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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Stated Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN, WATERVILLE, OH
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

3:00 GETTING ORGANIZED

Tom Polker

Moderator Tom Polker opened the meeting with prayer and invited Matt Meinke to lead us in song. He led the Presbytery in singing Love Divine All Loves Excelling. The Moderator 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 February 19, 2019

ON MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 19, 2019 as written. **So Ordered.**

Seating of Corresponding Members

ON MOTION: To seat as corresponding members Raafat Zaki (Synod of the Covenant) and Rev. Joe Meinhart (Indian Nations Presbytery). **So Ordered.** Rev. Jeanne Gay (Baltimore Presbytery) was also in attendance.

Privileges of the Floor:

ON MOTION: To grant privileges of the floor to Jim Sexstone, the new Executive Director at Kirkmont. **So Ordered.**

Report of the Clerk:

- The statistical report was presented (attachment 1)
- The General Council Minutes were presented (attachment 2)
- Allegations were filed against a minister member of the Presbytery. An IC investigated. No charges were filed. 30 days have passed so the matter is not up for reconsideration
- Presbytery minutes were read and reviewed by Synod of the Covenant and approved. There were no exceptions.

ON MOTION: to receive the installation commission minutes and dissolve the commission. (attachment 3) **So Ordered.**

Welcome from the Host Pastor

Karen VanderPloeg

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

3:20 Report of Executive Presbyter (attachment #4)

3:30 ITEMS FOR ACTION

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Nominations

Rose Jones

ON MOTION that TE Margaret Fox be elected to serve on COM, TE Jim Miller be elected to serve on PJC, TE David Montgomery be elected Vice Moderator of Presbytery for 2020, and TE Ann Wasson be elected to the Hanmi Commission.

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from General Council

Jay Salvage

ON MOTION – to approve the transfer of lot with house owned by Lima Market Street Presbyterian Church to Family Promise of Lima, OH. The property is located at 1132 W. Market St., Lima, OH. **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Toledo Grace Commission

Tom Schwartz

ON MOTION to concur with the request of the Grace Presbyterian Church Congregation to close their church and direct the ACDC to work with the Grace Administrative Commission in dissolving the corporation of Grace Presbyterian Church and in supporting members as they transition into new congregational ministries. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION that Maumee Valley Presbytery agree to the sale of the Grace Presbyterian Church building and property to The Tabernacle for \$160,000 with the understanding that the building will not be sold in the next five years without a portion of the proceeds going to Maumee Valley Presbytery after improvements are subtracted. **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from ACDC Commission

Susan Rowland Miller

- ON MOTION** to with thanksgiving for the faithful witness of New Salem Presbyterian church for 124 years and for the many saints of that congregation who have worshipped and served for the glory of God, Maumee Valley Presbytery approves
- The dissolution of the New Salem Presbyterian Church, effective May 21, 2019;
 - The transfer of membership rolls, financial records, and all real property to the Presbytery;
 - All previous property sales of the congregation;
 - To authorize the Trustees of the Presbytery to assert claim of the Presbytery to any property of the New Salem Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time;
 - That the Ohio corporation “The Presbyterian Church of New Salem” (12815) be dissolved. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION to approve the dissolution of the Ohio corporation “The First Presbyterian Church, Hicksville, OH” (17074) and to authorize the Trustees of the Presbytery to assert claim of the Presbytery to any property of the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville, Ohio as the beneficiary of a will or trust no known at this time. **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Hamni Commission

Carol Burnworth

ON MOTION to amend the original charge of the Hamni commission “**ON MOTION** that the presbytery appoint a 3 person Administrative Commission to act as the session of the church *until such time as the church is able to elect its own session*, and to approve the appointment of Rev. Luke Choi, the PC (USA)’s Manager for Korean-speaking Councils Support, as advisor. COM also recommends that Ruling Elder Carole Burnworth be elected as one of the three members of the commission. (italics added) by replacing the italicized words with the following: “providing guidance and overseeing the work of the Hamni congregation until emerging leadership within the church is ready to elect elders.” **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Mt. Sinai Commission

Janeane Hopkins

ON MOTION to accept the offer of \$65,000.00 from Templo Genesaret, Fremont, OH Tax ID:34-1581677, on behalf of the congregation once known as Mt. Sinai Church Development of Maumee Valley Presbytery, for the purchase of 119 N. Pleasant St., Norwalk, OH, to be used for the purpose of worship and ministry.

ON MOTION to refer this matter to Finance and Budget. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION that the congregation continue under current terms until the issue is resolved. **So Ordered.**

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by COM

1. *Cadmus* – APPROVED the following to serve on the Commission to install Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery as Pastor of Cadmus on Sunday 28th April 2019 at 3:00 P.M.: Moderator of Commission Tom Polker (MVP Moderator), Rev. Cathy Johnson (Chaplain w/Adrian Dominican Community), Rev. Pamela Short (Tontogany), Elder Patti Smith (Huron), Elder Carl Jacobs (Cadmus). The Commission has the authority to add/replace members if needed. Approval is also given for the following to participate in the service: Rev. Sarah Grace Montgomery (Presbytery of Western North Carolina), Elder Michael Montgomery (Murray, KY), and Elder Bob Muntz (Huron, OH).
2. *Clyde* - If the way be clear, APPROVED the request of the session that CRE Rose Jones be commissioned to serve Clyde, thereafter, authorizing her to administer the sacraments and appointing her moderator of their session.
3. *Milan* – APPROVED the request of the session 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. This waiver will last for a period of one year.
4. *Monroe*- APPROVED the terms of the contract between Rev Dr Ellen McGormley and Rev Dean McGormley and the Session. The contract is for a period of one year commencing February 19, 2019. They will, between them, work 40-hours per/week and each will be paid as follows:

Salary	\$24,000
Pension 12%	2,880
Health Savings Account	1,000
Continuing Education	440
Expenses	1,400
Travel (vouchered)	<u>1,400</u>
Total	\$31,120

Vacation 4 weeks (4 Sundays) and Continuing Education 2 weeks (2 Sundays).

5. *Toledo Glendale* – APPROVED the job description between Rev. Karen VanderPloeg and the Session as a Temporary Part-Time Pastor.
6. *Toledo Glendale/Waterville* – APPROVED the terms of call between Rev Karen VanderPloeg and Waterville and the contract with the session of Glendale. Her total salary package between the two churches is \$86, 000.01 - \$64,500.01 (75%) paid by Waterville and \$21,500.00 (25%) paid by Glendale. Her contract with Glendale commenced Jan 1, 2019 and is for a period of 1 year. (The exact terms of the terms of call/contract are given in the attached list of approved Terms of Call/Contracts).
7. *Huron* – APPROVED the appointment of Rev. James Hodsdon of Norwalk as Moderator effective January 1, 2019.

APPROVED the terms of separation between Rev. Deb Bowsher and the Session as follows:

Salary	\$11,050.00
Housing	6,211.55
Pension/Medical	6,683.15

This will be paid on a bi-weekly basis ending May 3, 2019. These payments will cease should Rev Bowsher obtain full time employment prior to April 28, 2019.

8. *Palmyra and Blissfield* - APPROVED the requests from the sessions of both churches authorizing them to present Rev Doug Holmes to their respective congregations to be voted on as their called and installed pastor.
9. APPROVED a \$300 Scholarship for Rev. Deb Bowsher's vocational/discernment/learning/new training.
10. APPROVED the addition of Elder Lance Wiesmann to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.
11. APPROVED the addition of Nancy Berkheiser to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.
12. APPROVED the transfer of Rev Annmarie Kidder to Lake Michigan Presbytery
13. It was noted that Rev. Jeanne Gay and Rev. Dr. Matt Zuehlke have been added to our Pulpit Supply List.
14. APPROVED the Pastoral Terms of Call and Contracts for 2019 that have been received so far, as detailed in the attached spread sheet. (attachment 5)

4:10 Branch of Congregational Life Pamela Short

- 25 people are headed to triennium, including mission partners from Mexico
- Toledo Area Church Conversations continue
- Jim Sexstone, the new Kirkmont Camp Director, was introduced

4:30 Reflections from the Font RE Sharon Sober, Commissioner from Shelby, reported on their response to the tornado that hit the town. Their generosity spurred the collection of donations totaling over \$19,000 that were used to help affected families, and generated excitement about the congregation.

4:35 Synod Report (attachment 5) – written only

4:40 Presbyterian Women (attachment 6) RE Dana Bourne reported. All women in churches are eligible to participate in Presbyterian Women events. There does not have to be an organized group. The new Bible Study is available. And there will be upcoming events.

4:45 Reflections from the Font Elders George Reasoner and David Hammond, FPC Tecumseh, gave a reflection from the font on the trip that members of the Tecumseh congregation took that explored the history of slavery and the fight for freedom.

4:46 Moment for Good News – Collingwood Presbyterian is holding its 3rd annual golf outing to raise money for the church and for Alzheimers.

4:50 Restructuring (attachment 7) Jay Salvage and Matt reported on restructuring and led the presbytery in small group discussions.

5:30 DINNER

6:30 WORSHIP was led with Karen VanderPloeg preaching. The Lord's Supper was presided over by Pamela Short and James Hodsdon.

7:30 Reflections from the Font TE Mary Jane Saunders invited people to write letters to campers at Camp Rejoice, called "Happy Mail".

7:35 CRE Rose Jones examination

Barry Sweet introduced Rose Jones and asked her to read her Statement of Faith and her biography. The examination of the candidate proceeded.

ON MOTION: To arrest the examination of the candidate. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION: To approve and receive Rose Jones as a Commissioned Ruling Elder, pending her installation at Clyde. **So Ordered.**

ON MOTION: To approve the commission to install Rose Jones as a CRE at Clyde. The Commission includes TE Jim Miller, TE Barry Sweet, TE Karol Farris, Moderator of Presbytery Tom Polker, Elder Karen Gerber. **So Ordered.**

7:50 Gary Saunders asked for a point of personal privilege to speak to the plight of the Hispanic community in this area, and the need for the Presbytery to respond.

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, September 17th at the First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert, OH, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Attachments:

1. Statistical report
2. Council Minutes and Financials
3. Installation Commission Minutes
4. Report of the Executive Presbyter
5. Synod Report
6. Presbyterian Women
7. Restructuring
8. Sacred Trust Final form of document approved in February