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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Stated Meeting

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TOLEDO, OH
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

10:00 GETTING ORGANIZED

Tom Polker

Moderator Tom Polker opened the meeting, inviting Margaret Fox to lead us in prayer and Matt Meinke to lead us in song. He called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket

Dean McGormley

ON MOTION: To approve the docket. **So Ordered.**

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2018 as written.

ON MOTION: to approve the minutes of November 13 with the correction of Ed Bettendorf's name and church. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION: to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of Presbytery November 27, 2018. **So Ordered.**

Seating of Corresponding Members

ON MOTION: to seat as corresponding members: Raafat Zaki. **So Ordered.**

Privileges of the Floor

ON MOTION: to grant privileges of the floor:

Report of the Clerk

Ministers cards are up available for pick-up.

Welcome from the Host Pastor

Tom Schwartz

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

10:20 ITEMS FOR ACTION

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Nominations

Rose Jones

There were no nominations, but the Nominations committee is looking for people to fill offices.

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from General Council

Jay Salvage

1. For information only: there is an offer from the Mt. Sinai congregation to purchase the building they have been meeting in.
2. The Motion to approve the "Sacred Trust" document will come later in the meeting.

10:40 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by COM

3. **Approved** Rev Richard Henderson to labor within the bounds of Maumee Valley Presbytery. Rev Henderson is a member of Detroit Presbytery and has been requested to serve as a pulpit supply pastor by First Presbyterian Church, Sandusky.
4. **Approved** a request received from Rev Christopher Schilling (Disciples of Christ) to permit him to seek a position as a part-time temporary pastor at a church within our presbytery. Rev Schilling, who is a chaplain within Blanchard Valley Health System was previously added to our Pulpit Supply List.

5. **Approved** the request from Rev Sara Hodsden that she be added to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.
6. **Approved** a motion that the General Presbyter send a letter to the Board of Pensions seeking an exception to Administrative Rule 801 with regard to Dr Ellen McGormley and Rev Dean McGormley concerning their entering into a contract with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Monroe.
7. *Shelby* – because of the church's lack of sufficient candidates **Approved** their request to grant them a waiver of the limitation of terms for ruling elders serving on session under Section G-2.0404 of the Book of Order.
8. *Fremont Eastside* – **Approved** the appointment of Rev Julie Kling as moderator effective immediately.
9. *Toledo Fairgreen*- **Approved** the appointment of Rev Alex McLean as moderator effective Feb 11, 2019.
10. *Monroe* – **Approved** a request from the session to enter into a contract with Rev Dr Ellen McGormley and Rev Dean McGormley as their Temporary Interim Part-time Pastors effective February 19, 2019. The terms of the contract will be approved at a later date.

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by Council (Attachments 1 & 2)

11. **Received** the report of the Budget and Finance Committee that representing the Presbytery as Trustees they approved that Toledo Glendale be allowed to sell their church property (property description will be attached to these minutes) for an amount of \$380,000. The release of Presbytery interests was signed by David Bartley (Treasurer).

10:45 WORSHIP

Worship was led, with Tom Schwartz preaching. The Necrology was read. The Lord's Supper was presided over by Tom Schwartz, Lanie Sipes, and Matt Meinke.

12:00 LUNCH

12:45 Reports from Committees

Grace Administrative Commission: had to take original jurisdiction of the session when two members of the three-person session resigned.

Branch of Congregational Life: Two of our pastors are getting training in Child Protection. Clerk training events are being offered. Session record review events have been scheduled. Spiritual Leadership event in June – targeted to ruling elders and deacons. Jo Salvage invited churches to encourage youth to attend Triennium and encouraged churches to be creative funding this. David Good promoted the spiritual retreat. Buzz Reed promoted the camps. Thanks were given to Buzz for his years of service. (Attachments 3 & 4)

Good News: A jazz vespers service will be held at the Maumee Presbyterian church. Mary Beth McCandless reported on 6 baptisms, a trial 4:00 service time, and youth who are gathering regularly. Karol Ferris is interested in the MUSA program and offering to partner with folks to host a mission speaker from East Africa.

Report from Matt Meinke

Invited people to sign up for the newsletter. Also invited us to Open Space. (Attachment 5)

1:00 Open Spaces

2:00 VOTING ON OVERTURES

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons
On Amending G-2.0401 (Item 06-11) **So Ordered.**

18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-09). **The motion was rejected.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d (Item 06-09) **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-C. Officers On Amending G-3.0104 (Item 06-16) **The motion was rejected.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-D. Membership of Presbytery On Amending G-3.0306 (Item 06-05) **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations On Amending G-3.0307 (Item 06-02) **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-F. Welcoming to the Table On Amending W-4.0202 (Item 14-03) **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-G. Disciplinary Offense **The motion was rejected.**

18-H. Time Limit On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-24)

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18-H.1. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve Overture 18 H.2. **So Ordered.**

3:00 VOTING ON "Sacred Trust Document" (Attachment 6)

ON MOTION to approve the Sacred Trust Document presented by the Branch of Congregational Life.

ON MOTION to amend the Sacred Trust Document by on page 3, deleting “pornography debases God’s intended gifts of love and dignity in human sexuality... Pornography is a striking sign of human brokenness and alienation from God and from one another.” And on page 6 to delete the footnote in its entirety. **So ordered.**

ON MOTION to amend the Sacred Trust Document on page 1 on consumption of alcohol to add “with the exception of the Lord’s Supper. **The motion failed.**

ON MOTION to amend the Sacred Trust Document on page 1 on consumption of alcohol by striking the word “with” and adding the words “specific to” so it reads: “Consumption of or being under the influence of alcohol while leading or engaging in ministry specific to children, youth, or at risk adults”. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve the Sacred Trust Document (with approved amendments). **So Ordered.**

3:13 ON MOTION that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. **So Ordered.**

3:15 MEETING ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen VanderPloeg
Journal Clerk

Dean McGormley
Stated Clerk

The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday, May 21 at the First Presbyterian Church of Waterville, OH, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Council Minutes
2. Property description for sale of Toledo Glendale
3. Clerk of Session Training
4. Presbyterian Youth Triennium
5. Open Spaces
6. Sacred Trust Final approved at this meeting