

Yellowstone Presbytery Stated Meeting

May 4, 5 2018, Federated Church, Harlowton, MT

18 – 501 – Call to Order -1:05 PM, CRE Jack Bell, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Vicki Waddington Pastor of the Federated Church of Harlowton welcomed the Presbytery and offered some music as the presbytery was being assembled.

17 – 502 – Roll Call – RE Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk, called the roll. Those who filled out registration sheets (in person or by email) are listed as present. Those who emailed or texted they were unable to attend are listed as excused.

Ruling Elder Commissioners Present:

Anaconda- Cal Bayle-John P. Lambardi	Hysham – Wayne Milmine
Big Hole- Sandy Cleary	Jordan – absent
First Billings – Chris Eriksen	Lewistown- Margee Smith
St Andrew – Sandy Welch	Manhattan – (Excused)
Bozeman – John Patterson	Miles City – Verna Viall
Butte – absent	Philipsburg - absent
Colstrip - absent	Poplar – absent
Deer Lodge - absent	Stanford – Ray Soulsby
Dillon – Terry Johnson	Terry – Gary Sperline
Ennis (Madison Valley) – absent	White Sulphur Springs – absent
Forsyth -Gayle Holland	Wolf Point – absent
Harlowton – absent	

Teaching Elder Members of Presbytery:

David Andrew (absent), Roderick Blair (absent), Susan Barnes (present) , Paul Cannon (present), James Bell (absent), JP Carlson (absent), Priscilla Bell (absent), Jed Cauffman (excused), Paul Cousins (absent) Jody McDevitt (present), Warren Craig (absent), Sherwood McKay (absent), Dick Davis (excused), Cathy McLean (excused), Mary Davis (excused), Marcia Muir (absent), John Dyce (absent), Sally Ralston (present), Katie Emery (present), Susi Ennis (present), Neva Rathbun (present), Debbie Funke (excused) Harlan L Rounds (excused), George Goodrich (present), Bill Swanson (absent), Kathy Goodrich (excused) Susan Thomas (present), Doug Johnson (absent), David Thompson (present), Jean Johnson (absent), Larry Vandecreek (absent), Lowell Johnson (absent), Vicki Waddington (present), Teresa Kendall (present), Steve Weber (present), Dan Krebill (present), Kim Woeste (absent), Paul Krebill (absent) Brent Lo(excused) Freeman McCall (absent), Diane White (present)

Other Voting Members:

Jack Bell (moderator) (CRE- Stanford) [present] Jim Tarr (Stated Clerk) (Synod Commissioner) [present] Ron Hanson (Moderator St Timothy's Chapel) [present] Curt Kochner (Moderator Camping) [present] Veva Larson (CRE- Anaconda) [absent], Julie Boksich (Leadership Cabinet), (present) Suzanne Bratsky (Moderator PW) [excused] Robert Shy (CLP – Colstrip) [absent] Paul Helland (RE – Leadership Cabinet) [present] Dan Holland (RE –Leadership Cabinet) [present]

Staff and Others Present:

Rev Jamie Schmeling(RCA), Miles City, MT(seated)[present], Rev. George Goodrich(CoGP), Kathy Goodrich(CoGP)[present], Melissa Perrault-Baumann (assistant stated clerk) [present], Don Holland RE-Forsyth, [present], Sharon Milmine, RE-Hysham[present].

18-0503- A Quorum was declared, Docket for meeting was approved with a few minor changes, none of which required advance notices. Timing of a report on the mission trip to Miami by Presbycats was changed. The meeting theme was “Loved & Called-Gifted-Equipped-Sent-(Part 3) with a particular focus on Ephesians 4:11-13.

➤ **The procedural motion was adopted as follows:**

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 and marked as excused.
3. That any Corresponding members present be seated.
4. That the Presbytery grant the Moderator the authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
5. 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, and
6. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted.

18-0504-Worship service and Dwelling in the word: We did Word-Prayer-Share on Luke 10:1-12 led by Rev. Teresa Kendall.

18-0505- Installation of Stated Clerk: Newly elected stated clerk Jim Tarr was presented in an installation service using the ordination questions in the Book of Order for Ministry in the PCUSA and prayer and laying on of hands. After the installation Jim introduced Melissa Perrault – Baumann to the Presbytery as the new assistant stated clerk.

18-0506-Equipping and Encouraging, Part 1: Focus of this segment was on developing people eyes and contained a skit along with breakout groups working on the skill sets required such as show respect, don't interrupt, and how to listen.

18-0507- Report on mission trip: Rev. Dan Krebill Co Pastor at FPC Bozeman led a group called Presbycats from the University of Montana on a mission trip to Miami FL. The trip had received some financial help from Yellowstone Presbytery. Theme "Seeing the face of God in the city" and so they went to several different venues during the trip. A kosher kitchen, a LGBTQ Store, the Riverside House pre-release Center, a 1st Methodist Church of Miami homeless service facility. And Door Ministries. Posting to Facebook kept families and churches informed as the trip progressed.

10-0508- PMT Report: The PMT report is attached, Exhibit C. Rev Dave Thompson Moderator of the committee gave the floor to Dan Krebill to talk about the Board of Pensions presenting possible future training at a Presbytery meeting by Mark Fry possibly at our November Meeting.

Dave acknowledged Rev. Sally Ralston who is about to retire July 31, 2018 and Thanked her for her service both to her church and to the Presbytery. Sally was given the floor to speak and a prayer was offered.

- It was Moved and seconded **and voted** that Sally Ralston be moved to Honorably Retired status after July 31, 2018 and will remain in the bounds of the Yellowstone Presbytery.

10-0509- Westminster Spires Camp: Curt Kochner RE Moderator reported on the camp plans for this summer and provided application forms for participants to take to their home churches. Non PCUSA Church member children are eligible to apply for camp and camp scholarships. RE Sandy Welch was given floor to appeal for volunteers to work at the Westminster Spires Re-Vamp the Camp event June 1,2,3, 2018.

10-0510- Co-General Presbyters reports: Report of the Co-GP's is attached to these minutes, Exhibit G. The Appeals were made for Prayers for the Jordan Church PNC effort, for the Whitworth Fellows program which will work within the Presbytery again this summer with just 2 Fellows returning. Churches wishing for help in Growing Young are asked to help with some financial assistance to the fellowships as they need an additional \$800.00 to complete the work.

Whitworth College is currently waiving the \$300.00 fee for the CRE training program and we were advised of the need to get engaged in this opportunity.

Scholarships for mission trips may be available and applications are wanted. Churches are to let the Leadership Cabinet know if they need help.

July 23 to 27 are the dates for the Whitworth Conferences and one of the 1001 new worshipping communities will be presenting at the conference.

Rev. Dan Krebill was given floor to brief the Presbytery on the work to update our insurance coverage.

10-0511- Meeting recessed with Worship and Dinner put on by the Federated Church of Harlowton.

10-0512- Meeting reconvened at 8:10 AM May 5th: RE John Patterson led the fellowship in " Dwelling in the Word" 1st Samuel 16:1-13 During which the breakouts were 3 people doing word-share-prayer on this scripture.

10-0513- Part B Christ sends us out into our communities. Co GP Kathy Goodrich led a discussion about Dorothy and the Wizard of OZ story. "We are not in Kansas", we are in a new place and need to see the

correlation as we get placed in this new opportunity. Kathy introduced some churches with good news relating to this subject.

TE Diane White gave a talk on how she sees and does things in Lewistown, seeing people where they are and engaging them in conversations, finding out about community needs, seeing what is happening, going to sporting events, talking with other pastors, police, store owners, radio stations, and what she calls indolent curiosity. How does your church fit with the needs discovered? What are your gifts, assets, talents that can be applied? Then you “Collaborate”

Then we heard from 3 other churches including the community food bank housed in the Federated Church of Harlowton, A Suicide prevention training program funded by the Harlowton church, the struggle with this and them mentality found on the reservation community in Poplar, MT, opportunities in Bozeman where FPC Bozeman takes full responsibility for the Rockhaven Camp and all its activities and Presbycats a college to church connection they have established.

18-0514- St Timothy Chapel Report: RE Ron Hanson reported on the St Timothy Chapels need for changes in rules and procedures and the Leadership Cabinet proposed changes which were in the meeting Packets.

- **It was voted unanimously to adopt the change to the Standing Rules of St Timothy’s Chapel as revised in the attached document, Exhibit E.**
- **It was also voted to change the policy standards for St Timothy’s Chapel as indicated in the attached document, Exhibit F.**

18-0515- Previous Minutes:

- **Minutes of the Stated Presbytery Meeting March 2,3 2018 where approved. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery April 3, 2018 were approved with one minor typographical correction made.**

18-0516- Special election. The Leadership Cabinet proposed that TE Teresa Kendall be placed on the Rep/Nom committee.

- **It was voted to add TE Teresa Kendall to the nominating committee class of 2018.**

18-0517- GA commissioners: We commissioned RE John Patterson(Present), TE Dick Davis(Excused), and YAAD Tamara Lucht (Absent) to go to the General Assembly 223 representing Yellowstone Presbytery. The commissioning involved recognition of the challenges to be faced, prayer and laying on of hands.

18-0518- Meeting summary was presented by Rev Susan Thomas and involved thanking the Federated Church community of Harlowton, MT for their hospitality.

18-0519- Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM MDT.

18-0520- Next Meeting: Next meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery will be November 2-3, 2018 at FPC Bozeman, MT

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk,

Attached: exhibit A. LC Report, Exhibit B.PMT Report, Exhibit C. Camping Report, Exhibit D. PW Report, Exhibit E. St Timothy's Chapel Standing Rules with Revisions indicated, Exhibit F. St Timothy's Policy Statement with revisions indicated, Exhibit G. Co General Presbyters report.

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