

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A special meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington was held on April 2nd at the Countryside School for the purpose of meeting with the following people, who had applied for membership:

J. O. B.

Henrietta B. Hampton - Reaffirmation of Faith
 Carol Hope Hampton - " " "

A motion was made that these members be received into the membership of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. This motion was seconded and passed.

Miss Chris Emily Johnson was baptized at this special meeting of the Session.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered to Heather Jane Welsh and Sarah Abigail Pratt during the church service on April 2nd.

The Session members present for the special meeting of the Session were Elders Gordon Monse, Henry Beard, Carl Knipp, Wilbur Edwards, representing a quorum.

The meeting was closed with prayer by The Reverend Winchester.

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A meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington was held in the Manse at eight o'clock on the evening of April 4, 1961.

Moderator: The Reverend Paul Winchester

Those Present:

Lee Vance
 Hal Wilson
 Leslie Gleason
 Carl Knipp
 Norman Tucker
 Gordon Monsen
 Henry Beard
 Charles Board
 Earl Norstrom
 Wilbur Edwards Representing a quorum.

Those Absent:

Ralph Johnson (Excused)
 Donald Thomas (Excused)

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Reverend Winchester.

The minutes of the meeting of March 7th were read by the Clerk and approved.

The moderator mentioned that the capital funds program of the Illinois Synod is under way and that a meeting was to be held in Arlington Heights Friday night, April 7th. Due to our primary concern at the present time in our own building program, it was moved and seconded that we not participate in the current capital funds program of the Illinois Synod. The vote was carried unanimously. The minister suggested that there were individuals within the congregation that might be interested and that he would feel free to speak to them personally about the capital funds program. The Session members thought this would be a good idea.

The motion was made, seconded and passed for the moderator to renew the contact with the Countryside School for the period of April, May and June. Approval was given for the payment of \$15 for the use of the Countryside School Maundy Thursday evening.

At the request of the moderator a report on the duties and rights of the Session was made by Elder Board. Based upon a recent publication written by the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church, The Reverend Carson Blake, entitled "Presbyterian Law of The Local Church" a similar report on the duties and rights of the minister was made by Elder Edwards.

Proposed committees of the Session were read by the Clerk. It was moved, seconded and passed that the following committees serve until December 31, 1961 and until their successors have been appointed:

Stewardship	Charles Board, chairman Hal Wilson, Don Thomas
Christian Education	Norman Tucker, chairman Earl Norstrom Bill Edwards
Membership	Lee Vance, chairman Gordon Monsen Ralph Johnson
Worship	Leslie Gleason, chairman Henry Beard Carl Knipp

At this point in the meeting the question arose as to whether, according to previous minutes, we had established as a Session that the chairmen of committees must appear on all invoices. The Clerk has checked the minutes of December 6, 1960 and finds

that the procedure adopted is as follows: "Resolved:

The person placing an order for any expenditure, have the responsibility of (a) obtaining an invoice for such expenditure, (b) checking to assure that the materials or services have been received or rendered, (c) to approve the invoice for payment, signing the same, and (d) to send it to the Pastor.

Each expenditure should be charged to the Committee budget of the person approving the same. In the case of services, if an invoice is not rendered, the person ordering the service should prepare a memo describing the services, stating when they were rendered, and the amount due and owing and should approve the same and send it for payment to the Pastor.

Elder Gleason reported on behalf of the Worship Committee that in March attendance at church services not including Easter was 118 compared to 104 for March a year ago and 120 for February of 1961. The attendance at Maundy Thursday services this year was 38 compared to 58 in 1960.

Due to certain confusion which existed in the preparation for the Easter service rehearsals, the lack of communication between the superintendent of the church school and the minister as to the participation in the church service by the church school members, it was noted by the moderator that the incident referred to pointed up vividly the great contribution which has been made by Elder Gleason in previous church services. His absence on Easter was felt.

Great tribute was paid to Elder Beard and through him to Mrs. Beard and all who participated in the magnificent choir which sang on Easter Sunday. Hope was expressed by the Session that such a group could soon be with us on a regular basis.

Elder Knipp reported that members of our youth organization were now being used as ushers.


Elder Beard called the attention of the Session members to some of the promotion and publicity being given to the Chicago concert singers event on May 13th. He reported that sale of tickets was going along satisfactorily.

The Stewardship Committee report was given by Elder Board. The complete report is attached. The highlights were that we spent \$611.91 more than we received for the month of March; for the year to date we have received \$1,357.45 more than we have spent. However, the Session was cautioned by Elder Board and Elder Wilson that we still have a number of outstanding bills, which have not as yet been paid. The balance on hand according to the attached report at the end of March was \$6,668.13.

Wilson reported on behalf of the Building Committee that a meeting by the committee had been held. The congregation has now seen the sketches, but it appears that we do not have sufficient money to build according to the plans presented. Wilson reported that a check for \$5,991.25 for payment in full for preliminary engineering drawings has been paid to Faulkner and Faulkner, architectural concern, by Church Extension Board. No action was taken to return this money to the Church Extension Board awaiting the meeting of the Session and Building Committee with the architect, which meeting was set for Sunday afternoon, April 9th at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. Gordon Monsen. This meeting is being called to discuss where to go from here on our building program.

The Moderator suggested a retreat for the members of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington at Druce Lake Camp on the date of Saturday, May 20th.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 11:15 p.m.


Wilbur S. Edwards
Stated Clerk

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The meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington was held in the church at eight o'clock on the evening of May 2, 1961.

Called to Order: The Reverend Paul Winchester

Present:

Norman Tucker
Ralph Johnson
Lee Vancel
Hal Wilson
Don Thomas
Leslie Gleason
Carl Knipp
Wilbur Edwards (Representing a quorum)

Absent:

Gordon Monsen
Earl Norstrom

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Reverend Winchester.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4th were read by the Clerk and approved.

The Clerk called to the attention of the Session the intention of the nominating

committee expressed at the last congregational meeting that, while all members of the Session were elected trustees, it was anticipated the Session would in turn appoint three members to carry out the duties of the trustees. The Clerk then made a motion that the Stewardship Committee be appointed in this capacity. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Board, chairman of the Stewardship Committee observed that since all members of the Session had been elected as trustees, the Stewardship Committee would want to bring any important actions regarding the work of the trustees to the attention of the entire Session.

The Moderator announced that the Presbyterian Church of Barrington had received its first request for a transfer by letter for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deal to the Faith Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri. The Clerk was instructed to prepare such a letter.

Elder Tucker reported on behalf of the Christian Education Committee that two meetings had been held during the month. The action of primary interest pertained to the play written by Mrs. Sylvia Bennett. At the first of these two meetings of the Christian Education Committee on March 10th the teachers were advised of the play and plans were made to present the idea to parents of Church School children whose cooperation would be essential for success of the project. The second meeting on April 18th received a report back from the teachers that both teachers and parents were enthusiastic and the strong recommendation that we go forward with the project. Elder Tucker also announced that the Christian Education Committee has been organized to include three people in addition to members of the Session. They are Jack Train, superintendent of the Church School, Mrs. Marie Butler representing the Women's Association and an unnamed sponsor of the Westminster Fellowship. The Clerk was requested to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Shields, former sponsors of the Westminster Fellowship expressing the thanks of the Session for the fine job they have done since the Westminster Fellowship was founded at our church. Elder Tucker also moved that the Reverend James Wallace, who has accepted a call as the assistant pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Iowa as of May 31st be paid both his salary and car allowance through the month of May. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Membership Committee report was given by Elder Vance, chairman. The highlights of the report were:

Under the Visitation Program church members will be visited at least once a year by the zone leader and visitors he selects. New members will be visited by the zone leader within their first month of membership. Prospective members will be visited as they are found by or referred to the zone leader.

Under the Spiritual Development Program the Membership Committee will appoint a committee of the congregation to question members and develop a program for the consideration of the Membership Committee.

The Zone Leaders are:

George Fairweather
 Ted Weymouth
 Melvin Kenley
 Howard Dieter
 Paul Pearson
 Eugene Smith
 Larry Smith

Moderator announced that the Reverend Andrew Newcomer, the Central Area Secretary for Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church, can visit Barrington on April 18th. The Moderator believes Mr. Newcomer can make a significant spiritual contribution to our church. It was decided to ask Mr. Newcomer to meet with the congregation on that date and that the Pastor feel free to also invite Mr. Newcomer to speak at the morning service if he desired and it was convenient with the Reverend Newcomer.

Worship Committee report was given by Elder Gleason. The Worship Committee met on April 8th, but there was nothing of significance to report to the Session.

Elder Gleason announced to the members of the Session the result of the voting on April 30th by the congregation as to the desired time of Sunday services during summer. The expression of the congregation was almost evenly divided between hours of 9:30 and earlier and 10 o'clock and later. It was moved and seconded that our church services beginning June 4th through September 3rd be held at 9:30 a.m. Motion was carried.

Elder Gleason reported on the attendance figures for the month of April. Including Easter the average attendance was 131 compared to 128 for March and 129 for April of a year ago. Elder Gleason observed, however, that omitting Easter the attendance for the other four Sundays averaged only 98 compared to 108 of a year ago. The drop in attendance was noted and briefly discussed. The consensus appeared to be that we should continue to observe any loss in attendance but at the moment should not consider the April fall-off to be alarming.

Pastor observed that in his opinion we should have special music each Sunday. This would be an added attraction to help build church attendance.

Stewardship Committee report was given by Chairman Elder Boand. April receipts amounted to approximately \$3600 against disbursements of \$2100, leaving an excess of approximately \$1500. For the year receipts have amounted to \$10,511.26 and disbursements of \$7,640 leaving an excess of approximately \$2800. Elder Boand reported we have in the bank as of April 30th \$8,821.65. Elder Wilson pointed out, however, that his financial picture does not reflect the number of bills yet unpaid.

Following a discussion on matters pertaining to stewardship it was requested that the Stewardship Committee prepare a report of expenditures for the various committees.

chairmen through April 30th. Elder Board replied by saying that the committee will also issue in the future a financial report for each of the committees through June 1961 and quarterly thereafter.

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Elder Thomas advised that one member of the congregation had given \$1000 to the church which was not designated for any particular church function. Elder Thomas had, therefore, placed the money in a separate bank account and wished the Session to know of his action and to give him any guidance it desired to. The Session expressed the opinion that the money be left in the separate account until a particular need is expressed.

The Clerk announced that Mr. Wendell Fentress had been appointed chairman of the Structure Committee established at the request of the congregational meeting to study the advisability of establishing more than one board for our church.

A report was given by Elder Gleason representing the special committee of the Session appointed to make recommendations to the Session as to the policy to be set down by the Session with regard to its working relationship with the Building Committee. At an informal meeting held on April 9th of the Session and the Building Committee, the Building Committee had requested that the Session give it guidance as to policy and methods of procedure for the future. A committee consisting of Elder Gleason, Elder Vance and Elder Board met and recommended the following:

"Pursuant to a request of a joint meeting of the members of the Session and the Building Committee, Charles Board, Lee Vance and Leslie Gleason met as a committee to frame a recommendation to the Session concerning its instructions to the Building Committee on the next steps in the building program. Reverend Winchester and Wilbur Edwards were present.

As previously agreed, it is felt that, before further action is taken, it is necessary to determine whether a general consent of the congregation can be obtained to proceed with the recommendations which the Building Committee has presented. To this end, the Building Committee is requested to prepare in writing a plan for the Building Committee to determine the feelings of the congregation and present this plan for Session approval at the next Session meeting, May 2, 1961. The plan should provide the necessary means for presenting information, obtaining congregational views, and arriving at a definite conclusion as to the general attitude. Such means as group meetings, general mailings, and a questionnaire should be considered.

The resulting Building Committee estimate of the situation should then be reported to the Session in summarized but

specific terms, after which the Session will authorize the indicated action, either to call a congregational meeting or to proceed. Until such time, it is felt that general authorizations to the Building Committee would be meaningless.

Assuming that general congregational approval can be obtained, it is recommended that the Session authorize the Building Committee to proceed with additional fund-raising and financing arrangements. It is the feeling of the committee that Building Committee plans for these activities should be presented to the Session for approval prior to their use.

When a determination as to the financial situation can be made, it is recommended that the Session authorize the Building Committee to proceed with preparation of working drawings and taking of bids. A report should be made to the Session before contracts are signed.

Although details of these steps are functions of the Building Committee, major plans affecting the peace and unity of the congregation are the proper concern of the Session and should receive their approval. Such approval will be facilitated by better communication to the Session of action being taken by the Building Committee."

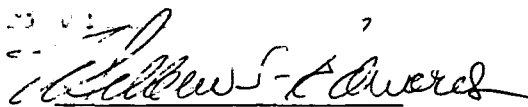
moved and seconded that the recommendation of the committee be accepted. Motion was carried.

The Building Committee did not present to the Session at its meeting on [redacted] a plan for determining the temperature of the congregation regarding our [redacted] program, the Session asked that the members also serving on the Building Committee advise the Building Committee that special meetings of the Session would [redacted] at any time the Building Committee desired in order to move the program forward as quickly as possible.

The Moderator observed that the Synod of Illinois will meet at Lake Forest College this year and that Elders advise him if they could attend.

The Session voted to have future meetings on the first Monday evening of each

Session meeting of May 2nd was adjourned with prayer at 10:45 p.m.


 Wilbur S. Edwards
 Stated Clerk