adam.”

A motion was approved to direct Trustees to make an immediate purchase of portable air conditioners as previously approved by Session.

A motion was approved to instruct trustees to move forward on the Sanctuary Pew refurbishment project.

REPORTS TO SESSION

Report of Head of Staff:

No written report was received. Rev. Crelin discussed the upcoming Presbytery vote (Part 3 of Amendments to Book of Order). Rev. Crelin provided copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution –Part 3 of 3. A vote will be taken on these proposed amendments during the May Presbytery meeting. It was confirmed that Kim Braaten, Jason Anderson, Steve Anderson, and Jack Sunderman will attend the Presbytery meeting on May 19, 2011 at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln at 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Crelin discussed the Capital Campaign and major projects that need completion, including the ongoing air conditioning problems. Currently, there are nine (9) rooms without air conditioning. Additional projects that need completion from campaign funds include asbestos removal and refurbishing of the Sanctuary pews. Discussion regarding the air conditioning problems resulted in a recommendation to wait until the next phase of remodeling for the air conditioning system to be addressed due to the required refurbishment of duct work. The next phase of remodeling will include refurbishment of the east hallway of the church and will require approximately \$800,000.

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 the following: Pastoral care calls, including 6 hospital visits, 10 home visits and 2 funerals. Meetings included Stephen Ministry leaders, Session, Deacons, and Mission planning.

Report of Treasurer:

A written report was received. April 2011 revenues were at 33.60% and expenses were at 29.72%. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Report of Deacons:

The minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting were received. The attendance at the Deacon Sunday coffee was good. Several Outreach concerns were noted. Special arrangements are being made for traveling communion for homebound members. A motion was approved to suspend the Deacon/Church Relations committee. Several upcoming events were discussed including Holy Week, Good Friday cantata, VBS, and summer church schedule.

Report of Trustees:

No written report was received.

Memorial and Endowment Committee:

Written reports were received of the February 17 and April 14 meetings.. Requests were discussed, including request from Stephen Ministry, a loan to the church for a new copier, and training materials for new and current church officers. These were approved. Business Manager, Brett Joseph explained that the listings on the Memorial and Endowment reports are now departments, not funds. Each has an account number. A request was approved for funds to be used for refurbishing the stained glass window in the narthex.

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, Manna, VBS, Lent and Easter, Communion workshop, Easter Egg Hunt, and Palm Sunday. Sunday School attendance for:

April 3: Nursery – High School: 91 children and youth, 26 adults
 April 10: Nursery – High School: 73 children and youth, 15 adults
 April 17: Nursery – High School: 94 children and youth, 8 adults

Director of Music—Molly Schmit
 No written report was received.

Director of Youth—Cody Ramsay
 No written report was received.

A motion was approved to receive written reports to Session

REPORTS FROM SESSION

Report of Clerk:

Wedding List: (See Consensus Agenda)

Member Information: total active members to date: 1012

Average attendance at Sunday Worship: 473

Church roll changes: (See Consensus Agenda)

NAME	ACTION
Ethan Berkebile	Add to Active Member Roll--Profession of Faith
Rylee Boden	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Matthew Caddy	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Sarah Green	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Caroline Janike	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Alison Joseph	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Ashley Joseph	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Tanner Mitchell	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Dillon Rouse	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Shaylee Vice	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Colton Whetstone	Add to Active Member Roll—Profession of Faith
Ethan Berkebile	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Rylee Boden	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Matthew Caddy	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Sarah Green	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Caroline Janike	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Alison Joseph	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Ashley Joseph	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Tanner Mitchell	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Dillon Rouse	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Shaylee Vice	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Colton Whetstone	Remove from Baptized Member Roll
Glen Kempf	Remove from Active Member Roll—Deceased 5/7/11

A motion was approved to receive the report of the Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget and Stewardship—Steve Anderson and Dave Marx
No written report was received.

Christian Education—Ralph Reimann
A written report was received. As the next phase of remodeling begins, Judith Keller the librarian, suggested that some of the older materials in the library be purged, beginning with the audiocassettes. A motion was approved to purge the audiocassettes. Suggestions were also made to begin to purge children's books by considering condition, publication date of 1986 and earlier, and the last checked out date. Additional discussion is needed regarding this suggestion.

Fellowship—Kathy Kuehn
No written report was received.

GROW—Carol Budka and Wayne Fetterley
A written report was received. Carol Budka reported that the stapled tops of some of the Living Water Gift Bags and bottles of water are missing. Carol reported that this situation is unfortunate as we expect the bags to be ready to distribute to guests after church services. Carol requested that anyone having any information about this situation report that to her.

Music and Worship—Jason Anderson
No written report was received. Jason Anderson reported that letters have been mailed regarding Communion servers for summer.

Nominating Committee—Tim Creger
No written report was received. Tim reported that church committee members have been solicited, except openings for 2 Deacons and 3 Elders.

Outreach Committee—Gail Blankenau
No written report was received. Discussion involved Heritage Homes, Japan disaster, and donations.

Personnel—Kim Braaten and Beth Birnstihl
No written report was received. 2 custodians have been hired on a trial basis.

Youth—Kim Shirk
No written report was received.

Youth Representative—Jack Sunderman
No written report was received.

A motion was approved to receive the written and verbal reports from Session.

Old Business:

A reminder that Summer Worship Services at 9:00 and at 10:30 a.m. begin on May 29, 2011.

Other Business:

A motion was approved to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

A motion was approved for the Session to move out of Executive Session following a discussion of personnel matters.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 6-10, 2011—Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

June 18-25, 2011—Youth Great Escape

June 21-23, 2011—Schuyler Vacation Bible School

July 10-16, 2011—High School Mission Trip

The next regulation session meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Elder Ralph Reimann led those assembled in prayer.

Linda E. Douglas
Clerk of Session

Approved _____