

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SESSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A joint meeting of the Session and the Building Committee was held on the evening of May 26th at eight o'clock at the Manse.

The meeting was opened with prayer by The Reverend Winchester.

Those Present:

Charles Board

Lee Vance

Leslie Gleason

Ralph Johnson

Carl Knipp

Wilbur Edwards

Those Absent:

Norman Tucker

Donald Thomas

Henry Beard

Gordon Monsen

Earl Norstrom

Hal Wilson (Excused)

The minutes of the Session meeting of February 7th and special session meeting of February 12th, March 19th and April 2nd were read and approved.

Leslie Gleason brought before the Session the thoughts of some women members of our congregation that a church picnic be held in July. It was made clear by Mr. Gleason that the picnic was the idea of this group of ladies as individuals and not as members of the official women's organization of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

After discussion a motion for holding this picnic as suggested did not pass. An alternate motion was made that this group of ladies of our congregation make recommendation to the women's group of the congregation which in cooperation with the membership committee of the Session could refer the idea of the picnic to the Session should it be backed by these respective organizations. This motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Ralph Johnson was delegated by the Membership Committee and the Moderator to let the wishes of the Session known to the women making proposal. Mr. Leslie Gleason also offered to be of help in seeing that the thoughts of the Session was clarified with the ladies involved.

The rest of the meeting of the Session was given over to the purpose for which this special meeting was called namely to hear from the Building Committee on the details of our proposed church building and to hear its recommendations.

George Gruendel made the presentation to the Session with Ralph Johnson and Leslie Gleason also members of the Session and the Building Committee present as Mr. Harold Van Steenderen, a member of the Building Committee.

Attached to these minutes is the outline of the Building Committee's presentation. In summary, the Building Committee has presented to the Session the following

May 25, 1961

"Mr. Wilbur Edwards
Clerk of Session
Presbyterian Church of Barrington
Barrington, Illinois

Dear Bill:

We of the Building Committee met on May 8, 1961 and discussed at length the current status of the Church Building Program:

The Committee unanimously agrees that there should be a general modification of the Master Plan to more realistically reflect the financial capacity and needs of the Church.

We feel the Master Plan should be modified from its present size to a size that would seat approximately 250 people in the sanctuary with other facilities reduced pro rata. In view of the average attendance figures, this reduction in size would more appropriately handle our immediate and near future requirements; at the same time benefit the Church by a reduction in ultimate costs. Insofar as anticipation of an ultimate membership of some 1200 was concerned, the modified facilities could accommodate this growth through a "multiple service" system when and if necessary.

In addition to the foregoing; it was the feeling of the Committee that in submitting the modified proposal the architects, Faulkner and Faulkner, could also present some alternate architectural styles for consideration.

These questions have been discussed at length both with the architects and Reverend Shangler of the Church

Extension Board, and have met with their approval. We believe this to be the most propitious course of action consistent with needs and dollars available.

With Session approval, the Building Committee could proceed immediately along the above lines and endeavor to secure as quickly as possible the recommendation of the architects reflecting the above changes and alternates.

Further, it is our thinking that with the modified program, subject to Session approval and unanimous endorsement, another congregational presentation could be made with a reasonable assumption that enthusiastic response would be forthcoming. Action could then be immediately taken to begin work on the unit agreed.

While we appreciate the recommendation of the Session to determine the current "pulse of the Congregation" to the present Master Plan before them, the Committee fee at the moment we have had ample reaction to the present Master Plan to indicate a current reaction, and in view of the above changes, this inquiry would be premature.

We ask your consideration and approval for this course of action.

Sincerely yours,

George Gruendel
Chairman
Building Committee"

Mr. Gruendel, on behalf of the Committee, also made certain observations which are pertinent to the building project. He observed that the Building Committee had greater unanimity than ever before on its thinking as to where and how we should go from here. The committee felt further that they should not move until the Session was in accord with the outlined procedure placing both groups in a position in which we could go forward together on whatever we decided.

After the presentation of the Building Committee, tribute to and appreciation to the Building Committee for the fine work done on the presentation given the Session was made and recorded by the members of the Session present.

A lengthy discussion followed including the various points of view of the Session members present.

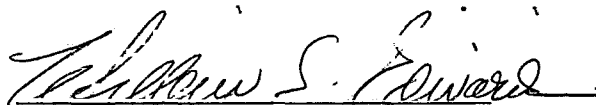
oved and seconded that a Session meeting be called and that the Building
be authorized to present at that meeting sketches of various types of
ure under consideration, which the Building Committee felt appropriate for
ation. Included in the motion was the approval of the first four points of the
Committee's recommendation, namely:

1. Desire and need to build now rather than later.
2. Present financial status and prospects.
3. Projections and estimates.
4. All items listed under building.

ion was seconded and passed.

of only six members of the Session being present at this meeting, it was not
action should be taken upon the Building Committee's recommendation as to
e as outlined in the attached memorandum. However, discussion by the Session
out that there was a feeling among those Session members present the congregation
e exposed to the updated thinking of the Session and the Building Committee and
opportunity to express themselves through such means as small group meetings
estionnaire.

step is for the Building Committee to present to the Session its recommendation of
of architecture along with alternate drawings, for the Session then to take action
procedure to be followed.



Wilbur S. Edwards
Stated Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
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of June 5th at eight o'clock at the Manse.

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- Norman Tucker
- Leslie Gleason
- Ralph Johnson
- Donald Thomas

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