

Stated Clerk Report June 8, 2019 to November 1, 2019

Attended a phone call meeting of the Presbytery June 8, 2019

Minutes of June 8, 2019 Phone call meeting were prepared.

Attended the July 11, 2019 meeting of the PMT and took meeting notes

Minutes of the PMT meeting July 11, 2019 were prepared.

E Minister roles updated as changes occurred.

Attended the August 13, 2019 meeting of the PMT and took meeting notes. At this meeting Kori Robbins was interviewed as a potential inquirer and Sarah Logemann as a potential ordained Pastor.

Minutes of the PMT meeting August 13, 2019 were prepared.

Attended the LC meeting in Lewistown Sept 10, 2019.

Reviewed a draft of the docket for the special Presbytery meeting in Billings so it could be posted to the Website after the September LC meeting.

Helped Garrett Mostowski with a grant application and support documents for his education loan.

As an assembly delegate, the Clerk attended the Synod Assembly meeting in Denver Colorado and was elected Synod Moderator for 2020. As a part of the meeting it was noted the Meeting Documents Reviewed from Yellowstone during year 2018 were not acceptable and deficiencies noted had not all been corrected yet. The clerk will be engaged in clearing these deficiencies during 2019. All minor corrections needed have been taken care of at this time. The remaining issue is to find an economically feasible way to church record reviews. This will not get done until 2020 and will remain a deficiency issue for our records for 2019.

To Rectify the reporting deficiency noted above each church in the presbytery will be required to send their Session Clerk to one of the Stated Meetings of the Presbytery closest to their church location and bring the church Minutes Book and Membership Roll Book to that meeting for a review by the office of the Stated Clerk. This review will take place either before the opening of the meeting on Friday or just after the close of the meeting on Saturday. Both the LC and PMT have agreed this work will get done in this manner. A check list for the review process will be posted on the Presbytery website.

Attended the LC meeting in Billings Oct 8, 2019 and during that day also attended a Special Presbytery Meeting in Billings which had some participants on the phone.

Posted finalized minutes of the June 8, 2019 Presbytery Meeting as approved Oct 8, 2019

Prepared draft Minutes of the LC Meeting Oct 8th and the Special Presbytery Meeting Oct 8th and circulated them. Corrections needed were made before publishing.

Prepared the draft docket for the November meeting and communicated with various Moderators on items needing attention at this meeting.

The clerk reviewed items needing attention on the Clerk Portal and its associated records needing attention and cleared or completed some of the transactions needed.

Records certifying Sarah Logemann as ready for ordination were received Oct 22, 2019 from the New Brunswick Presbytery after much delay and the Stated Clerk was able to certify her readiness for ordination on Oct 26, 2019. Sarah will be installed as part time Pastor at the Methodist Church in Miles City at a separate time. She will remain "At Large" in Yellowstone Presbytery in a Validated Ministry.

Primary focus regarding the Presbytery functions for 2020 will be to find ways to continue to serve our 23 churches with the fewer resources we will have available. A better idea might be to work on growing our fellowships and our mission giving so we can do more not less. Just saying.

Jim Tarr

Stated Clerk