

Protocol Review

The Clerk anticipates some people will attend this meeting via Zoom and some will attend in person at Billings 1st Presbyterian Church. So our time together can run smoothly, please adhere to the following protocol:

1. *Please keep your computer 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 speak, please say your name and the entity you represent.*
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. If participating in person, raise your hand. 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 minutes of the Presbytery meeting of November 3 & 4, 2023 be approved as printed on the presbytery meeting website.
8. That the minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting of November 30, 2023 be approved as posted on the presbytery meeting website
9. That the minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting of January 4, 2024 be approved as posted on the presbytery meeting website.

10. 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 business meeting on March 2, 2024 and will be posted on the presbytery website for review before the meeting begins.?)

Activities since our last stated presbytery meeting:

1. Conducted an e-mail vote to elect Debbie Ernst and Neva Rathbun as 2024 Co-moderators of Pastoral Ministry Team, Steve Hundley to the Class of 2026 Pastoral Ministry Team, and James Tarr as the alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 2024 General Assembly. 34 yes votes were received. No one voted no. 33 affirmative votes were required for the motion to pass.
2. Submitted names of General Assembly Commissioners to the denomination
3. Attended and recorded two special meetings of the presbytery
4. Attended all meetings of the Leadership Cabinet and the Pastoral Ministry Team and recorded proceedings.
5. Clarified the boundary of Yellowstone Presbytery with Synod and national offices.
6. Attended 5-day seminar from Fresh Expressions during Small Church Week (Jan. 29-Feb. 2)
7. Communicated with all Clerks of Session and churches as necessary to assure all 2023 statistics reports were submitted on time. See Attachment A for the Presbytery's statistical report
8. Submitted 2023 presbytery reports: Misc. Form, Mid-Council Cost Form, Minister Change form, and Church Change form.
9. Ordered Minister I.D. cards
10. Served on the team to plan the March Presbytery meeting
11. Served on the team to plan the Leadership Cabinet/Pastoral Ministry Team retreat.
12. Calculated the balance of MWS and Res eligible to vote at presbytery meetings: As of January 1, 2024 there were 36 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (MWS) on the rolls of Yellowstone Presbytery. Twenty-nine of these live within the bounds of the presbytery, and two who live just outside the presbytery's geographic bounds participate regularly in Presbytery for a total of 31 active Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. On the same date, January 1, 2024, 21 churches were authorized to send one commissioner to presbytery meetings, and one church (First Presbyterian Church of Billings) was authorized to send two commissioners to presbytery based on the size of their congregation. Additionally, there are 3 Commissioned Ruling Elders with vote serving particular ministries in the presbytery and 7 Ruling Elders authorized to vote based on their leadership roles within the Presbytery. The net result is that there are 31 MWSs and 33 REs and CREs authorized to vote on business before the Presbytery. Therefore, no MWS/RE imbalance exists in Yellowstone Presbytery for 2024.

2023 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery Yellowstone
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Membership

Prior Active Members	1380	Adjusted membership	1380
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Gains		Losses	
Certificate	20	Certificate	10
Youth Professions	20	Deaths	34
Professions & Reaffirmations	60	Deleted for any Other Reason	62
Total Gains	100	Total Losses	106
Total Ending Active Members	1374		

Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	826
Presented by Others	26	Friends of the Congregation	384
At Confirmation	9	Ruling Elders on Session	129
All Other	2	Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	11 / 10

Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	35	Hearing impairment	156
18 - 25	69	Sight impairment	17
26 - 40	133	Mobility impairment	81
41 - 55	171	Other impairment	80
56 - 70	362		
Over 70	577	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	1347	Women	830
		Men	503
		Non-Binary	0

Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	61	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	91
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	118	High School (9th – 12th grade)	64
		Total Youth	334

Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	13	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	17
Black/African American/African	1	White	1336
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	0
Hispanic/Latino-a	7		
		Total Racial Ethnic	1374

Budgeted Income	2,523,218
Budgeted Expense	2,705,343

Receipts			
Regular Contributions	2,557,230	Bequests	385,614
Capital Building Fund	55,165	Other Income	58,309
Investment Income	197,778	Subsidy or Aid	0

Expenditures			
Local Program	1,776,198	Investment Expenditures	290,100
Local Mission	157,992	Per Capital Apprt	76,644
Capital Expenditures	221,947	Other Mission	88,997