

**Yellowstone Presbytery Annual Stated Meeting**  
**February 10-11, 2017**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Billings, Montana**

**17 - 001 - Call to Order** - Outgoing moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and offered the opening prayer. Dave Thompson, TE, welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian Church of Billings.

**17 - 002 - Roll Call** - Stated Clerk Debbie Blackburn, RE, called the roll and ensured that all present were introduced. The following people filled out registration sheets for the meeting.

<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder Minister Member</b>	<b>Ruling Elder Commissioner</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Anaconda	Vacant	Excused	
Big Hole	Vacant	Julie Boksich	Sandy Cleary Susan Ovitt Jo Ann Weststeyn
First Billings	Dave Thompson	Chris Eriksen Sandi Schoenberger	
Billings, St Andrew	Susan Barnes	Sandra McKee Patti Johnson	Curt Kochner (C&Y) Ben Larson Jim Tarr Carol Mick
Bozeman	Excused	Suzanne Bratsky John Patterson	
Butte	Lanny Rounds	Unexcused	
Colstrip	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Deer Lodge	Teresa Kendall	Unexcused	
Dillon	Excused	Unexcused	
Ennis	Unexcused	Mary Lee Hooks	
Forsyth	Cathy McLean	Unexcused	Gayle Holland Don Holland
Geyser	Vacant	Unexcused	

<b>Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder Minister Member</b>	<b>Ruling Elder Commissioner</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Harlowton	Vicki Waddington	Unexcused	
Hysham	Paul Cannon	Unexcused	
Jordan	Vacant	Unexcused	
Lewistown	Jed Cauffman	Unexcused	
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Eleanor Mest	Debbie Blackburn
Miles City	Brandon Willett	Paul Hellend	Sharla Hellend
Philipsburg	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Poplar	Susan Ennis	Wanda Kim	
Stanford	Jack Bell (CRE)	Excused	
Terry	Katie Emery	Andy Pehl	
White Sulphur Springs	James Kidd	Bethan Kidd	
Wolf Point	Unexcused	Unexcused	

**Also present:**

TE George Goodrich (Co-General Presbyter)

TE Kathy Goodrich (Co-General Presbyter)

TE Leon Rathbun

TE Neva Rathbun

TE Susan Thomas

TE Doug Johnson

TE Brent Long

TE Jim Bell

TE Priscilla Bell

TE Marcia Muir

Tom Gomola (visitor)

Noreen Mick (visitor)

Will Johnson (visitor)

**Corresponding Members Present:**

Rob Hagan (Northwest Coast Presbytery)

Mark Frey (Cascades Presbytery)

**Excused:**

TE Mary Davis

TE Dick Davis

**17 - 003 - Procedural Motion** – Upon a motion by the clerk, the Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by completed Registration Sheets.
2. That written and oral request for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
3. That any Corresponding members present be seated.
4. That the Presbytery grants the Moderator the authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
5. That the Moderator and Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting, and
6. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted.

**17 - 004 - Quorum/Docket** – A quorum was declared present and the Docket was adopted.

**17 - 005 - Installation of Moderator** – Teresa Kendall, TE, conducted a service of installation of Jack Bell, CRE, as Moderator of Presbytery. There is no vice-moderator of Presbytery at this time.

**17 - 006 - Worship** - Neva Rathbun, TE, opened this time with prayer. Dave Thompson, TE, led the group in singing. Rev. Stan Ott guided the group in Word, Share, Prayer. The Scripture text was Matthew 9:35-10:5a. Stan advised us that we must be the people of God before we can do the work of the people of God.

**17 - 007 - Board of Pensions** – Mark Frey reminded members about the call to health. He also suggested that members use the benefits portal to see the new options offered.

**17 - 008 - Transformed and Mobilized Part I** – Rev. Stan Ott presented information on developing ministry teams and ministry mobilization. He had relevant stories to share as well as video clips that were very engaging for the members.

**17 - 009 - Thanks to Outgoing Moderator** – Appreciation was expressed for TE Teresa Kendall's leadership as Presbytery Moderator in 2016.

**17 - 010 - Break** – The Presbytery took a break at 3:20 p.m.

**17 - 011- Reconvening** – Rev. Stan Ott continued with his presentation on being transformed and mobilized.

**17 - 012 - Report from Co-General Presbyters** – TE George Goodrich and TE Kathy Goodrich submitted a written report (Attachment A). George reminded us of the vision statement of the Presbytery and that we are to take the vision to the people. Kathy reminded us not to lose sight of why God is calling each of us.

**17 - 013 - Camping Report** – RE Curt Kochner submitted a written report (Attachment B). He advised us that the special use permit for Westminster Spires is currently being renewed for twenty years. Brochures for summer camp were handed out.

**17 - 014 - Announcements** – Those present were reminded to turn in vouchers and registration forms. Elder Commissioners should complete the commissioner form to report back to their

sessions. Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation is available to meet with people. Copies of the General Assembly proposed amendments are available.

**17 - 015 - Dinner** - Jack Bell, CRE, offered prayer for the evening meal and recessed the meeting.

**17 - 016 - Worship** - Rev. Stan Ott preached from Matthew 9-10, George Goodrich, TE, read the necrology report, and Dave Thompson, TE, presided over communion. There was a personal testimony from a camper who had attended Westminster Spires. The offering was designated for scholarships for Westminster Spires.

**17 - 017 - Reconvening** - Moderator Jack Bell, CRE, reconvened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, and Debbie Funke, TE, offered prayer. It was announced that the total for the Friday night offering was \$772 (for Westminster Spires Scholarship Fund).

**17 - 018 - Dwelling in the Word** - Rev. Stan Ott led the group in dwelling in Exodus 31:1-5. He also reviewed the discipline of Word-Share-Prayer. Groups of two to four people shared prayer requests and then prayed for one another in these small groups. Stan also mentioned that there are about eighty Word-Share-Prayer samples on his website.

**17 - 019 - Transformed and Mobilized (Part II)** - Rev. Stan Ott continued with his presentation which included a short video on seeing others with "people eyes". One emphasis was looking at how we teach people that they are sent. At the end of the presentation, George Goodrich, TE, and Kathy Goodrich, TE, thanked Stan for being with us and presented him with a cookbook. Kathy announced that videos of Stan's presentations will be available. The handouts Stan used may be found on the YP website. George offered prayer for Stan.

**17 - 020 - Stated Clerk's Report** - A written report was submitted (Attachment C). The *Book of Order* requires that the Stated Clerk report annually the roster of those who rotated off the Permanent Judicial Commission within the past six years for use in meeting a quorum should the need arise. Those names are: TE Jean Johnson (Class of 2016), TE Neva Rathbun (Class of 2016), RE Milan Combs (Class of 2014), RE Jim Babcock (Class of 2012), RE Don Holland (Class of 2012), and TE Freeman McCall (Class of 2012).

√ Motion passed to approve the minutes from the November 4-5, 2016 Presbytery meeting.

√ Motion passed to authorize ten church sessions to elect another commissioner (for one year) to Presbytery in order to bring the Non-Teaching Elder authorized voter numbers in balance with the Teaching Elder voter numbers. The ten churches are Harlowton, Hysham, Jordan, Lewistown, Manhattan, Miles City, Philipsburg, Poplar, Stanford, and Terry.

**17 - 021 - Representation/Nominating Report** - A written report was submitted (Attachment D). Neva Rathbun, TE, presented the name of Paul Hellend, RE (Miles City), for the class of 2019 for the Leadership Cabinet and Curt Kochner, RE (St Andrew Billings) for the class of 2019 for the Camping Ministry Team. There were no other nominations from the floor.

√ Motion passed to close the nominations and to elect RE Paul Hellend (Leadership Cabinet class of 2019) and RE Curt Kochner (Camping Ministry Team class of 2019).

**17 - 022 - Pastoral Ministry Team** - A written report was submitted (Attachment E). Susi Ennis, TE, gave the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) report as Dave Thompson, TE, had to leave for a funeral.

Susi reviewed the new terms of call for Paul Cannon, TE, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Treasure County.

√ Motion passed to approve the new terms of call (40% FTE) for TE Paul Cannon (refer to Attachment E for details).

**17 - 023 – Leadership Cabinet** – A written report was submitted (Attachment F). In addition to the Leadership Cabinet (LC) report there was a written report from Budget and Finance (Attachment G). The LC reviewed two of the proposed amendments to the constitution from the 2016 General Assembly meeting in Portland. The LC recommended approval of 16-A and 16-B. After presenting information on the proposed amendments there was discussion by the group.

√ Motion passed to approve 16-A on amending G-3.0106 (Child and Youth Protection Policy).

√ Motion passed to approve 16-B on amending G-3.0109 (Parity in Committees).

**17 - 024 – Additional Proposed Amendments** - The Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) reviewed the other proposed amendments to the constitution (see attachment E for recommendations from the PMT). Susi Ennis, TE, presented information on the proposed amendments and then there was discussion by the group on each proposed amendment.

√ Motion passed to approve 16-C.1 through 16-C.8 (Ordered Ministry Titles).

16-C.1 on amending F-3.0202

16-C.2 on amending G-2.0102

16-C.3 on amending G-2.0301

16-C.4 on amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501

16-C.5 on amending G-2.0701

16-C.6 on amending G-3.0307

16-C.7 on amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline

16-C.8 on amending W-4.4001a.

√ Motion passed to approve 16-D.1 on amending G-2.0509 (Relationship to the PC (USA) of a person who has renounced jurisdiction of the church).

√ Motion passed to approve 16-D.2 on amending D-10.0401 (Relationship to the PC (USA) of a person who has renounced jurisdiction of the church).

√ Motion passed to approve 16-E on amending G-2.1101 (Certified Service Requirements).

√ Motion passed to approve 16-F on amending G-1.0304 (The Ministry of Members).

√ Motion passed to approve 16-G on amending W-2.4011.a. and b. (Access to the Lord's Table).

Proposed amendment 16-H on replacing the Directory for Worship will be considered at the May Presbytery meeting. Everyone was encouraged to review the changes in the proposed directory.

**17 - 025 – Presbyterian Women** - A written report was submitted (Attachment H).

**17 - 026 – Montana Association of Christians** – A written report was submitted (Attachment I).

**17 - 027 - Next Meeting** – The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be May 12-13, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Dillon, Montana.

**17 - 028 - Adjournment** – Moderator Jack Bell, CRE, adjourned the meeting with prayer at 12:05 p.m.

Debbie Blackburn  
Stated Clerk

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