

ü Note actions taken by Council or recommendations to Presbytery

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Presbytery of Yellowstone
April 26, 2011

The Council of the Presbytery of Yellowstone met via conference call at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 26, 2011.

Members Present:

Rev. Leon Rathbun (Moderator)
Ted Williams (Nominating)
Rev. Neva Rathbun (COM)
Elder Ken Siroky (Mission)
Elder Curt Kochner (Camping and Youth)
Elder Debbie Blackburn
CLP Editha McKay (Presb. Moderator)
Rev. Mary Davis (Vocations)
Elder Claudia Stanton (Representation)
Elder Dan Holland
Susanne Bratsky (Presbyterian Women)

Members Absent/Excused:

Elder Bill McGladdery (Personnel)
Rev. Jody McDivett (Vice- Moderator of Presbytery)
Elder Cal Boyle (St. Timothy's)
Elder Bob Culbertson

Others Present:

Rev. George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Rev. Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Elder Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Moderator Leon Rathbun. George offered the opening prayer.
2. Roll Call – Ron Announced he had taken the attendance and that a Quorum was present.
3. Docket – The Docket was adjusted to include a discussion of the Belhar Confession, a discussion of Proposed Amendment 10-A and a discussion of The New Form of Government (nFOG).
4. Proposed Amendment 10-A – The vote which passes this proposed amendment will probably occur before our May presbytery meeting. There is a lot of discussion taking place at GA and in other locations throughout the church. These discussions are focused on seeking a new balance within the church. George emphasized that our approach needs to be pastoral during this time of change.
5. nFog – If the proposed New Form of government pass it will take effect on July 11, 2011. This means that we will need to update our Policies and Procedures (i.e. Administrative Manual) to bring it into conformance with nFOG.
 - ü Council voted to adopt the current Book of Order as our Policy and Procedures for a one year period while a new set of Policies and Procedures are being developed. This work will be done by a work group. At the May meeting of presbytery, the presbytery will be asked to suggest names for this work group. The group will be appointed by the Council.
6. Round of Prayer Proposal – The members discussed Curt's suggestion of a Sunday prayer list for Churches, Members and Programs. Suzanne asked if PW activities could be added to the list. Curt will resend the list. People who wish to make suggested changes need to get those suggestions

back to Curt by May 15th. Curt will finalize the list, have it printed on card stock and have it ready for distribution at the May presbytery meeting.

7. ENGAGE – Rev. David Loleng will be in the presbytery the week of May 16th. In addition to meeting with COM on the 19th and presenting a program and preaching at the presbytery meeting he is interested in providing a series of workshops for Youth Leaders and Youth during that week. The workshops can be anywhere from an hour and a half to three hours in length. There was consensus that the youth workshops were part of the ENGAGE program. Kathy will put together a schedule for these workshops. The workshops may be for individual churches or for a cluster of churches.–
8. Presbytery Meeting Docket – The members discussed the draft Docket for the May presbytery meeting and made a number of changes. These changes included:
 - ü Adding a meeting Theme
 - ü Inserting a refreshment break following David Delong’s presentation on Friday afternoon and extending his time to 1 hour.
 - ü Reducing the time for presentation and discussion of the proposed Belhar Confession to one hour and ten minutes.
 - ü Added a discussion of Proposed Amendment 10-A.

Note: Additional adjustments were made during a conference call on April 28th. See web site for final Docket
9. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by moderator Leon at 11:58 a.m.