

Minutes of phone call Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery Dec 13, 2019, 1:35 PM, MST

19.076 Opening Prayer, Rev. Susi Ennis, Moderator

19.077 Churches and attendees;

Big Hole: RE Julie Boksich (LC)

Butte: MWS Harlan Rounds, RE Chuck Wright

Billings FPC: MSW Dave Thompson, RE Dick Baily

Bozeman FPC: MWS Jodi McDevitt, MWS Dan Krebill, RE Suzanne Bratsky (LC), RE Ric Tieman (LC and Acting Treasurer)

Deer Lodge: MWS Teresa Kendall.

Dillon: MWS Daniel Triller

Manhattan: RE Debbie Blackburn

Miles City: MWS Garrett Mostowski, RE Caroline Fleming (Rep/Nom Moderator)

Terry: MWS Neva Rathbun (Acting Moderator)

Poplar: MWS Susi Ennis.

Churches not represented:

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

RE Jim Tarr Stated Clerk, Rev. George Goodrich Co General Presbyter, Rev. Kathy Goodrich Co-General Presbyter, Rev. Jamie Schmeling (RCA), MWS John Dyce, MWS J.P. Carlson.

Balance check: 8 voting RE and 10 voting MWS attending

19.078 A quorum was declared by the Stated Clerk. (Reminder: A quorum for a meeting of the Presbytery requires a minimum 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 or holding another office.

19.079 The meeting opened with a prayer by the Moderator the Rev. Susi Ennis.

19.080 The Docket for the meeting was approved as printed in the meeting notice.

19.081 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.

19.082 The leadership cabinet report was presented by MWS Teresa Kendall and is attached as **Exhibit A**.

The RE Ric Tieman was introduced as acting treasurer for a limit of a 6 months term. A special committee will examine the roles of the financial positions of the presbytery and report its findings before the May meeting 2020. This task team consists of George Goodrich (head of staff), Ric Tieman (Acting Treasurer), Dan Holland (Financial Secretary 2019), and Susi Ennis (Personnel Committee)

19.083 A report of the PMT was made by MWS Dave Thompson.

One purpose of this special meeting was to conduct an interview of MWS Jamie Schmeling as being selected by the Terry (ELCA and Presbyterian) and Fallon (ELCA) churches as their Installed Pastor. MWS Dave Thompson introduced Rev. Schmeling and she was interviewed by the Presbytery. After some careful deliberation the following motions were approved.

- **It Was Voted:** Rev. Jamie Schmeling (RCA) is to become a member of the Yellowstone Presbytery and is to be installed as Pastor of the Terry Community Presbyterian Church and the Hope Lutheran Church in Fallon, MT with an effective date of January 1st, 2020.
- **It was Voted:** The terms of call are approved which are between the Community Presbyterian Church, Terry, MT and the Rev, Jamie Schmeling. Attached as **Exhibit C**.

(The clerk notes that since Jamie has been in a supply status at these churches no formal installation service **at this time** will be conducted.)

19.084 A report of the Rep/Nom committee was received as **Exhibit B**. The delegate vote actions were made in accordance with S 3.07 of our Standing Rules

The following actions were taken after 3 requests by the Moderator for Nominations from the assembly;

- **It was voted** to elect MWS Jamie Schmeling to serve on the Leadership Cabinet in the class of 2022 (a 3-year term)

- **It was voted** to elect the following to serve as alternate commissioned delegates to the GA 224 in Baltimore, MD.
As MWS Alternate, Rev. John Dyce
As YAAD Alternate, Megan Dupuis

19.085 Kathy Goodrich was given the floor to announce it was with much sadness and affirmation of the resurrection that MWS Jean Johnson had passed away this week in Great Falls, MT of sepsis and renal failure. Jean was an active servant in this Presbytery for many years and will be missed by all. After this announcement a prayer was offered by Rev. Jody McDevitt.

19.086 The meeting was adjourned with a Closing Prayer by Rev. Susi Ennis at 2:29 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk

Minutes reviewed and approved as **revised** at the March 7, 2020 Presbytery Meeting.

Encl: Exhibit A. LC Report

Exhibit B. Report of the Rep/Nom Committee

Exhibit C. Terms of Call Rev. Jamie Schmeling

Exhibit A. Leadership Cabinet;

Leadership Cabinet Report to Yellowstone Presbytery December 9, 2019

Leadership Cabinet had a special meeting on November 25, 2019 to act on the resignation of Yellowstone Presbytery Treasurer, Sheryl Hallin. With thanks for her fifteen years of work for the Presbytery, we accepted her resignation effective November 30.

We authorized Dan Holland, Ric Tieman, Susi Ennis (Chair of Personnel), and George Goodrich (Head of Staff) to research Presbytery Treasurer future need.

Ric Tieman, newly elected to the Leadership Cabinet, offered to work as Acting Treasurer for no longer than six months, to begin immediately. Leadership Cabinet welcomed his offer and elected him to the position of Acting Treasurer for Yellowstone Presbytery no longer than six months.

Leadership Cabinet is grateful for the gifts of extra time, discernment, and prayer which have will be put in by our staff, the Leadership Cabinet and its Personnel Subgroup.

Exhibit B. Rep/Nom Report;

Representation/Nomination Team
Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
December 13, 2019

The Representation/Nomination Team continued its work to seek people who are qualified and willing to serve Yellowstone Presbytery on teams and in positions that are available. We are pleased to have found qualified people to say “yes” to God’s call for service in three positions that were open as of December 2, 2019. I am very grateful to Jody McDevitt, Robert Culbertson, Lanny Rounds, and George Goodrich for their input and prayer that made it possible to complete our work and fill the slate for the coming year.

ACTION ITEM:

Working together and led by God’s Spirit, the Representation/Nomination Team commends to Yellowstone Presbytery the following slate consisting of one team member for the Leadership Cabinet, one Alternate Minister Commissioner to General Assembly 2020, and one Alternate Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to General Assembly 2020 for your election:

LEADERSHIP CABINET

Class of 2022: MWS – Jamie Schmeling

NOTE: If the way be clear, the Rep/Nom Team nominates Jamie to the Leadership Cabinet for a 3-year term, realizing that her election skews the male/female representation on the Cabinet further leaving that team's membership at 7 females and 2 males. It does, however, maintain a good geographic balance on the Cabinet and the balance of pastors and ruling elders is as even as possible at 5 to 4. We truly feel Jamie is an extremely qualified person with visionary qualities who will fill the position left by Jack Bell very well.

The team chose to offer Jamie a 3-year term, though Jack Bell was in the class of 2021, because this action will return a balance of 3 persons per class to the Leadership Cabinet and is in accordance with our Presbytery's Standing Rules.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

MWS Alternate: John Dyce

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Alternate: Megan Dupuis

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Fleming, Moderator
Representation/Nomination Team

Exhibit C. Jamie Schmeling Terms of Call;

Pastoral Call to Ministry

The Community Presbyterian Church of Terry belonging to the Yellowstone Presbytery, and the Hope American Lutheran Church of Fallon belonging to the Montana Synod of the ELCA, being well satisfied with your qualification for ministry and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose service will be profitable to the spiritual interests of both of our churches and fruitful for the Kingdom of our Lord, earnestly and solemnly call you,

Jamie D. Schmeling

To undertake the office of PASTOR of these congregations, beginning on January 1, 2020, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and allegiance in the Lord. That you may be free to devote to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on a three-quarter of full-time basis among us, we do promise and obligate ourselves to pay you in regular monthly payments the following effective salary: Effective Salary of \$36,675 (3/4 of 2020 guidelines) as follows: Cash salary = \$21,675

Housing = \$15,000 Board of Pension Dues (2020 est. is \$15,320) Professional expenses and travel (reimbursed at current IRS rate): \$2,000 max Continuing Education: \$600 per year Vacation leave: 4 weeks a year including 4 Sundays Study Leave: 2 weeks per year, including 2 Sundays

We further promise and obligate ourselves to annually review with you the adequacy of this compensation. In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave, continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing the pulpit supply in your absence.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this ____ day of _____, 20____

Having moderated the congregational meeting which extended this call for ministerial services, I do certify that the call has been made in all respect according to the presbytery policy and the Form of Government, and that the persons who signed above were authorized to do so by the vote of this congregation. Vote of the congregation at the meeting December 8, 2020 was: _____ for and _____ against

Rev. Susi Ennis Moderator of the meeting

_____/S/_____

Certification of Call

A. Action by Presbytery of Call Yellowstone Presbytery has reviewed and approved this call.

Stated Clerk ____/S/_____ and date _Dec 13, 2019

Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk

B. Acceptance of the Call This certifies that I have received and accepted this call.

Candidate _____/S/_____ and date _Dec 13, 2019

Rev. Jamie Schmeling, RCA

End of minutes of meeting December 13, 2020

Approved _____

Reviewed _____

Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk, Yellowstone Presbyery

Exhibit B.

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Respectfully submitted, Caroline Fleming, Moderator Representation/Nomination Team