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The Pastor's Pen

From Tony Evans' Book of Illustrations, Evans, pg 232

"The things in your house work because of electricity. Electricity is an invisible power that gives you visible privileges. It turns the lights on, turns the TV on, turns the toaster on; all that stuff is working in your house because you've got one invisible power shooting through there called electricity. But none of those things work even though they have access to electricity until you flip on a switch. You've got to make a connection before the stuff that's there works."

How's your connection with God?

Blessings, Jo

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture

JUNE

June 7

- 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)
- Psalm 138
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35
- Genesis 3:8-15
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

June 14

- 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
- Psalm 20
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
- Mark 4:26-34

June 21

- 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
- Psalm 9:9-20
- 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
- Psalm 133
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:35-41

June 28

- 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
- Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- Mark 5:21-43

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Events this Month

June 7

Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.

June 9

Session meeting, 6:00 p.m.

June 10

Open Hearts, 6:30 p.m.

June 14

Flag Day and Disability
Inclusion Sunday
Communion worship, 10:30 a.m.

June 21

Father's Day

June 24

Open Hearts, 6:30 p.m.

June 27

Knotty Prayers, 10:00 a.m.

WORK TO BE DONE

Fellowship Hall windows,
brick repair, painting

July fellowship dinner hosted by
Jean and Margaret

Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL
Session Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2015

Members present

Margaret Neustaedter
Tammy Mendiola
Linda Lade
Betsy Dodson
Jean Mourey

Moderator

Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order: A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo.

Approval of Minutes: An error in the minutes regarding the amount of money in the bank account was noted. The minutes were amended and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy reported a problem with printing out the treasurer's report. A discussion was held regarding QuikBooks vs Xcel. Jo requested to meet with Betsy Dodson (treasurer) and Jeanette Harman (financial secretary) to work out the problem. This will be arranged. At this time the accounts show:

Checking account - \$21,958.20
Money Market account - \$28,706.50

Tammy noted that what has previously been referred to as Euchee Valley money needs to be referred to as outreach money in the future.

Betsy noted she has written a check in the amount of \$6733.00 to pay for half the cost of repairing the stained glass windows. This leaves at present a balance of \$4902.00. Bovard will not be able to begin work on the windows until May. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Clerk's Report: Jean presented the annual statistical report needing to be submitted immediately. The report was inspected and approved for submission.

Jean reported her finding of a record repository provided by the Presbytery. She also has looked into acquiring a safe, reporting \$199.00 for a new tabletop safe and \$45.00 to rekey a used safe. She will do more investigating into these matters. She

reported the Presbytery employs a person named Bobby Montgomery who would be able to help us plan our 150 year anniversary celebration. Jean will investigate the costs involved in utilizing these services.

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Property Report: Betsy stated she has requested two different estimates to replace the 52 windows in the Fellowship Hall building. These will include frames and sills. The windows are not standard size therefore requiring either custom made windows or altering the window frames to fit standard size windows. She will have the glaziers work these options into their estimates. Betsy suggests that after the stained glass windows have been repaired any fundraising be for the windows in the Fellowship Hall. Betsy will have an electrician determine what causes the buzzing from the lights in the dining room so we can decide whether to have them replaced or repaired.

Stewardship Report: Following a discussion regarding spending, it was agreed that unbudgeted expenditures of more than \$500.00 will require a full approval of the session. Smaller amounts may be approved through email or texting.

Christian Education: Jo stated she would like to present perfect attendance pins to the children and the special needs adults attending our church. She suggested a special church service in May for the presentation of these pins.

Tammy stated she has purchased 25 copies of "The Story" to begin in August and the new books for Small Group have arrived.

Worship: Margaret had nothing to report.

Membership/Mission: Jean is ordering more hand held fans for the church. She asked if she needed to order for distribution at Scratch Ankle and was advised to order 200 fans.

New Business: Linda raised the issue of the need for a new corporation president. Tammy volunteered for this position. Jo noted we will hold a corporation meeting on March 1, 2015, to announce to the congregation the appointment of Jean Mourey as chair of Nominating Committee and Tammy Mendiola as corporation president.

The next Presbytery meeting will be at Dogwood Acres, April 28, 2015. Jean will be attending.

Tammy will be having a table with church information at Scratch Ankle, April 10, 2015. We will hold a flea market earlier that same day.

Jo passed around copies of her contract noting that the terms of call are being revised. Presently Jo's contract runs June through May. She is requesting her next contract run January through December pending approval of the Presbytery. She also requests her six Sundays off run January through December. This is approved. Margaret suggested paying supply pastors. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

Tammy informed us that the Spring Fling will be held April 28, 2015. She would like this to be an outdoor event. Tammy also noted she is updating the information regarding the Knotty Prayers group, giving the explanation from Jeanette. She raised the issue of people simply removing shawls at will from the sanctuary, noting that people need to request shawls with information about who and why the shawl is needed so that the shawl can be prayed over before being given. She noted the necessity for logging the shawls being given in order to report to Presbyterian Women.

Tammy has produced a new brochure for the church. The new brochure gives much more information about the people in the church and what the church does. She wants to have these new brochures ready for Scratch Ankle. The brochures were approved. It was agreed she should have 500 brochures printed.

Adjournment: A motion was made to dismiss. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned with prayer. Next stated meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2015. These are open meetings and all are welcome.

Jean Mourey, Clerk of Session

Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church
Milton, FL
Session Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2015

Session members present

Margaret Neustaedter
Tammy Mendiola
Linda Lade
Jean Mourey

Absent

Betsy Dodson

Moderator

Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order: A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with a reading from the Bible & prayer given by Jo.

Approval of Minutes: Tammy noted the grammar correction of "was" to "what" in reference to the Euchee Valley money. Tammy stated the agreement regarding unbudgeted expenditures of over \$500.00 will require a face-to-face meeting but not unanimous approval. The date for the Spring Fling was corrected from April 28 to April 25. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Clerk's Report: Jean read a letter from Research Services of Presbyterian Mission requesting permission to contact members of the congregation regarding participation as panel members. After discussion it was decided to send a reply of no thank you. Jean reported regarding a request from Thornwell regarding their new missions. She was requested to contact Thornwell and find out what would be required in order to have a spokesperson come and speak to the congregation.

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Christian Education: Jean reported the women's Bible Study group does not feel they are capable of being in charge of the 150 year celebration. They feel the session should be making the decisions regarding this. Tammy explained that the group is not organized enough at this point to spearhead a commitment of this size. The study group also would like the historical items moved back into the church building. Jo noted the side rooms in that building get extremely hot in the summer when the air conditioning is not running. A discussion was held regarding a Bible Study group vs. a PW women's group. Tammy stated we will begin "The Story" study on August 16, 2015.

Stewardship: Linda noted that in the past the church had received blue envelopes for the purpose of collecting a per capita offering. We no longer receive these nor collect an offering for this purpose.

Margaret stated that she did not receive the One Great Hour of Sharing materials until this past

week. This Sunday she will distribute the fish boxes used for the collection of this special offering on Easter Sunday.

Tammy remarked that it would be nice if, when an unfamiliar hymn is being sung, the choir would sing it through once for the congregation.

Worship: Margaret stated she will acquire palms for Palm Sunday.

Old Business: Jo noted that both Pace and Navarre Presbyterians have been invited to join our Maundy Thursday service.

Our Son Rise service will be Sunday, April 5, at 6:30 a.m., followed by a light breakfast.

Jo noted that Palm Sunday is a 5th Sunday and, if the weather cooperates, we will be outside for a 5th Sunday service with palms.

Scratch Ankle and yard sale will be held April 10. Spring Fling will be April 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Jean and Linda volunteered to be in charge of food. Sharon will be in charge of games and Tammy will be in charge of vendors.

The next Presbytery meeting is April 28 at Dogwood Acres. Jean will be attending.

New Business: Jo has discussed having an Open Hearts appreciation day with Ann Smith. Ann wants to participate in honoring the Open Hearts attendees. This would occur at the May 1st Sunday dinner. Jo would like to decorate the room for a party. She also wants to have the service involved the group and to present each Open Hearts participant with an attendance pin.

Linda told us that if we can find someone to help write a grant application, the state of Florida will match any funds we receive.

Jo stated we need to inquire further regarding acquiring a historical marker. Jean stated she will be contacting the major's office regarding the city's participation in our 150 year celebration. She will also ask about our marker application.

Tammy inquired if we need to keep the ladder back chairs that are storied in the storage room. A motion was made to sell the chairs. The motion was seconded and passed. Tammy will ask Betsy to sell the chairs.

Tammy also inquired about the big screen TV in the parlor. She was told the speakers do not work.

After discussion it was agreed to set the TV out on the street with a sign on it stating that the speakers don't work and that it is free for the taking.

Tammy stated we now have three refrigerators that are mostly empty and, therefore, using too much power. She proposes selling the old one and moving one of the new ones into the kitchen and the other one into the heater room. Margaret said she has discussed this with Steve Smith and he will hook up the ice makers. She also stated she would buy the old refrigerator. A motion was made to sell the old refrigerator and move the news ones into the kitchen and the heater room. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. Jo adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Jean Mourey, Clerk of Session



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.	3	4 Joan Weber	5 Warren Hatten Bill Kerrell	6 Barbara Briscall
7 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	8	9 Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Sandi Harris	10 Open Hearts, 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion worship, 10:30 Disability Inclusion Sunday & Flag Day	15	16 Randy Bohannon	17	18	19	20
21 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Father's Day	22	23	24 Open Hearts, 6:30 p.m.	25 Jeff Bolstad	26	27 Knotty Prayers, 10:00 a.m.
28 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	29	30				

Sports

Find and circle all of the Sports that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a secret message - a Vince Lombardi quotation.

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BOXING
CRICKET

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CYCLING
DARTS
FENCING
FISHING
FOOTBALL
GOLF
HANDBALL
HOCKEY

JAI ALAI
LACROSSE
POLO
RACQUETBALL
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SKATING
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SURFING
SWIMMING
TENNIS
VOLLEYBALL
WRESTLING