

ü Note actions taken by Council or recommendations to Presbytery

Presbytery of Yellowstone

MINUTES

October 21, 2010

The Council of the Presbytery of Yellowstone met at First Church in Bozeman on October 21, 2010.

Attendance was as follows:

Elder Fran Babcock (Council Moderator)
Elder Debbie Blackburn (B&F)
Elder Ted Williams (Presbytery Moderator)
Elder Dave Kimball (Higher Education)
Elder Linda Smith (Representation)
Rev. Neva Rathbun (CoM)
CLP Editha McKay (Presbytery Vice Moderator)
Rev. George Goodrich, co-General Presbyter
Rev. Kathy Goodrich, co-General Presbyter
Elder Ric Tieman (Vision Task Force)
Elder Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk)
Rev. Jody McDevitt (Admin. Comm. - Part of the Meeting)

Absent:

Elder Jim Moses (Mission)
Elder Cal Boyle (Saint Timothy's)
Susanne Bratsky (Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator)
Elder Connie Townsend (Nominations)
Elder Bill McGladdery (Personnel)
Rev. Mary Davis (Vocations)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Moderator Fran Babcock. As the Christ Candle was lit we read in unison litany for lighting the candle.
2. Roll Call – Ron Announced he had taken the attendance and that a Quorum was present.
3. Docket – The Docket was approved as presented.
4. Approval of the Minutes. The Minutes of the Meeting of August 27, 2010 were approved.
5. Dwelling in the word – Debbie Blackburn read the lesson for the day - Mark 12: 28-34 and Matthew 28:16-20. Members responded on what the Spirit was saying to them in these Scriptures.
6. Administrative Commission – Jody McDevitt of the Administrative Commission for the Springhill Church led a discussion on the proposed Discernment Policy. Jody commented that we (the Pastoral Team) were way too late in our interaction with the Springhill Church. Starting the conversation earlier is critical. The document contains a set of principles for interacting with a church during the discernment process. The document ends with a section on dismissal.
 - ü Council voted to accept the document and recommend its adoption to Yellowstone Presbytery.
7. Vision Overview – Kathy provided an overview of the Vision process. She used the sand, gravel and stone demonstration which made the point that the big things (core principles which serve as the foundation) need to be dealt with first.
8. Camp Facilities – Members expressed concerns over the water system and the remaining funds. Ted will talk to Chuck Beck and bring back to the Council a report on the remaining needs for the water system and the estimated costs. A capital fund raising effort may be needed.

9. Higher Education – Dave Kimball presented a proposal to be sent to SRM requesting a total of \$7328 for the three Higher Education Programs within Yellowstone Presbytery. Cover letter covers the 3 Grant request.
 - ü Voted to approve the Grant Request and have Fran sign the applications and forward them on to SRM
10. COM – Neva , Moderator of COM presented her written report..
11. Nominating Committee – Council reviewed a written report from Connie Townsend. Connie noted that there is a need for a male elder to serve a two year term on the Nominating Committee.
 - ü Voted to ask Sally Ralston to serve a second term on the Nominating Committee.
 - ü Voted to ask Greta Murray to serve a 3 year term on the Nominating Committee.
 - ü Voted to ask Ross Johnson to serve a 2 year term on the nominating Committee. If Ross declines John Clark will be asked. Debbie will follow through on this.
 - ü Suggested Sally Ralston, Suzanne Bratsky and then Ted Williams as Moderator or the Nominating Committee. Fran will contact these people to see if they are willing to serve.
 - ü Voted to elect Ron Humphrey to the B&F committee and Dan Holland as Moderator of the B&F Committee.
 - ü Voted to elect Bill McGladdery to a second term on the Personnel Committee and to serve as Moderator of the committee for 2011.
12. Budget and Finance Committee – The Program Budget has been approved but the Administrative Budget has not been approved by Council. Council suggested that the actual 2009 budget expenses and 2010 expenses (through September) be added to the budget reports before they are presented to presbytery. The Balance Sheet also needs to be presented to presbytery. Debbie requested that Sheryl be given more specific direction on how much of a balance should be retained in the checking account.
 - ü Voted to approve the 2011 Administrative Budget and recommend it to Presbytery,
 - ü Voted to approve the 2011 Program Budget and recommend it to Presbytery.
 - ü Voted to direct the Treasurer to keep an anticipated 1 month's expenses in the checking account and transfer amounts above that to the Money Market Account.
13. Representation Committee – Linda reported that there are no members West Yellowstone, Deer Lodge, Wolf Point or Popular serving on any of the presbytery's committees.
14. PW – The PW Synod retreat will be held in January. Wells have been dug in 4 Different Communities in the Ukraine through funds provided by PW.
15. Insurance – Ron reported on the insurance coverage of the various churches. He has heard from all but four churches. Most have liability coverage of \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million aggregate.
 - ü Voted to have Ron re -contact the 4 churches who have not responded and ask them to respond. Once all the churches have responded he will send a letter to those churches who have less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 aggregate coverage and ask them to consider increasing their liability coverage.
16. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution - Ron presented a list of committee assignments for review of the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the PC(USA).
 - ü Voted to approve the suggested assignments with the change that both Council and the Committee on Ministry will be assigned the responsibility for Part 1 – New Form of Government.
17. Extend Docket – The Docket was extended for 15 min.
18. Next Council Meeting – The next Council meeting will be held on November 19,2010. This meeting will be a joint meeting with the Committee on Ministry to deal with the proposed New Form of Government. The gathering time will be 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will convene at 9:30 a.m.
19. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 3:21p.m.