

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Session
held November 5, 1962

A Regular Meeting of the Session was held at the Manse, 808 Lill Street, Barrington, Illinois, on Monday, November 5, 1962, at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

The following Elders were present:

Ralph Johnson	Norman Tucker
Jack Train	Leslie Gleason
Fred Keilholz	Hal Wilson
Carl Knipp	Gordon Monsen
Henry Beard	Charles Board
Donald Thomas	

The following Elder was absent:

Earl Norstrom

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Pastor the Reverend Paul A. Winchester.

The minutes of the meetings of the Session held October 1, 1962 and October 7, 1962 were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk brought to the attention of the meeting a letter from the Department of Urban Church of the Presbytery of Chicago, urging that our Church relate to two Neighborhood Houses, namely, Christopher House and Firman House, and pointed out that "relating to" a Neighborhood House consists of:

- (1) providing members for the Board,
- (2) providing auxiliary members,
- (3) calling upon the House to interpret its work in order that there may be:
 - (a) direct gifts to the House by Members of the Church,

- (b) direct gifts to the House by different organizations within the Church, and
- (c) direct gifts to the House from Benevolence Funds of the Church, and
- (4) providing volunteer workers for emergency programs.

It developed during the discussion that the Christopher and Firman Houses are both Presbyterian; that they are supported in large part by the Community Fund; that numerous Churches are relating to each Neighborhood House, and that our Church would be one of many supporting the Houses to which we relate; that any contribution the Church might make out of its funds to a House is purely a voluntary matter and no minimum amount is expected; that the Women's Organization has already become active in this program; and that normally most of the work in connection with relating to a House is carried on by the Women's Organization.

It was also suggested that it would be more desirable if we could relate to Olivet House rather than to Firman House.

On motion of Donald Thomas, seconded by Jack Train, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that this Church relate to Christopher House; that the Stated Clerk inquire of the Department of Urban Church of the Presbytery of Chicago whether we may relate to Olivet House rather than to Firman House; and that upon resolution of this matter the Stated Clerk advise the Women's Organization.

The Stated Clerk then brought before the meeting a communication from the Presbytery of Chicago in respect of the establishment of the Institute for Elders and this matter was discussed at length.

On motion of Gordon Monsen, seconded by Carl Knipp, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that attendance at the Institute for Elders be strongly recommended by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to all persons nominated to serve as Elders of the Church.

The Pastor reported on his activities during October. He stated that the average attendance at Sunday Services was 125 persons, and that October, 1962 was the first month since the founding of the Church that the attendance had exceeded 100 persons each Sunday.

The Pastor also reported the following Baptism on Sunday, October 21, 1962:

Richard Randolph Rodgers;
Son of Theodore and Anne Rodgers,
born September 19, 1961, in Evanston,
Illinois.

Committee Reports

Worship Committee --

Henry Beard, Chairman, reported on the employment of the new Soloist at \$10.00 per Sunday. He also reported that more men were needed to participate in the Choir.

Membership Committee --

Ralph Johnson, Chairman, reported that he had had a discussion of Membership Committee problems with Elder Lee, former Chairman, but had no special report to make.

The Pastor stated that there are currently 298 members of the Church.

Christian Education Committee --

Jack Train, Superintendent of the Church School, suggested that the girls in the Junior High Department be permitted to present a brief seasonal program at a Church

Service during the Christmas Season. It was the consensus that this matter be worked out among Jack Train, The Pastor and the Worship Committee.

Stewardship Committee --

Donald Thomas, Chairman, reported that despite an increase in attendance during the month of October the total offering for the month was one of the poorest of any month.

Hal Wilson reported that the second payment on the \$175,000 loan which the Church Extension Board had obtained from The First National Bank and Trust Company of Barrington, to provide funds to build the initial Unit of our Church, had been made to the Church Extension Board of the Presbytery of Chicago on October 25, 1962 in the amount of \$3,342.76, and pointed out that similar payments would have to be made on the 25th of each month until the loan is paid off. He reported that the cash balance in the Building Fund is presently \$4,344.83.

Hal Wilson also reported on cash receipts and disbursements through October 31, 1962.

Norman Tucker reported that our expenses for 1962 would be approximately \$26,700.00 and that our receipts for the year would be about \$28,500.00, based in each case on a projection for November and December of last year's receipts and disbursements during those months.

Donald Thomas, Chairman, recommended to the Session that all interest on the Church debt be paid out of the Current Operating Fund and that no part of such interest be paid out of the Building Fund. He also pointed out that this would mean that Benevolences would not be paid on the amount of the Current Operating Fund used to pay interest.

On motion of Charles Board, seconded by Leslie Gleason, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all interest heretofore or hereafter incurred on Church debt out of the Current Operating Fund to the extent funds are available therefor.

Donald Thomas, Chairman, presented to the Session the proposed Budget for 1963 and reported that his Committee had met with the Pastor and had reviewed with him the question of his compensation for the ensuing year.

The Budget was discussed and reviewed in detail. Thereupon, on motion of Carl Knipp, seconded by Henry Bear, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Budget for 1963 in the form presented to the meeting be approved, and that the Stewardship Committee be authorized to present it to the Congregation at the annual meeting thereof.

The Stated Clerk suggested that the Building Committee be authorized to take certain action in respect of the new Building pending activation of the new Board of Trustees and pointed out specifically that such matters as covering the Building with insurance and providing a Custodian must be care of promptly.

On motion of Jack Train, seconded by Gordon Mons, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Building Committee be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed to make reasonable arrangements for fire, liability and other appropriate insurance coverage on the new Building and for custodial service and that such Committee be authorized to take action on any other matters deemed advisable pertaining to the new Church Building until the first meeting of the new Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Pastor at 11:30 P.M.

Charles W. Board
Charles W. Board - Stated Clerk