

MINUTES

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA MARCH 25, 2017 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska convened at 9:03 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, O'Neill, Nebraska, on Saturday, March 25, 2017, with prayer by the moderator ruling elder Joyce Dean.

PRESBYTERY ATTENDANCE

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Atkinson, First	Dean Seger
Aurora, Presbyterian UCC	absent
Axtell, First	absent
Beaver City, First	absent
Benkelman, First	absent
Broken Bow, First	absent
Campbell, Westminster United	absent
Central City, United	absent
Cozad, First	absent
Danbury, First	absent
Edgar, Church of the Plains	David Nienkamp
Ewing, Bethany	Tim Lambert
Ewing, UM-PC(USA)	Janene Reynolds
Fairfield, Community	absent
Fullerton, First	absent
Gothenburg, First	Keith Graham
Grand Island, First	Richard Morhardt
Hastings, First	Mary Fisk
Hastings, Second	absent
Holdrege, First	absent
Kearney, First	Steve Miller
Kenesaw, First	excused
Keystone	excused
Lebanon, Community	absent
Lexington, First	absent
Lexington, Buffalo Grove	absent
Loup City, First	absent
Minden, Westminster United	Bob (Robert) Money
North Platte, First	Dean Kurth
O'Neill, First	Kathy Marvin
Orleans, First	absent
St. Paul, First	absent
Stapleton, First	absent

Stuart, Community	absent
Superior, First	absent
Sutherland, First	absent
Valentine	Carol (CJ) Leonard
Wood River, First	absent

TEACHING ELDERS

Greg Allen-Pickett	present
Kathryn Bates	excused
Elaine Besthorn	absent
David Boyd	present
Jill Boyd	present
Bruce Bradley	excused
Don Canady — HR	excused
James Cooke — HR	excused
Dan Davis	present
Stuart Davis	present
Ivan Dean	present
Steve Deines — HR	excused
Polly Deppen-Williams	present
Lisa Ewald	absent
John Gallentine	absent
Cynthia Harvey	absent
Cheryl Lamb	absent
Berke Landrum	excused
Karen Larson	present
David Matheke — HR	excused
David McCarthy	excused
Joan McCarthy	excused
Doug McHargue	absent
Frank Medsker — HR	excused
Roger Nelson — HR	excused
Steve Nofel	present
William Nottage-Tacey--HR	excused
Charles Olsen — HR	excused
Caroline Price-Gibson	present
Stephen Price-Gibson	present
Kirwin Stewart	present
Robert Thom — HR	excused
H. Eldin Wells — HR	present
Karen Woo	present
Gui-Jie Zhang	absent

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

Joyce Dean	present
Mark Diehl	absent

Marcine Farmer	absent
Beth Fotinos	excused
Ethel Fox	absent
Dave Irwin	excused
Brad Jepsen	absent
David Johnson	absent
Linda Lambert	present
Phil LaRoe	absent
Wayne Owens	present
Gary Smith	absent
Keith Theobald	absent
C.L. Wimer	absent

CERTIFIED ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN ADMINISTRATORS

Rose Miller

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES

Jon Beggs

Annabelle Wells

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Raymond Meester (Homestead Presbytery) Rhonda Kruse (Hudson River Presbytery)

VISITORS

Ramona Meester, Homestead Presbytery
Judy Magstadt, O'Neill

Russell Barelmann
Judy Rothenberger

Ruling elder Karen Larson, pastor of the O'Neill church, welcomed the presbytery.

WORSHIP WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The presbytery entered into worship. Liturgists were ruling elders Wayne Owens, Dean Seger, and Linda Lambert. Teaching elder Rhonda Kruse (Hudson River Presbytery) was the preacher; and teaching elders Karen Larson and Rhonda Kruse co-officiated at the Lord's Supper. Mollie, Linda, and Tim Lambert provided special music, and an offering was received for the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Teaching elder Steven Price-Gibson led in the installation of ruling elder Joyce Dean as moderator, and teaching elder Ivan Dean as vice-moderator.

A quorum was declared present.

The agenda as amended was approved.

Teaching elder Rhonda Kruse, Hudson River Presbytery, was seated as a corresponding member.

First time commissioners were introduced.

The minutes of the last presbytery meeting were approved as corrected.

Teaching elder Rhonda Kruse, member of Hudson River Presbytery, Mission Engagement Advisor for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, made a presentation concerning the work of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Teaching elder Polly Deppen-Williams reported for the Committee on Ministry.

They reported the following actions done on behalf of the presbytery:

- 1) Approved Rev. Bill Harrold (Christian Church, Disciples of Christ) as transitional pastor for Heartland Shared Ministries. He was given authorization to perform the sacraments and to moderate the session. The contract is for January 3, 2017 to January 2, 2018.
- 2) Approved the Broken Bow and Lexington churches to form pulpit nominating committees.
- 3) Approved Ivan and Joyce Dean to candidate with the Fairfield and Nelson churches.
- 4) Approved the terms of call for teaching elder Greg Allen-Pickett as pastor of First Presbyterian church, Hastings, beginning March 12, 2017, and to receive his membership from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta effective March 12, 2017.
 - a) Effective salary\$80,000
 - b) Full Board of Pensions Dues
 - c) Social Security offset\$4,080
 - d) Travel\$2,400
 - e) Continuing education/professional expenses..\$3,000
 - f) Moving expense\$10,000
- 5) Approved reducing the hours from 40 to 20 per week for commissioned ruling elder Wayne Owens serving the Community Church in Stuart and First Presbyterian Church, Atkinson.
- 6) Permission was given to commissioned ruling elder Wayne Owens to perform a wedding in Ogallala on August 12, 2017.
- 7) Teaching elder Bill Nottage-Tacey was approved as moderator for the Fairfield/Nelson congregational meeting and teaching elder Chuck Olsen for the Fullerton congregational meeting.
- 8) Approved Janene Reynolds to be added to the pulpit supply list. She is not authorized to perform the sacraments.

The Committee on Ministry recommended, and presbytery approved, the Plan of Union and Bylaws for the forming of a union congregation with First Presbyterian and First United Methodist, Fullerton, pending the congregational votes on April 30, 2017.

The Committee also recommended that the Presbytery council work with the Fullerton Community church regarding per capita.

Teaching elder Greg Allen-Pickett and ruling elder Janene Reynolds were introduced.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Reporting for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was teaching elder Jill Boyd.

There are four individuals currently under care: Logan Ellis (Inquirer), Zach Spurgeon (Inquirer), David Johnson (Candidate), and Sharon Rees (Candidate). Sharon Rees transitioned from Inquirer to Candidate by the committee on March 14, 2017.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruling Elder Annabelle Wells reported on behalf of Presbyterian Women of Central Nebraska.

Presbytery approved Presbyterian Women be granted permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the spring gatherings, at Church of the Plains, Edgar, May 4, 2017, and First Presbyterian North Platte, May 6, 2017. The pastors of the two churches will officiate at the sacrament at their respective churches.

SYNOD SCHOOL

Steve and Rose Miller encouraged people to attend Synod School of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, July 23-28, 2017 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

COUNCIL REPORT

Teaching elder Steven Price-Gibson reported for the Council.

Personnel Committee: The report was presented by teaching elder David Boyd. The new office administrator, Judy Rothenberger, who began work on February 29, 2017, was introduced.

LUNCH: Teaching elder Ivan Dean gave grace and the presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. The Presbytery entered into a period of prayer led by moderator Joyce Dean.

Business-Budget: Ruling elder Steve Miller reported. He announced the process for applying for synod school scholarships. The Committee approved First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island, to borrow up to \$100,000 for organ repair/renovation from other sources than the presbytery.

Executive Presbyter Search Committee: Teaching elder Ivan Dean reported that the committee is up and running and on schedule.

YOUTH REPORT

Reporting for the committee was teaching elder Dan Davis. Camperships are available for children and youth to attend a camp. Campership applications are available on the presbytery's website.

Presbytery adjourned at 1:26 p.m., with ruling elder Joyce Dean closing with prayer.