

Presbytery of Yellowstone
Special Meeting – August 24, 2012
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church – Billings, Montana

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met in a Special Meeting at the St. Andrew Church in Billings, Montana on Friday August 24, 2012.

12-081 – Call to Order – Moderator, Jody McDevitt called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

10-082 - Opening Worship –George led this section involving Dwelling in the Word. His scriptural selection was selected verses from the book of Exodus. Following a reading of the selection those present commented on the meaning of this scripture to them. George then offered a closing prayer.

10-083 – Purpose of the Meeting – Moderator Jody announced the purpose of the meeting as it was stated in the Call for the meeting as follows:

Special Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery

A Special Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery has been called by Moderator Jody McDevitt for Friday August 24, 2012. The meeting will be held at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Billings, Montana and will convene at 1:00 p.m.

One purpose of the meeting is to examine Candidate Brandon Willett for Ordination and membership into Yellowstone Presbytery and to examine Rev. Kristin Willett for membership into Yellowstone Presbytery. The Willett's are being considered for a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Miles City, Montana.

The second purpose of the meeting is to authorize, should the way be clear, Yellowstone Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to work with the Willett's and First Presbyterian Church of Miles City to set a date for the Ordination and Installation service and to establish an Administrative Commission to conduct the Ordination and Installation Service. No other presbytery business shall be transacted at this meeting.

/s/ Ron Hanson
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Yellowstone

10-084 - Roll Call - Clerk Ron Hanson stated that the official Roll Call would be via the Registration Slips but asked those present to introduce themselves to Aline, Brandon and Kristin by stating their name, whether they were a Teaching Elder or a Ruling Elder and the church they were from. Those filling out Registration Slips included:

| Church | Minister Member | Elder Commissioner | Others Present |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Anaconda | | Linda Smith | |
| Big Hole | Dick Davis | | |
| Billings, First | David Thompson | Janet Kline | Robert Culbertson (H Ed) |
| | | | Jack Bell |
| Billings, St. Andrew | Aline Russell | Mary Apple | |
| Bozeman | Jody Mc Devitt | | |
| | Dan Krebill | | |
| Butte | | John Clark | Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk) |
| Colstrip | Robert Shy Jr. | | |
| Forsyth | | | Don Holland (Vice-Moderator) |
| Hysham | Paul Cannon | LaVon Adair | |
| Jordan | | Claudia Stanton | Thomas Stanton |
| Manhattan | | Debbie Blackburn | |
| Miles City | | Sharla Helland | |
| Poplar | Susie Ennis | | |
| White Sulphur Spgs. | Jim Kidd | | |

Also Present:

TE Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
 TE George Goodrich, Co -General Presbyter
 TE Neva Rathbun, At-Large Member
 TE Priscilla Bell, At-Large member

12-085 – Quorum - Ron announced that a Quorum was present.

12-086 – Docket – Presbytery voted to approve the Docket as it was printed.

12-087 – Welcoming Comments – TE Aline Russell welcomed the presbytery members and commissioners to this meeting at the St. Andrew Church.

12-088 – Introductions – Neva introduced Brandon and Kristin Willet as candidates for the Miles City Church. She stated that Kristin was already Ordained and that Brandon was certified to be Ordained. She stated that that COM had examined both and found them to be a “fit” for the Miles City Church.

12-089 – Examination of Brandon Willett for Ordination – Brandon read his Statement of Faith. A series of questions from the floor followed to which Brandon responded. Presbytery then voted to arrest the examination. Neva escorted both Brandon and Kristin out of the room. Presbytery then voted to approve Brandon for Ordination. Brandon and Kristin returned to the meeting amid a round of applause as Jody announced the vote of the presbytery to approve the Ordination of Brandon Willett..

12-090 – Examination of Kristin Willett for Membership – Kristin read her Statement of Faith and then responded to a series of questions from those present. Presbytery then voted to arrest the examination. Neva escorted both Brandon and Kristin out of the room. Presbytery then voted to approve both Kristin and Brandon for membership in Yellowstone Presbytery should the way be clear. Kristin and Brandon returned to the meeting amid a round of applause as Jody announced the decision of the presbytery to grant membership into Yellowstone Presbytery.

12-091 – Administrative Commission – Presbytery voted to authorize the COM to establish an Administrative Commission to Ordain Brandon Willett and to Install Kristin and Brandon Willett “if the way be clear”. They will be arriving in Miles City in the first part of October of this year.

10-79 – Adjournment – Upon motion the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The singing of “Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty” served as the closing prayer.

Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk