

Report to Yellowstone Presbytery from the Committee on Vocations

Vocations committee meeting ; Jan 29, 2014, Bozeman, MT, 10:30 AM

Roll Call: Sean Larson, Veva Larson, Jack Bell, Charlie Mandeville, Jim Tarr. Member Sally Ralston was excused.

Opening Prayer: By Jim Tarr

Dwelling in the Word:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, NRSV

We discussed the following questions in some detail.

1. What stands out for you in this text?
2. How does this message affect your thinking on how we need to act when making decisions regarding church leadership?
3. For us who already lead others what does this say about our work in the church?

Status reviews:

Jack Bell's status as a learner was updated. He supplied a newer Statement of Faith and has completed all the required courses for the Lay Ministry curriculum at Dubuque University. Jack signed a statement regarding sexual harassment according to our policy requirements. After some questions about his calling a motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend Jack as prepared to fill the role of Commissioned Ruling Elder as may be assigned by the Committee on Ministry of the Yellowstone Presbytery. A file of records is to be forwarded to the COM prior to their meeting on February 21st.

Veva Larson's learner status was updated. She permitted us to hear the results of her Psychological Exam which was positive and indicates her being of sound mind and fit for her intended service. A motion was made and seconded to accept her exam as qualifying her for this ministry. She will complete her last course at Dubuque in May. We discussed making some recommendations regarding her service that should be considered after the new structure is in place.

Other business:

An explanation of the change in structure going forward was given by the Moderator. In fact this may be the last time the Committee on Vocations will meet.

An update to the CRE Handbook will be red due to the changes in structure pending. The moderator will work on the needed changes and present recommendations to the new committee.

Exam Readers will need to be selected by to new committee for 2015 Church year and Jim Tarr and Susan Thomas will be readers for the Presbytery for readings in 2014.

No other issues came before the committee and we adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Closing Prayer: Charlie Mandeville rendered the closing prayer.

Action items for Presbytery:

1. Accept recommendation of Committee on Vocations to move CRE Candidate Jack Bell on to the Pastoral Ministry team for care and commissioning as appropriate.
2. Approve the exam readers for the year 2014 as Jim Tarr RE and Rev. Susan Thomas TE.

Presented by:

Jim Tarr

Moderator, Committee on Vocations