

REPORT  
Presbytery of Geneva Response Team  
Fairville Presbyterian Church  
August 5, 2015

Present: Response Team Members: Elder Paul Salisbury, Rev Kirk Baker, Rev Val Fowler- Stated Clerk  
Fairville Church: Pastor Joshua Baker, Gladys Tack – Clerk of Session, Carl Tack, Curt Richardson,  
Elaine Spross, Carol Brignall

Opening Prayer at 10:00 A.M.: Elder Paul Salisbury

Introductions by persons present

Correspondence/Discussion Items:

- Made clear that Presbytery Response Team was not present to prevent actions as taken by Session & Congregation but rather to assist in working towards a best solution in maintaining the church's ministry.
- Reviewed scripture pertaining to all being members of the body of Christ
- Session stated that decision to leave the building was made because the church could not continue to spend \$2000 per month.
- Made clear that congregation could continue being Presbyterian without a building.
- Addendum AA, *Guidelines concerning dissolving or dismissing a congregation of the Presbytery of Geneva*, handed out .
- Briefly discussed NY State Religious Corporation Law.
- Discussed how unilateral reincorporation as taken could be challenged in NY State Courts.
- Action has been taken to incorporate as "The Faith Community Church" and meet rent-free at the Fairville Firehall.
- Explained that the church building could be used as an asset and monies from any sale could be used for the ongoing ministry of the Presbyterian Congregation.
- Encouraged Session/congregation to use the Presbytery's process as outlined in Addendum AA.
- Stated Clerk offered to meet with the Session or Congregation if called upon. Gave contact info to Clerk of Session.
- Church Building built in 1860.
- History -- Presbytery did not support request to build adjacent CE building. Church proceeded to build it in spite of lack of support
- Fuel Oil ran out in Winter because Griffith Oil did not complete automatic delivery. Griffith Oil made restitution.
- 12 to 15 persons now attending worship regularly.

Asked & received feedback from Session members on their feelings about their meeting with the Response Team.

Actions: Session meeting at 1 P.M. on Friday, August 7 at 1 P.M. to prepared recommendation for the Response Team to take to General Council. Paul Salisbury, COM Co-chairperson will serve as moderator.

Closing Prayer @ 11: 30 A.M.; Rev Val Fowler

Prepared by:  
Paul Salisbury  
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