

Note actions taken by Council or recommendations to Presbytery

COUNCIL

Presbytery of Yellowstone

MINUTES

April 24, 2009

The Council of the Presbytery of Yellowstone met at 1st Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana on Friday April 24, 2009.

Attendance was as follows:

Elder Fran Babcock (Council Moderator)

Elder Debbie Blackburn (Budget & Finance)

Elder Cal Boyle (St. Timothy's Chapel)

Elder Susan Gibb (Personnel)

Rev Paul Krebill (Higher Ed)

Elder Cathy McLean (Camping & Youth)

Elder Jim Moses (Mission)

Rev Neva Rathbun (PW Co-Moderator)

Elder Ted Williams (Presby Vice-Moderator)

Absent

Elder Suzanne Bratsky (PW Co-Moderator)

Rev Mary Davis (Vocations)

Elder Violet Haigh (Representation)

CLP Phil Maxwell (Ministry)

Susan Thomas (Presbytery Moderator)

Elder Connie Townsend (Nominations)

Rev. George Goodrich, co-General Presbyter

Rev. Kathy Goodrich, co-General Presbyter

Elder Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk

Elder Ric Tieman (Visioning Team)

1. The meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m. by Moderator Fran Babcock and a quorum was declared. The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion by Paul Krebill (using Acts 6:1-7). Docket for today's meeting and minutes of January 16, 2009 meeting were approved as printed (except that Mary Davis was listed as absent – she was indeed present).

2. Electronic Document Policy – Debbie Blackburn presented a proposed Electronic Document Policy as a means of saving presbytery money. Debbie, Susan Seibert and Ric Tieman had served as an ad hoc committee to prepare the proposal.

ü Council moved to recommend that presbytery adopt the proposed policy.

3 Budget/Finance Committee – Debbie reported for the committee.

ü Council moved to allow gathering of all Administrative Commission and Investigating Committee expenses under the category "Judicial Process" in the Administrative Budget.

ü Council voted to recommend that presbytery approve changes in Fiscal Policy and amendments to the 2009 budget.

4. Personnel Committee – report by Susan Gibb – Council approved Elder Bill McGladdery (Butte) to be a co-opted member of the committee.

5. General Presbyters report – George described the upcoming “Big Tent” event in Atlanta June 11-13, 2009.
 - ü Council approved George using Administrative Support money for his attendance.
 - ü Council approved taking money from the Continuing Education fund to permit a second person to attend the event. George would attend one of two sections: “Healthy Ministries” or “Evangelism.” The second person would attend the other section.
 - ü Council recommended that COM select a athird individual to attend the event.

6. Visioning Team – Ric Tieman, Debbie Blackburn, Kathy and George reported on the team’s progress. They will provide plenary session at presbytery meeting. We have reached the Discerning Phase (Discovering Phase is completed and beginning with a presbytery retreat September 18-19, we will advance to Embodying Phase (last of 3 phases). Marianne Rehbergen will be present.

7. Presbyterian Women - Neva reported that the spring gathering will occur May 1-2 in Bozeman. There is a church-wide PW gathering July 11-15 in Louisville.

8. Representation Committee – written report but no action requested.

- 9 . St.Timothy’s Chapel Committee – Cal Boyle reported that cleanup is slated for May 31. Three different pastors will provide services this summer.

10. Vocations Committee – report by Susan Gibb – no action requested.

11. Committee on Ministry – no report

12. Committee moderators requested docket times for presbytery meeting.

13. Adjourned at 3:35 p.m. with prayer by Cathy.

Ted Williams
Assistant Stated Clerk