

Presbytery Council Minutes

January 17, 2017

Attendance:

Members: Gillian Holzhauser-Graber, Rose Jones, Ron Boyd, Kathy Jarosz, Mary Jane. Jessie Myers, Saunders, David Good, Tom Polker, Ken Wessler, Diana Wagar, Jay Salvage, Juliann Pond,

Ex-Officio: David Bartley, Lynn Bova, Dean McGormley, Susan Meier,

Excused: Clint Tolbert, Jim Miller, Barry Sweet, David Tilly, Dana Bourne,

Spiritual Formation - David Good,

4:00 pm Spiritual Formation – David Good

4:20 pm Approval of the Docket ON MOTION to approve, SO ORDERED

Approval of the Council Minutes of October 18, 2016 SO ORDERED

Discernment Issues:

4:20 – 4:40 Waking Up White Plans (Mary Jane Saunders) (Books for Sale)

ON MOTION that the funds to pay for the "Waking Up White" books for General Council be taken out of the Global Peace and Social Witness account. **SO ORDERED**

4:40 – 5:00 Next Steps in Grand Rapids (Dean McGormley)
Dean presented a report as to where the AC is at this point. Grand Rapids First has ceased negotiations and left the denomination. They allegedly have been received by the ECO and claim that they "have dismissed themselves" to that denomination. Dean will be meeting with the AC next week and motions will be coming to the February Presbytery meeting. Moving forward several suggestions were presented including actions at Presbytery(Schism vote) as well as future actions in the civil courts of Ohio.

5:05

Committee Reports

(All reports should be written. Only those items which need specific Presbytery Action should be commented upon.)

Personnel Committee

ON MOTION to refer to the Nominating Committee the task of presenting nominees for the Personnel Committee **SO ORDERED**

Budget and Finance

ON MOTION to declare the funds from the Will of Elizabeth J Watson to the Toledo Covenant (MVP as successor) in the amount of 48,378.38 be declared as unrestricted funds. **SO ORDERED**

Branch of Congregational Life

ON MOTION to fund a "Reformation Festival" and other discussions to promote understanding of "LGBTQA", Racial Minorities and "Other Christian groups; Roman Catholics, Lutheran, Mennonite, etc." from the Peace Making and Justice Fund not to exceed \$2,000. **SO ORDERED**

ON MOTION to present to MVP the **majority** recommendation in Appendix B. Recommendations of Presiding at the Lord's Supper for approval. **So ordered**

Branch of Service to World

ON MOTION to approve a presbytery wide mission trip for June 10-17 to go to New Orleans area and to recruit a mission trip leader. **SO ORDERED**

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Latino Ministries

Nominating

Preparation for Ministry

Wider Church Representation

Presbyterian Women

Synod of the Covenant

Need for churches who are interested to serve as a host congregation for the upcoming Health Fairs.

General Assembly Issues – 2020 Vision Task Force

5:20

Commission Reports

Grand Rapids Commission Report (Karen VanderPloeg)

Mt. Sinai Commission Report (Janeane Hopkins)

ACDC (Administrative Commission on Dissolving Churches) Susan Rowland Miller

Bucyrus/Ada Commission (Ken Wessler)

5:30

Officers Reports:

Moderator

ViceModerator

ON MOTION to approve the following places for upcoming Presbytery meetings:

February 21, 2017 (10:00-3:00 p.m.) Black Cloister Bar,

May 16, 2017 3-8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Adrian, Michigan;

September 19, 2017 3-8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of

Monroe, Michigan
November 14, 2017 10-3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of
Napoleon, Ohio
February 20, 2018 10 – 3 p.m

ON MOTION to approve the following dates and places for upcoming
Council meetings. So ordered

All meetings of General Council for 2017 will be held at the Presbytery
office media Center, located at 700 E. Melrose, Findlay, Ohio ;

April 18th 4 – 6 p.m. (April 18th is week after Easter)

August 15 4 – 6 p.m.

October 17 4-6 p.m.

SO ORDERED

Clerk

Presbyter for Common Life

500th anniversary of the Reformation “To be reconciled to God is to
Be sent into the world as his reconciling community.”

Confession of 1967

October 29th as the culmination of a year of work of focused
reconciliation and work in the arenas of inclusion, race, and
ecumenical witness.

5:35 Set Agenda for Presbytery:

Vote on Amendments to Book of Order. No break out groups. Task Group for
Logistics – Who wants to serve? Diana Wagar and Dean McGormley
volunteered and will conscript Patrick Harley.

6:10 Closing Prayers

6:15 Adjournment