

Minutes of phone call Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery June 8, 2019, 9:35 AM, MDT

19.001 Opening Prayer, Rev. Susi Ennis, Moderator

19.002 Churches and attendees;

FPC Billings: MSW Dave Thompson, RE Sandi Schoenberger

St Andrew: RE Ben Larson

Bozeman 1st: MWS Jodi McDevitt, MWS Dan Krebill, RE Suzanne Bratsky (LC)

Butte: MWS Harland Rounds

Dillon: MWS Daniel Triller

Deer Lodge: MWS Teresa Kendall. RE Susi Johnson

Ennis: MWS Jean Johnson

Manhattan: (Excused)

Miles City: (Excused)

Poplar: MWS Susi Ennis, RE Wanda Kirn (Excused)

Wise River: RE Julie Boksich (LC)

(Churches not represented)

Anaconda, Colstrip, Forsyth, Harlowton, Hysham, Jordan, Lewistown, Phillipsburg, Stanford, Terry, White Sulphur Springs, and Wolf Point.

(Reminder: A quorum for a meeting of the Presbytery requires 3 ruling elders (Commissioners) from 3 different churches in the presbytery. S3.04 of our standing rules applies. At this meeting we had 3 RE commissioners not on Leadership Cabinet, so one less church commissioned RE attendee and we may not have held a meeting.)

At Large: Rev. Dick Davis

Also, on the call:

RE Jim Tarr Stated Clerk, RE Melissa Perrault, Asst. Stated Clerk, Rev. George Goodrich Co General Presbyter, Rev. Kathy Goodrich Co-General Presbyter, RE Russ Kline, Vice Moderator

19.003 A quorum was declared by the Stated Clerk

19.004 The Docket for the meeting was approved.

19.005 Minutes of the March 29,30, 2019 Presbytery Meeting were approved as placed on the website.

19.006 A procedural motion for a teleconference meeting was approved as follows:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by email to: statedclerk@yellowstonepcusa.org
2. Call in attendees shall indicate in the email if they are a Member, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Elder Commissioner, Other Member with vote according to the presbytery standing rules, or guest.
3. That written requests for excused absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
4. That any Corresponding members present on the phone call be seated.
5. That the Presbytery grant 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.
6. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to suggest and make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting, and
7. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted and if not supplied to the presbytery office in advance an electronic copy shall be supplied to the office of the stated clerk and the presbytery office immediately following the meeting.

19.007 Dwelling in the word Acts 1: vs 1-11, the Pentecost story.

After much discussion the Moderator offered a prayer for us to be aware of what we are called to do.

19.008 A report was made and filed by the Co-General Presbyters, Exhibit A. They reminded us that in times of change we need recall our priorities and improve and focus on the basic functions of preaching, speaking as God speaks, spiritual formation, and in general get back to the basic functions of being a church. The fall retreats planned will be time we discuss the issues of change and as the Lewis and Clark expedition found out when they reached the top of the continental divide, there comes a time when you no longer can “canoe the mountains”.

needed at the November Meeting.

19.010 The PW will be represented and meet at the PW Synod gathering in Sheridan, WY this fall. Exhibit D.

19.011 The Leadership Cabinet made a report which included actions to approve a change to the procedures at St Timothy’s Chapel as Follows:

- It was voted that the Financial procedures of St. Timothy Chapel as relates to the presbytery be set aside (and the presbytery's management team deactivated); the St Timothy financial procedures be rewritten and adopted as the Saint Timothy’s Board has proposed, which only requires one annual review by the Leadership Cabinet and approval by Presbytery.
- It was voted to accept the year end 2018 financial report and the 2019 Budget for the St Timothy Chapel. (Note: This was an exhibit in the March 29, 30 meeting minutes but not adopted at that time because the old procedures were not rescinded yet.)

With this vote the financial activities and changes recommended and approved by the St Timothy Chapel committee are now approved by the Presbytery of Yellowstone.

The Leadership Cabinet advised the meeting participants that there will be a series of regional retreats so the church leaders can gather close to their church locations to work on empowering people to share in discipleship. The retreats will have leaders assigned by the Leadership Cabinet and the retreats will not be regular meetings of the Presbytery. Dates and Places as follows:

September 14, FPC Butte

September 21, St Andrew, Billings

September 21, Terry Community

And a fourth location was yet to be announced hopefully to be in Central Montana.

19.012 The November Presbytery meeting will include a Part 2. Stan Ott Presentation.

19.013 The clerks report was in the meeting package and is exhibit C.

19.014 The meeting was adjourned with a Closing Prayer by Rev. Susi Ennis at 11:30 AM, MDT

Next meeting Yellowstone Presbytery is November 1 and 2, in Lewistown, MT. Rooms should be reserved early.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk

Exhibits: A. Co GP report

B. Camping and Youth report

C. Stated Clerk report

D. PW report