

FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH

Nevada, Iowa

May 2, 2012

Session Meeting Minutes:

The Family of Faith Church Session of Nevada, Iowa, met on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the home of Ron and Louise Meals. Those present were Elders Jim Axline, Jason Boyd, 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 18, 2012 meeting. These minutes were accepted and approved. There was no correspondence to present at this time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott reported that he received an email from Jeff Ropp, a missionary and his family presently ministering in the Philippines, asking for continued prayers for their efforts in this part of the world. Scott provided an update regarding a church family member who is recovering from a procedure installing a pacemaker. Scott also mentioned that he occasionally has been in touch with Pastor George Salnave from the First Presbyterian Church in Montezuma, whose church was accepted and transferred into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination this past year. He will be meeting with Pastor George in the near future.

Evangelism, Mission, and Outreach Ministry Report: Elder Lori Mensing reported that plans are progressing on the Lincoln Highway Days event. She will keep elders updated as time goes on with suggestions for our church's involvement. Lori announced that there will be a training meeting on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 PM for members of our church who signed up for DIRT. Lori also announced that she has made arrangements for all church families to receive a packet of materials pertaining to disasters and other such happenings. Everyone was reminded that the Family of Faith Church's Old Fashion Bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 12, at the Hardware Hank's hardware store. Jim Axline was thanked for agreeing to have this event at his store. Lori will be making an announcement on this coming Sunday, May 6.

This report from the Evangelism, Mission, and Outreach Ministry Report was accepted and approved.

Members Care Ministry Team Report: Elder Karen Chance provided a report regarding visits and contacts with church family members. An updated list of those who have or are presently attending our church was distributed. The report provided by Elder Karen was accepted and approved.

Board of Trustees Report: Elder Jim Axline provided a financial report for the month of April. There was a checkbook balance of \$11,775.78 at the end of April. Jim also distributed a budget that was updated and approved at April 4 session meeting. Jim next distributed and discussed with the session an updated pastor's job description for our church, along with a letter of

agreement to be signed that reflects the updated pastor's job description. A discussion was held with explanations regarding the items on both of these documents. This letter of agreement includes a compensation package approved by the session on April 4. A motion was called for action regarding these two documents and a vote taken. The motion received approval with a majority vote. The report provided by Elder Jim Axline was accepted and approved.

Christian Education Ministry Team Report: Elder Stacy Dobernecker shared that her team will be re-examining materials utilized for Sunday School. She also suggested that vacation Bible as has been most known in the past is not possible.

On another matter, Stacy suggested that there is a need to be communicating with our church family members regarding the work the session and ministry teams have been doing these past months. After discussing and sharing a variety of ideas, it was agreed that starting on Sunday, May 13, each elder will take a few minutes before the main part of worship to briefly talk about what each area of their responsibility has been accomplishing since our new church has been organized as a session. It was agreed that this will be done according to the following schedule:

Sunday, May 13 - Christian Education Ministry Team – Elder Stacy Dobernecker

Sunday, May 20 – Evangelism, Mission, and Outreach Ministry – Elder Lori Mensing

Sunday, May 27 - Members Care Ministry – Elder Karen Chance

Sunday June 3 – Clerk of Session – Elder Ron Meals

Sunday June 10 – Board of Trustees – Elder Jim Axline

Sunday June 17 – Worship Ministry Team – Elder Jason Boyd

Sunday June 24 - EPC Leadership Training – Pastor Scott Milsom

This report provided by Elder Stacy was accepted and approved.

Worship Ministry Team: Elder Jason Boyd indicated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business: A discussion was held regarding the need for us as elders to communicate with each other regarding questions, concerns, and ideas. It was agreed that at this point in time with the growth of our new church, we need to be planning together regarding a vision, long-range goals, and expectations for our church.

Being there was no other business before the session the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

The next session meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, at the home of Jim and Barb Axline. The meeting will start with the usual leadership training continuing on the section dealing with an understanding of *who, what, why, and when* of the Westminster Confession – pages 17 to 32 and pages 43 to 44 of the leadership training guide.

Ron Meals
Clerk of Session