

Presbytery of Yellowstone

Annual Meeting – February 29-March 1, 2011

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church - Billings, Montana

MINUTES

Monday, February 28, 2011

11-001 – Mission Project - In advance of the opening of the meeting 16 members, commissioners and visitors participated in a mission project for several hours. The project involved sorting donated clothing at the Billings Family Services Store.

11-002 – Call to Order – Following a lunch provided by the members of St. Andrew Church and a brief orientation for newer Commissioners, the meeting was called to order by former Moderator, Elder Ted Williams.

11-003 – Procedural Motion – Presbytery voted to approve the following Procedural Motion .

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by completed Registration Sheets.
2. That written and oral requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
3. That the Presbytery authorize the Moderator to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
4. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.

11-004 – Introduction of new Commissioners – New commissioners, and some newer commissioners, were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

11-005 – Meeting Attendance – The following table contains the names of those who registered for the meeting.

Church	Minister Member	Elder Commissioner	Others Present
Anconda	Mary Davis	Karen Moses	
Big Hole	Dick Davis		
Billings, First	David Thompson	Sharon Brady	Robert Culbertson (Higher Ed.)
Billings, St. Andrew	Brent Long	Dave Kimball	Ben Larson Carol Mick Curt Kochner (Camp&Youth)
Bozeman	Dan Krebill Jody McDevitt	Ric Tieman	Suzanne Bratsky (PW) Chuck Beck & Donna Beck Ted Williams (Nominating) Doris Krebill

Butte	Lanny Rounds	John Clark	Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk) Toni Robison Bill Mc Gladery (Personnel) Darlene McNay
Colstrip	Robert J. Shy, Jr. (CLP)	David McNay	
Deer Lodge	Vacant	unexcused	
Dillon	David Andrew	unexcused	
Ennis	Jean Johnson (excused)	June Haigh	Vi Haigh
Forsyth	Cathy Mclean (CLP)	Gayle Holland	La Von Adair
Geyser	Editha McKay (CLP)	unexcused	
Harlowton	Jerry Collins (excused)	unexcused	
Hysham	vacant	unexcused	Karen Van Haele
Jordan	vacant	Marlo Stanton	Bev Harbaugh
Lewistown	Jed Cauffman	unexcused	
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Debbie Blackburn	
Miles City	David Schneider	unexcused	
Phillipsburg	Sally Ralston	Jim Christiansen	Jan Christianson
Poplar	vacant	Dona Gudgell	Don Gudgell
Roy	vacant	unexcused Anna Marie	
Stanford	Editha McKay (CLP)	Hawkey	
Terry	Leon Rathbun	unexcused	
West Yellowstone	vacant	Jackie Klatt	
White Sulphur Springs	vacant	Pam Jackson	
Wolf Point	vacant	unexcused	

Other Members Present:

George Goodrich, Co -General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Paul Cousins
Rusty Craig
John Dyce Kim Woeste
Freeman McCall
James Bell
Priscilla Bell
Neva Rathbun
Susan Thomas

Corresponding Members Present:

Rev. Ray Jones, General Assembly Mission Council
Rev. Jerry Swanson, Dakota Presbytery

11-006 – Presentation – Rev. George Goodrich presented a framed stained glass symbol of the PC (USA) logo to Fran Babcock for her many years of service to Yellowstone Presbytery including her last six years as Moderator of the Council.

11-007 – Dwelling in the Word – Rev. Kathy Goodrich led the presbytery in a reading of Chapter 16 of the Book of Acts. Discussion, in small groups, of the meanings of this selection followed.

11-008 – Opening Worship - Rev. David Andrew led the opening worship which concluded with the installation of the new Moderator, CLP Editha McKay; the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Jody McDevitt; and the Moderator of Council, Rev. Leon Rathbun.

11-009 – Vision Team – Ric presented the presbytery's Vision Statement which was approved by the presbytery in November of 2009. He then talked of the four strands of implementation of the statement (Practices, Relationships and Partnerships, Process and finally Structure). The current focus for implementation is Practices such as Dwelling in the Word.

11-010 – Rev. Ray Jones – George introduced Rev. Ray Jones of the General Assembly Mission Council. Rev. Jones spoke to the presbytery on a new evangelism program titled ENGAGE. He noted that the program had three components or phases (IGNITE, INSPIRE and EQUIP). Copies of the program document were handed out. During the past week Ray has conducted three workshops on this program across the presbytery in Terry, Billings and Butte. He emphasized that Lives are changed through Jesus Christ; that community is essential and that everyone has a gift to share. He then showed a video clip on new and different approaches to evangelism.

11-011 – Break –

11-012 – Council Report – Council Moderator Leon Rathbun presented the Council report (Attachment A). He emphasized the procedures that the Council had established for dealing with the proposed amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution. He also noted that the Proposed Belhar Confession would not be voted on until the May meeting of presbytery.

11-013 – Vocations – A written report was presented. The committees next meeting will be in April.

11-014 – Higher Education – Elder Bob Gilbertson shared the goals of the committee. He noted that funding from the Synod would not be available after 2012.

11-015 – Presbyterian Women – The Spring gathering will be held on April 29-30 at First Church in Bozeman.

Ü Presbytery voted to allow Communion to be celebrated at this meeting.

11-016 – Synod Commissioner – Ted reported that Rev. David Ezekiel had been selected as the new Executive for the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. He will start work in May.

11-017 – Proposed Amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution – Stated Clerk, Ron Hanson, introduced three of the proposed amendments to the Constitution (10-B, 10-E and 10-F). Following very limited comment the presbyter y took the following actions:

Ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-B (amending G-9.0203b). The vote was 41 to 0.

Ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-E (Amending G-11.0407). The vote was 42 to 0.

Ü Voted to concur with proposed Amendment 10-F (Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730). The vote was 44 to 0.

11-018 - Proposed Amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution – Elder Jim Babcock, Moderator of the PJC introduced six of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (10-J, 10-K, 10-L, 10-M, 10-N and

10-O) and recommended that they be voted on as a group. Jim also thanked Rev. Jean Johnson for her valuable and faithful service on the PJC. Presbytery took the following actions:

- ü Voted to vote on each of the Proposed Amendments separately.
- ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-J (Amending D-6.0103). The Vote was 45 to 0.
- ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-K (Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302 and D-13.0302). The vote was 45 to 0.
- ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-L (Amending D-10.0202). The vote was 49 to 0.
- ü Voted NOT TO CONCUR with Proposed Amendment 10-M (Amending D-10.0401). The vote was 37 to 5.
- ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-N (Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106). The vote was 45 to 0.
- ü Voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-O (Amending D-13.0404). The vote was 45 to 0.

11-019 – Recess for Dinner–

11-020 – Worship – The evening worship service opened at 7:00p.m. Rev Ray Jones preached. The title of his sermon was “Marked and Sent”. Rev. Brent Long presided at the Communion Table. A Necrology Service, honoring those Elders who had passed to the Church Triumphant, was part of the total worship service. The following Elders were acknowledged:

NECROLOGY REPORT – 2010

Church	Elders Name	Ordination Date	Date of Death
St. Andrew	Charles Winn	February 2, 1986	November 11, 2010
Bozeman	Jerry Crabs	May 22, 1994	October 29, 2010
Butte	Diane Endresse	February 11, 1979	September 20, 2010
Dillon	Elwood Straton Ron Wagner	February 4, 1984 March 14, 1971	March 12, 2010 August 12, 2010
Jordan	Sylvia Rose Lilienthal	1982	October 13, 2010
Miles City	Barbara Killen Darlene Martin Donald Schott	January 10, 1999 January 11, 1981 January, 1964	January 16, 2010 February 10, 201 December 1, 2010
Poplar	Jean Danielsen	December 24, 1974	October 4, 2010

Terry	Bert Lee	January 13, 1965	November 18, 2010
Wolf Point	Lily Bryan Hickel	January 4, 1970	December 6, 2010
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11-021 – Recess for the Evening - Presbytery recessed for the evening. The recess was followed by a time of fellowship and prayed.

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11-022 – Opening worship – The worship Service was led by Rev. Dan Krebill, Rev. Susan Thomas and Elder Curt Kochner. The service included an Echo Reading of Colossians 3:12-17.

11-023 - Proposed Amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution – Council Moderator Leon Rathbun introduced Proposed Amendment 10-A and detailed the process that Council had adopted for voting on this proposed amendment. Moderator Editha then read the Proposed Amendment and the floor was opened for comment. Eighteen people spoke to the Proposed Amendment. Sally Ralston moved, and the motion was seconded, that presbytery concur with the proposed Amendment. Paper ballots were handed out, cast and collected. While the votes were being counted the presbytery sang a series of hymns.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with the Proposed Amendment 10-A. The vote was 25 to 23 with 2 abstentions.

11-024 – Break

11-025 – Proposed Amendments to the PC (USA) Constitution – Elder Ted Williams and Rev. Neva Rathbun introduced the remaining Proposed Amendments.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with proposed Amendment 10-C (Amending G-9.0404c). The vote was 42 to 0.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-D (Amending G-9.0801a). The vote was 35 to 15.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-H (Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a and G-0202b). The vote was 34 to 15.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-G (Amending G-12.0100). The vote was 40 to 1.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-C (Amending G-9.0404c). The vote was 42 to 0.

ü Presbytery voted to concur with Proposed Amendment 10-I (Amending W-4.4003, W-4.4004 and W-4.4006).

11-026 – Mission Committee – Elder Ken Siroky provided a written report noting that the committee will be focusing on projects at the local and presbytery level. The Zimbabwe Mission shed is full and volunteers are needed to transfer the items to a shipping container when the Department of Defense brings the container to St. Andrew. Anaconda is interested in heading up the next go around. There

were 16 people who participated in the Billings Family Services project yesterday and the offering last night totaled \$440 for the Billings Family Services.

11-027 – Personnel – Elder Bill McGladdery showed a Power Point presentation on the performance review's of George and Kathy Goodrich. Both showed positive change over their 2009 reviews. The presentation was followed by a round of applause for the good work that George and Kathy were doing.

11-028 – Camping and Youth – Elder Curt Kochner noted that both the Fall and Winter Retreats were quite successful with about 40 youth present at both. There will be a Revamp the Camp gathering on June 9-12 to prepare the camp for the July Summer Camps. Curt thanked Billings First Church for their gift of \$250 for the camping program. Rev. Jody McDivett mentioned the Bozeman First Church youth will be going on a Mission Trip to Wolf Point this summer and invited other youth to join in.

11-029 – Docket Extension – Upon motion the Docket was extended for 20 minutes.

11-030 - Nominations – Elder Ted Williams noted that there are 4 vacancies on committees. He explained that Jim Tarr had been elected to two 3 year terms on the Vocations Committee but was not notified of the first 3 year term election. He also placed in nomination Debbie Blackburn to a three year term on the Committee on Ministry. Following the required three calls for nominations from the floor presbytery took the following actions:

- ü Presbytery voted to set aside the requirement that a person cannot serve more than 2 three year terms and elected Elder Jim Tarr to the class of 2013 on the Vocations Committee.

- ü Presbytery voted to elect Elder Debbie Blackburn to the class of 2013 on the Committee on Ministry.

11-031 – Committee on Ministry – Rev. Neva Rathbun presented a written report. There were no action items.

11-032 – Presbyterian Foundation – Rev. Eric Chavez explained the services offered by the Presbyterian Foundation.

11-033 – Co-General Presbyters – Rev. George Goodrich presented their written report. The report emphasized our progress on implementing our Vision Statement and the ENGAGE program. He mentioned that we are on the right track.

11-034 – Stated Clerk – Elder Ron Hanson that a report on the balance of Ministers and Elders, was available on the Registration table. The report states that there is no imbalance at this time. He also mentioned that a report on the Terms of Call for pastors was available on the Registration Table. He reminded those present to turn in their Registration Slips and Vouchers before leaving. He requested that the minutes of the Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting of November 5-6, 2010 be approved.

- ü Presbytery voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 5-6, 2010 as presented.

11-035 – Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:35 p.m.