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**MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Stated Meeting**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, BOWLING GREEN, OH  
November 15, 2016**

**10:00 GETTING ORGANIZED** Moderator Lynn Bova opened the meeting at 10:00 with a hymn and a prayer. She called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket..... TE Dean McGormley, Stated Clerk  
The revised docket was approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes of September 20 2016 as written.  
*ON MOTION:* to approve the minutes as presented. **So Ordered.**

Seating of Corresponding Members  
*ON MOTION:* to seat as corresponding member:  
Buzz Reed, Miami Presbytery and Kirkmont Camp,  
Jan Heckler, Greater Atlanta Presbytery, mission co-worker from Madagascar  
**So Ordered.**

Privileges of the Floor  
*ON MOTION:* to grant privileges of the floor to  
Christian Taylor, Pastoral Leader at First Presbyterian Church of Erie, Michigan  
Elvin Gonzalez, Pastoral Leader at Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church, Norwalk Ohio  
Debra Davies, Pastoral Leader at Glendale Presbyterian Church, Toledo  
Becca Snedeker-Meier, Member of the 2020 Vision Team, PCUSA and member  
Of First Presbyterian Church, Upper Sandusky  
Julian Pond, elder from Faith Christian Church in Lima,  
Terry Gentz and Josh Taylor, Gentz Insurance  
Jack Simmons, Clerk of Session and PNC chairperson at Perrysburg First  
**So Ordered.**

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

Welcome from the Host Pastors..... Mary Jane Saunders and Gary Saunders

**10:15 Stated Clerk's report.....Dean McGormley**

1. At the September meeting of MVP, the clerk reported that allegations had been filed against a minister member of MVP. The Clerk now reports that the I.C. found that there were no charges to be filed against the minister member. Upon reporting this action to the accuser, this person requested a review of the I.C. decision. The PJC of MVP met and appointed two reviewers from the PJC to review the work of the I.C. The review has been completed with a recommendation to sustain the work of the I.C. This concludes the matter of these allegations as the work of the review is not appealable.

2. The Clerk reports the roster of PJC members whose terms have expired in the past six years: Steve Elderbrock (2014), Elder Missey Kaser (2014 Toledo Christ), David Bartley

(2012), Elder Lori Schmidt(2010 Bluffton), Elder Arthur Statler (2010 Toledo), David Young (2010)

**10:15 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Council/Committee on Ministry**

1. **ON MOTION** that MVP approve the proposed 2017 budget as presented, with a negative \$6,619 balance and that the request for \$41,322 from the New and Redevelopment Fund be submitted to the Presbytery for action in November. **So Ordered.**

2. **ON MOTION** that MVP approve the following dates for stated meetings of MVP in 2017

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3-8 pm (at a church that has air conditioning)

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 3-8 p.m (at a church that has air conditioning)

Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 10 – 3:00 p.m. (Moved ahead a week to avoid Thanksgiving)

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10 – 3:00 p.m.

**So Ordered**

Sessions who are willing to host a Presbytery meeting are invited to contact Jay Salvage, Vice Moderator. Accessibility for handicapped persons, a meeting room able to accommodate 120 people, a space to feed between 70 – 120 people are essential. 3-5 break out rooms would be nice but not required.

3. **ON MOTION** to approve a 3% equity increase on total effective salary for minimum terms of call. **So Ordered.**

Mary Jane Saunders Moderating

**Actions taken to Presbytery by Nominating Committee.....Rose Jones**

4. The following names are placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee to be acted upon at the November 15th meeting of the Presbytery

| <u>Ministry</u>                  | <u>Class</u> | <u>Name</u>          | <u>Congregation</u> | <u>RE/TE</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Congregational Life</b>       | 2017         | Juliann Pond         | Lima                | R            |
|                                  | 2019         | David Montgomery     | At Large            | T            |
|                                  | 2019         | Clint Tolbert        | Maumee              | T            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2019         | Pamela Short         | Tontogany           | T            |
| <b>Service to the World</b>      | 2019         | Ann Lux              | Monroe, First       | R            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2019         | Jessie Myers         | Findlay First       | T            |
|                                  | 2019         | Beth Zuehlke         | At Large            | T            |
| <b>Budget/Finance</b>            | 2019         | Peter Haff           | Upper Sandusky      | R            |
|                                  | 2019         | Jin Seung Kim        | Toledo Hamni        | T            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2017         | Ken Wessler          | Upper Sandusky      | T            |
| <b>Commissioned Ruling Elder</b> | 2017         | Tomas Pistora        | Kenton Trinity      | T            |
|                                  | 2019         | Barry Sweet          | Bryan               | T            |
| <i>Co-Moderator CRE Training</i> | 2017         | Barry Sweet          | Bryan               | T            |
| <i>Co-Moderator CRE Training</i> | 2017         | Tom Polker           | Napoleon            | CRE          |
| <b>Committee on Ministry</b>     | 2019         | Gene McEvoy          | Findlay, First      | R            |
|                                  | 2019         | Tom Emery            | Venedocia           | T            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2019         | Ron Boyd             | Upper Sandusky      | R            |
| <b>Preparation for Ministry</b>  | 2019         | David Koch           | At Large            | T            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2019         | Mary Jane Saunders   | Bowling Green       | T            |
| <b>Latino Ministry Team</b>      | 2019         | Janeane Hopkins      | McComb              | CRE          |
|                                  | 2019         | Richard Reed         | Defiance            | R            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2019         | Jim Miller           | Pemberville         | T            |
| <b>Synod Elder Commissioner</b>  | 2019         | G. Holzhauser-Graber | Ottawa              | R            |
| <b>Synod Teaching Elder</b>      | 2019         | David Tilly          | Montpelier          | T            |
| <b>Members of Council</b>        |              |                      |                     |              |
| Moderator of Presbytery          | 2017         | Mary Jane Saunders   | Bowling Green       | T            |
| Vice Moderator, Presbytery       | 2017         | Jay Salvage          | Perrysburg          | R            |
| <i>Moderator</i>                 | 2017         | Lynn Bova            | Perrysburg          | R            |
| Moderator COM                    | 2017         | Ron Boyd             | Upper Sandusky      | R            |
| Liaison, Congregational Life     | 2017         | Pam Short            | Tontogany           | T            |
| Co-Moderator CRE                 | 2017         | Tom Polker           | Napoleon            | CRE          |
| Moderator Latino Ministries      | 2017         | Jim Miller           | Pemberville         | T            |
| Moderator Budget/Finance         | 2017         | Ken Wessler          | Upper Sandusky      | T            |
| Moderator Service to World       | 2017         | Jessie Myers         | Findlay First       | T            |
| Moderator Presby Women           | 2017         | Dana Bourne          | Findlay First       | R            |

**ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of order. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. **So Ordered.**

5. The following names are placed in Nomination by the Personnel Committee to be acted on at the November 15 meeting of Presbytery:

|                             |      |                |               |   |
|-----------------------------|------|----------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Nominating Committee</b> | 2018 | Gary Saunders  | Bowling Green | T |
|                             | 2018 | Katie Treadway | Tiffin        | T |

**ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of order. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. **So Ordered.**

**10:35 Branch of Service to the World..... Cynthia Holder Rich**

- Diakonia.....Tomas Pistora reported on visit of Jan Hus to the Presbytery. The tiny churches in Czech Republic are doing mission again after the fall of communism. Are in Syria, Ethiopia, and doing amazing ministry there and other places.
- Thailand.....Lance Wiesmann journeyed to Thailand. He worked with missionary Esther Wakeman teaching English. He is available and willing to make presentations at churches about that ministry.
- Madagascar.....Jan Heckler shared info about Madagascar and the church there. She is involved in education and ministry with women and children. Jan hopes to start large scale teacher training and is interested in building relationship with congregations in this Presbytery.
- Jessie Myers – contact her if have people interested in a Presbytery-wide mission trip this summer.

**10:55 Breakout Groups Introductions.....Mary Jane**

Future of the Church - led by David Montgomery and Becca Snedeker-Meier  
Dealing with mental illness in the church - led by Julian Pond  
Stewardship - coordinated by Clint Tolbert  
PCUSA mission in Madagascar - led by Jan Heckler  
Choir for Worship - led by Organist and Choir Director at Bowling Green First

**11:00 Breakout Groups**

**12:00 LUNCH**

**Lynn Bova Moderating**

**1:00 Words from Terry Gentz of Guide One Insurance** (annual presentation per insurance "rebate" agreement) presented information on winterizing church buildings.

**1:10 REPORTS**

Presbyter for Common Life .....Susan Meier

1. Council is asking: what questions should we as Presbytery be talking about?
2. 100% of churches in PCUSA who employ pastors got info into BoP. Pastors are at 80%.

3. The Presbytery website was hacked. If individuals clear cache, cookies, and browser on their computers, they should be able to get to the new website.

Invitation to remember

Branch of Congregational Life.....Pam Short

- Tuesday May 9, 2017 Provocative Conversations. Conversations on Stewardship/Generosity of God.
- Beer & Carols Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. at Black Cloister.

CRE .....Mark Rich

- Union Presbyterian Seminary has come out with CRE program that we are participating in.
- 12 week guided study through the Bible offered in Maumee Valley Presbytery

Synod Report .....Gillian Holzhauser-Graber

- Mobile Health Fairs conducted
- Funded self-development of the people projects
- Multicultural youth conferences continue to be a success
- Higher education scholarships awarded, grants awarded too

Presbyterian Women (5).....Dana Bourne  
Described commitment to mission. Announced the Spring Gathering of PW.

**1:40 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

**Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by COM**

1. Fremont First – **Approved** their MIF for circulation on the basis that the MIF is marked to show that the church is looking for either a temporary pastor or an interim pastor.
2. Sandusky, First- If the way be clear, **Appointed** Rev Kenneth Wessler as moderator.
3. Galion, First – **Appointed** Rev Susan Meier as moderator for their quarterly session meetings.
4. References: Legal advice has been received which recommends that, when a person is seeking a position which requires a presbytery or its agents to either give or seek a reference, written permission must be received from that person before such references are either given or requested. In this regard documents were presented which, when signed, authorizes Maumee Valley Presbytery and its duly authorized agents to either contact or provide references. **Approved** these documents for use and to have them included in the list of the presbytery’s policies.
5. First United Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg, OH - **Approved** the contract between the session and Margaret Fox. By previous affirmation of the congregation, she is eligible to become the sole candidate to be the next installed pastor upon an affirmative vote of the congregation after three years of service to

the Perrysburg church without having to fulfill the process described in G 2.0802-0803.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has received the summary of Margaret’s preparation for Ministry from the Presbytery of Southern New England and has determined that their process of preparation is equivalent to ours. Margaret has exceeded their requirements and has completed CPE, an internship and career counseling. She will be presented to Maumee Valley Presbytery for ordination examination. If the way be clear, Maumee Valley Presbytery would then request that Margaret be ordained by the Presbytery of Southern New England and her membership be transferred to MVP.

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Salary                | \$50,000.00     |
| SECA                  | 3,532.39        |
| Pension               | 5,888.56        |
| Death & Disability    | 535.32          |
| Health, Member only   | 12,312.45       |
| Dental                | TBD             |
| Business/Professional | <u>2,000.00</u> |
| Total                 | \$74,268.73     |

The split between Salary and Housing allowance will be agreed upon at a later date.

Continuing Education leave – 2 weeks plus 2 Sundays

Vacation - 4 weeks plus 4 Sundays.

Personal development- 4 additional Sundays in which Margaret will not be required to preach. Margaret’s moving costs will be met by the church.

6. First Presbyterian Church, Erie, MI – **Approved** a request received from the session to re-authorize elders Sharon Grodi, James Cottrell, Judy Nunemaker, Davis VanBelle and April Killian to preside at communion for 2017, and to authorize Elder Christian Taylor, who has now completed the necessary training, to preside at communion from now until the end of 2017.
7. Dola Presbyterian Church – **Appointed** Rev. David Good as moderator.

**1:45 Examination for Ordination.....Mary Jane Saunders**

The CPM presented Margaret Fox, candidate under care of the Presbytery of Southern New England to be examined for ordination. CPM has received the preparation for ministry summary from Southern New England and has determined that their process of preparation is equivalent to ours and exceeds the Book of Order requirements. Margaret has exceeded their requirements and has completed CPE, an internship and career counseling.

The COM has approved her contract with the First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg as found in item # 5 of COM actions.

Margaret’s statement of faith and biography were emailed out, and were contained in the hand out packet.

Jack Simmons, Chair of the PNC, described the process by which Perrysburg found Margaret and testified to why they have contracted with her to be their pastor.

**ON MOTION:** “that Margaret Fox be examined for ordination by Maumee Valley Presbytery.” **So Ordered.**

The examination proceeded.

**ON MOTION:** that the examination be arrested and that Margaret O. Fox be approved for ordination by the PCUSA. (Margaret was asked to leave the room, so any discussion and the vote could take place.) **So Ordered.**

**ON MOTION:** that Margaret Fox be ordained by Maumee Valley Presbytery by a commission to be recruited by Margaret Fox and approved by the Committee on Ministry, and that a worship service recognizing the beginning of a new ministry be held concurrently to the ordination service. **So Ordered.**

Margaret returned to the room and was welcomed. The Perrysburg church was invited forward and prayer was offered.

**2:04 COMINGS AND GOINGS and presentation of the Quaich bowl..... Ron Boyd**

Comings: Margaret Fox (Perrysburg First)  
Elvin Gonzalez (Mt Sinai)

Goings: CRE Roberta Thornton (Clyde)  
CRE Julie Fogel (Galion)

Cynthia Holder Rich shared good news. In 2005 the new addition at First Maumee was consecrated. In 2016 the new addition was paid off.

**ON MOTION:** to adjourn with the benediction at end of worship. **So Ordered.**

**2:10 WORSHIP** including celebration of the Lord’s Supper

**3:30 ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen VanderPloeg  
Journal Clerk

Dean McGormley  
Stated Clerk

*The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 am at the Black Cloister in Toledo.*

Attachments