

FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH

Nevada, Iowa

April 18, 2012

Session Meeting Minutes:

A meeting of the Session of the Family of Faith Church, Nevada, Iowa, was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the home of Karen Chance. Those present were Elders Karen Chance, Stacy Dobernecker, Ron Meals, Lori Mensing, and Pastor Scott Milsom.

Pastor Milsom called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Scott continued the teaching and discussion using materials from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Leadership Training Guide as has been done in past session meetings. Following this training session a regular session meeting was held.

Clerk of Session Report: Elder Ron Meals presented the minutes from the April 4, 2012 meeting. These minutes were accepted and adopted. Along with the minutes Ron also distributed a section from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Book of Order describing the role and responsibilities of officers of the church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott provided a report on the celebration of Easter worship activities held last week. Attendance was good. Approximately 40 attended the Maundy Thursday worship and potluck. Good Friday worship attendance was approximately 37, and Easter Sunday worship was approximately 40. It was discussed how elders could utilize a system in the future where attendance could be recorded using a checklist for each worship event. Scott reported that there has been an increase in the need for various kinds of counseling that has picked up for this time of the year. Also shared by Scott and Ron was something that they learned at the small church conference they recently attended. That was a system some churches have implemented making use of "mystery worship visitors" to gain feedback as to how visitors are treated and the impression they gain when visiting a new church. A discussion was held how we might make use of this plan to help introduce others to our church.

The Pastor's report was accepted and approved.

Member Care Ministry Team Report: Elder Karen Chance reported on visits that have recently been accomplished, and announced the Member Care Ministry team will be providing refreshments for after worship coffee this coming Sunday. Karen discussed with the session how to better involve church members in taking turns in being greeters before worship each Sunday. Perhaps some do not feel comfortable making a presentation prior to worship.

The Member Care Ministry Team report was accepted and approved.

Board of Trustees Report: Elder Jim Axline was absent. He will be providing a financial report at the next session meeting. In his place Elder Ron Meals informed elders that he and

Jim will be meeting with Pastor Scott to finalize a letter of agreement to be a part of a compensation package that was approved at the April 4 session meeting.

Christian Education Ministry Team Report: Elder Stacy Dobernecker reported on the showing of the movie *October Baby* movie last Sunday and those from our church who attended. She indicated that perhaps some kind of a follow up will be planned. Also Stacy suggested that something special will be planned for high school seniors who will be graduating. Several ideas were shared. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Christian Education Ministry Team report was accepted and approved.

Worship Ministry Team Report: Elder Jason Boyd was absent. It was shared that Michael Mensing will be handling the video and sound for worship next Sunday. A short discussion took place regarding how to improve the sound aspects for worship music.

Evangelism, Mission and Outreach Ministry Report: Elder Lori Mensing provided an update on the upcoming Old Fashion Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, May 12. Sign up sheets for participation will be available the next few Sundays. Lori provided additional information regarding members of our church volunteering for DIRT, a program that organizes volunteers for disaster assistance and relief. Lori also announced that basically Lincoln Highway Days event will take place only on a Saturday. She will continue to be checking on how our church could be involved.

The Evangelism, Mission and Outreach Ministry Team report was accepted and approved.

Other Business: A reminder that adult Bible study takes place every other Wednesday, alternating with session meetings. Also a reminder that we should be thinking about how to take advantage of the calendar section on our church's website. At this time Pastor Scott expressed appreciation regarding the updating of his compensation package that was approved at the April 4 session meeting.

Being there was no other business before the session at this time, the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer

The next session meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at the home of Ron and Louise Meals. The meeting will start with the usual leadership training continuing with a focus on section 2 of the ordination questions– page 37.

Ron Meals
Clerk of Session