

Vocation Committee Meeting

March 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m., St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings, Mt.

Jim Tarr called the meeting to order at 10:00 with Leon Rathbrun, Jack Bell Cathy McLean and Charlie Mandeville in attendance.

The first order of business was a devotional based on Mark 11 1-11 that Jim lead.

After the devotional was completed, Jim introduced Jack Bell who is working on the lay pastor education process. He is doing eight classes on line through **Debuque** Seminary and continuing to lead worship at West Manor. After interviewing Jack, the committee moved to accept Jack as a Learner and that motion will be sent to Presbytery for approval. Rev. David Thompson is service as mentor to Jack in his ministry at West Manor.

Next Jim introduced Cathy McLean who is serving as a lay pastor at Forysth while continuing her distance learning degree through **Debuque** Seminary. She has completed three years and has two additional years of study left. The committee, in conjunction with Cathy, completed her second year evaluation. Dave Thompson is also serving as Cathy's mentor.

It was suggested that the mentors be invited to the meetings so they could help with feedback to the Learners and Seekers.

Susan Thomas name will be forwarded to nominations committee to be a reader for the Exams.

At noon we broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:00

Jim Tarr will be attending COM, VOM leadership training in Texas for the Presbytery.

Jim will send a letter to people who have not been active with the VOC in the past years to see if they are still interested or wish to be removed from the committee's oversight.

Jim is coordinating with the sexual misconduct committee for the Presbytery to make sure our policy handbook has the same language.

Jim will e-mail the committee the policy handbook and the committee will review it and we will go over recommendations at the next meeting.

There is an open spot on the committee and Jim will contact a couple of people to see if they would be interested so that their names can be forwarded to nominations.

There being no further committee work, Jim adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Mandeville