

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Stated Meeting – May 21-22, 2010
First Presbyterian Church – Lewiston, Montana**

MINUTES

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met in a stated meeting at the 1st Presbyterian Church, of Lewiston, Montana on Friday-Saturday May 21-22, 2010.

FRIDAY, May 21, 2010

10-39 – Moderator Ted Williams called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. and asked Rev. Jed Cauffman to offer an opening prayer and a welcome on behalf of the three host churches for this meeting.

10-40 – Stated Clerk Ron Hanson called roll and determined that a quorum was present. Attendance was as follows:

Church	Minister Members	Elder Commissioners	Others Present
Anaconda	Mary Davis	Sally Ralston	Linda Smith (Representation)
Billings, 1 st	Jacquelyn Pinkowski	Ron Pinkowski	Cathy McLean (Camping)
Billings, St. Andrew	Brent Long	Curt Kocher	David Kimball (Higher Ed.) Gail Kimball
Bozeman	Dan Krebill Jody McDevitt	Chuck Beck	Fran Babcock (Council Moderator) Jim Babcock (COGA) Ted Williams (Moderator) Suzanne Bratsky (PW)
Butte	Harlan (Lanny) Rounds	Bill McGladdery (Personnel)	Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk)
Colstrip	Robert J Shy, Jr (LLP)	David B. McNay	Darlene L. McNay
Deer Lodge	vacant	(unexcused)	
Ennis	(unexcused)	Violet Haigh	June Haigh
Forsyth	Vacant	Gayle Holland	Don Holland
Geyser	Editha McKay	Keri Olson	
Hysham	John Dyce	(unexcused)	
Jordan	vacant	Eva Twitchell	Claudia Stanton
Lewistown	Jed Cauffman		
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	(unexcused)	Debbie Blackburn (B&F)
Poplar	(unexcused)	(unexcused)	
Stanford	Editha McKay (CLP)	Dixie Youderian	Gene Ernst Jodi Licht
Terry	Leon Rathbun	(unexcused)	
West Yellowstone	(unexcused)	(unexcused)	
White Sulphur	(unexcused)	(unexcused)	
Wise River	Dick Davis	(unexcused)	
Wolf Point	(unexcused)	(unexcused)	

Other Minister Members Present

George H Goodrich, Jr. (Co-General Presbyter)
Kathy Goodrich (Co- General Presbyter)
Neva Rathbun (pastor at-large, COM Moderator)
Kimberly Woeste (United Campus Ministry – MSU Billings)
Susan Thomas (Billings Clinic)

Corresponding Members Present (None)

10-41 – Opening Worship – Rev. Kathy Goodrich conducted the opening worship. The scriptural Basis was Luke 9:1-2; 10-17; 23-24 (NRSV).The worship was followed by small group discussions on the same set of scriptures. Rev. George Goodrich followed with a presentation on Discipleship.

10-42 – Vision Team “Understanding and Living our Risky Call as Christ’s Disciples”. Curt shared two concepts: Risk Taking and Disequilibrium. The bottom line is that no growth will take place without taking risks and risk taking. He then posed the question “What kinds of risks might Jesus require us to take as we move toward becoming Disciples”?

10-43 – Group Exercises - The people then convened into the three groups defined by our Vision Statement (Gathering, Equipping and Encouraging and Going Out) to discuss Discipleship.

10-44 – Reporting of the Groups – Curt reported on “How do we encounter God as/when we gather”. Debbie reported on the risks which we need to face in order to Disciple people. Kathy reported on the risks associated with going out to do mission with Christ. She also reported that Ric will soon have his Blog up and running.

10-45 – Vision Team – George presented, for the Vision Team, a set of principles which guided the formation of a different structure for the presbytery. He also presented a set of diagrams of a proposed structure.

10-46 – B&F – Debbie presented the financial report dated May 14, 2010.

10-47 –Camping and Youth – Cathy reported that posters for the camping program and applications for employment are on the registration table.

10-48 – Camp Facilities –Brent reported that the firm of Sanderson-Stewart has been retained as consulting Engineers for the water system at Westminster Spires. The position description for a caretaker is being advertized and a number of applications have been received.. Debbie asked about insurance coverage related to the water system. John Dyce commented that there was no problem with insurance coverage related to the camps water system .

10-49 -Representation Committee – No report.

10-50 -Nominating Committee – No Report.

10-51 –Theological Education Fund (TEF) –Rev. Rounds reported on his attendance at a recent TEF meeting at Pittsburg Theological Seminary. He announced that September 19th is TEF Sunday and he can secure bulletin inserts if people wish to use them. Rev. Rounds passed out awards for participation in the TEF. The awards went to Yellowstone Presbytery and the Bozeman 1st, Butte 1ST, Deer Lodge, Terry and Hysham churches.

10-52 – Recess – Presbytery recessed for dinner with a prayer for the meal.

10-53 - Worship – The evening worship service was led by Rev. Dick Davis. Rev. Jed Cauffman presided over the Lord's Supper.

10-54 - Recess – The meeting was recessed for the evening with prayer. A time of fellowship followed at a nearby hotel.

SATURDAY May 22, 2010

10-55 - Worship – Morning worship started at 8:30 a.m. Candidate Sally Ralston preached.

10-56 - Disciples Living the Vision - Stories of how the Holy Spirit is at work in and through the congregations of Lewiston, Roy, Stanford and Geyser were presented by members of those congregations. The stories were inspiring and a confirmation that the Holy Spirit is present and active in these congregations. Each presentation was followed by a prayer of thanks for what is happening.

10-57 - PW - Susanne reported on upcoming events, Global exchange will be held in October of 2011. The Horizon Bible Study for the next year is on Revelations. Neva will be less involved because of her work as Moderator of COM.

10-58 – Vision Team – On behalf of the Vision Team Curt moved to suspend the Standing Rules and adopt a new organizational structure. A number of concerns were raised from the members. (Note: Since the motion was subsequently withdrawn it is not presented here in its full content).

10-59 Point of Order – Presbytery voted to go the scheduled refreshment break and upon returning follow Docket with the report of COM.

10-60 – Refreshment Break

10-61 - COM Report – Neva reported the following actions of the Committee on Ministry.

10-61-1 – Honored the request of Rev. Rusty Craig to be Honorably Retires as of May 31, 2010.

10-61-2 - Voted to transfer Rev. Chuck Denison to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, if the way be clear.

10-61-3 - Approved the request of the Church of the Big Hole to change the status of Rev. Dick Davis from Temporary Supply to Stated Supply.

10-61-4 – COM voted to recommend Rev. Muir be examined by the presbytery (for membership into Yellowstone)at the next presbytery meeting that she is able to attend(May or November).

10-62 - Cathy McLean – On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Neva moved that Cathy McLean be commissioned for a one year renewable term as a CLP to the Forsythe Church.

10-62-1- The presbytery voted to approve the commissioning of Cathy McLean to a one year renewable term as a CLP to the Forsythe Church.

10-63 – Examination of Candidate Sally Ralston. Neva, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, recommended that Candidate Sally Ralston be examined by the presbytery for Ordination. She invited Sally forward. Sally read her Statement of Faith and responded to a number of questions from those present. Neva moved to arrest the examination and the presbytery voted to do so. At this point Sally was excused.

10-63-1- Presbytery voted to Ordain Sally. Sally returned amid the applause of the presbytery. (Note: Sally will be Ordained on July 25, 2010 in the Anaconda Presbyterian Church. She will be installed as

a Stated Supply, by the Methodists, in the Granite County Parish in early August, 2010. Neva offered a closing prayer for this portion of the meeting.

10-64 - Council Report – Fran reported that the next presbytery meeting will be a joint meeting with Glacier Presbytery on November 5-6, 2010. Linda Valentine, Executive Director of the General Assembly Council is scheduled to be present. The meeting schedule of the Council was announced (June 18th, August 27th and September 24th). She noted that Paul Krebill made a presentation at the joint Glacier/Yellowstone on our Presbyterian heritage in Montana. It was well received and plans are to do it again for the whole presbytery.

10-65 – Nominating Committee – The presbytery voted to elect Sally Ralston to the Nominating Committee.

10-66 - Commissioning of our GA Commissioners –David McNay Susan Thomas and Sarah Pitts (Leon stood in for Sarah) were commissioned for their task of Commissioners to the 2010 General Assembly

10-67 – Vision Team - Curt Kocher, on behalf of the Vision Team withdrew the motion (10-58) to suspend the Standing Rules and adjust the structure of the presbytery..

10-68 – Announcements -. Brent said the Zimbabwe shipping carton is about full.

10-69 – Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with a prayer, by Susan Thomas, at 12:30 p.m.