

FAMILY OF FAITH CHURCH

Nevada, Iowa

May 16, 2012

Session Meeting Minutes:

The Family of Faith Church Session of Nevada, Iowa, met on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at 6:30 PM at the home of Jim and Barb Axline. 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 May 2, 2012 meeting. These minutes were accepted and approved as changed. There was no correspondence to present at this time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Scott reported on the funeral for Dale Link that was held earlier today at the Bacon Funeral Home. He also reported on a visit with a gentleman who was a first time visitor to our church last Sunday. Scott shared a conversation he had with Carolyn Nystrom, Stated Clerk for the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He indicated that he felt it would be important to now be considering a timeline for recommending to our family church members for joining the EPC. He also mentioned that the fall meeting of the EPC Rivers and Lakes Presbytery would be held in Dubuque, and that would be a convenient time for us to attend as a session. A discussion was held regarding communicating with our church family about joining the EPC. It was determined that it would be appropriate to share with the congregation this coming Sunday the video elders recently viewed that introduces the EPC as a denomination. The ministry team's reports that are planned to be given during worship service, as determined at the session meeting on May 2, will each be set back one week. (See schedule from May 2 session meeting.)

The Pastor's report was accepted and approved.

Members Care Ministry Team Report: Elder Karen Chance shared with session members several ideas that she will discuss with her ministry team. Karen distributed a form which will be used by each elder to record those who are attending church services, and then be shared and compared to gather information regarding attendance. This will begin on Sunday, May 20. The Members Care Ministry Team's report was accepted and approved.

Board of Trustees Report: Elder Jim Axline reported that he is working on a system that would allow an analysis of income and outflow of our church's finances for budget planning purposes. The Board of Trustees report was accepted and approved.

Christian Education Ministry Team Report: Elder Stacy Dobernecker reported that she will be providing information regarding the upcoming Women of Faith of conference that is scheduled for October 16, and will be inviting women of our congregation to be involved. She

also announced that there will be a special recognition for new graduates on Sunday, May 27, who are from our church families. Stacy's report was accepted and approved.

Worship Ministry Team: Elder Jason Boyd reported that he will be keeping elders updated regarding arrangements to fill the pulpit on Sunday, May 27, when Scott and Lori will be taking a break to be with family for a graduate event. Jason's report was accepted and approved.

Evangelism, Mission, and Outreach Ministry Team Report: Elder Lori Mensing reported on the success of the Family of Faith Church's Old Fashion bake sale held on Saturday, May 12, at Nevada's hardware store. She indicated that she has some new ideas for future events such as this one. Lori also announced a meeting for those who signed up to be a part of a disaster assistance team (DiRT) to be held at the elementary school. An added possibility in this area is that emergency preparedness booklet will be available to distribute to church families in the near future. Lori informed the session that there will be opportunities for church family members to be involved as volunteers for an upcoming Freedom Flight that is planned for this coming fall.

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

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

The next session meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, at the home of Karen Chance. The meeting will begin with leadership training, continuing using materials and information from the EPC's leadership training guide.

Ron Meals
Clerk of Session