

Protocol Review

The Clerk anticipates some people will attend this meeting via Zoom and some will attend in person at Butte 1st Presbyterian Church. While on the Zoom meeting, please adhere to the following protocol:

1. *Please keep your microphone muted until called upon or recognized to speak. This helps eliminate feedback, minimize background noise, and helps us to move through our time together more easily.*
2. *Please rename your Zoom participant identification to include “RE” or “MWS” if applicable, your first and last name, the entity you represent, your position (i.e., member, commissioner, guest) and town. For example: RE Caroline Fleming, YP Stated Clerk, Miles City. (In ZOOM, click on the 3 dots on your picture screen and you can rename yourself and include the information above.)*
3. *When you have the floor, please say your name and the entity you represent each time you speak.*
4. *When voting, if not using a voice vote of “Yes” or “No,” please use the “raise hand” feature found toward the bottom of the screen if participating via Zoom and raise your hand if attending in person. We will count these votes then ask phone-only participants to unmute their phones and vote verbally.*

Omnibus motion.

The Stated Clerk moves the following:

1. That the agenda for this meeting posted on yellowstonepcusa.org be approved.
2. That the roll for this meeting be established in two ways:
 - a. By email to caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org if you are attending via Zoom or
 - b. By registration form provided at the meeting if you are attending in person.
3. That all requests for excused absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
4. That any Corresponding members present at the meeting be seated and given voice.
5. That Presbytery grant the Moderator authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
6. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to suggest and adjust the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary.
7. That the draft minutes of the Presbytery meeting of June 16, 2023 be approved as published on the presbytery website.
8. That the minutes of this meeting shall report that there has been no call for a meeting of the Presbytery’s PJC this year to date and that the following former members are still eligible to serve if needed: MWS Dan Krebill, RE Lloyd Mandeville, RE Sharla Helland, RE Gary Slagel, MWS Jody McDevitt and MWS Lanny Rounds.

End of Motion.

The above motion will be made at the opening of the June 16, 2023 meeting and will be posted on the presbytery website for review before the meeting begins.

Some activities since our last meeting

- Met several times with the presbytery meeting planning team to plan the November Presbytery meeting
- Attended LC and PMT meetings & recorded minutes
- Attended a webinar on the new CLC system
- Updated the directory regularly
- Conducted 2 email votes:
 - a recommendation from the Permanent Judicial Commission to concur with the proposed new rules. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough responses to be able to concur with the proposed ne rules. I received 29 “Yes” votes and we needed 33. We did receive 2 abstentions, but they do not count toward the tally.
 - A recommendation from PMT to allow Freeman McCall to labor outside the bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery in August and September to serve 1st Presbyterian Church in Cody during an interim period. 39 affirmative votes were received and 0 negative votes.
- Checked emails and responded to them and to any phone call nearly every day
- Worked with Bob Kampfer, Stated Clerk of Glacier, concerning a boundary issue between our two presbyteries. Information about this is below
- Sent annual report requests to all retired and at-large ministers, including those serving in validated ministries. Ten reports have been received back as of October 21.
- Attended several meetings and had conversations concerning several church issues
- Continued work with the Community Church of Roy to get the small plot of cemetery property turned over to them. I recently signed the transfer of deed, so this issue should be complete when the attorney files that with the state.
- Visited with Paul Helland about the property in Valley County. Ken Wolff is a neighboring property owner who is apparently using both properties. Paul found him very uncooperative. He wants ownership for free. His phone is 1 406-942-0859. His place and the area can be seen on Google Earth.
- Attended Doug Johnson’s retirement party in Billings.
- Attended a celebration of Jamie Schmeling’s 5 years of service to the Miles City Methodist Church.
- Worked with the Miles City PNC on their MDP.
- Watched the Fresh Expression session on Disciple-Centric Churches and participated in Zoom trainings
- Worked with a team to plan a retreat for Leadership Cabinet & Pastoral Ministry Team that had to be postponed. Hopefully it will be held in January.