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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Stated Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TECUMSEH, MI  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

**1:00 GETTING ORGANIZED .....**

Jay Salvage

Moderator Jay Salvage opened the meeting with the singing of a hymn and a prayer. He called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket

Dean McGormley

*ON MOTION:* To approve the docket with the addition of a call for a special meeting of Presbytery. **So Ordered.**

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2018 as written.

*ON MOTION:* to approve the minutes of September 18 with the correction of the location of the meeting to Huron OH. **So Ordered.**

Seating of Corresponding Members

*ON MOTION:* to seat as corresponding members:

Privileges of the Floor

*ON MOTION:* to grant privileges of the floor:

Report of the Clerk (attachment 1)

Former PJC members: The Clerk reports the roster of PJC members whose terms have expired in the past six years: R. James Miller (2016), Tom Schwartz (2016), 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)

Allegations have been filed against a minister member of Presbytery. An I.C. will be formed.

Welcome from the Host Pastor

Cathy King

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

**1:20 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Nominations**

Gary Saunders

1. **ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of Order the following slate of candidates to six-year terms (2024) on the Permanent Judicial Committee:

Rev. Gary Saunders

R.E. Edward Betendorf (Huron)

R.E. Lora Manon (Bryan)

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

**ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of Order the following slate of candidates to three-year terms (2021) on Committee on Ministry:

Rev. Mary Beth McCandless

Rev. Ben Shaw

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

**ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of Order the following candidate to a three-year term (2021) on Committee on Preparation for Ministry:  
Rev. Sarah Ross

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

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from General Council** (attachment 2,3) Mary Jane Saunders

2. **ON MOTION** to dismiss the General Presbyter search committee with thanks. **So Ordered.**
3. **ON MOTION** to receive the latest report from the restructuring committee and to approve the continued work of the committee towards the new structure for MVP. (attachment 4) **So Ordered.** The additional update made at the meeting will be sent out to Presbytery.
4. Nominations for Budget & Finance, Personnel & Nominating  
Whereas we are in the process of restructuring Presbytery--  
**ON MOTION** to recommend to MVP to continue with the same members of these three committees into next year with the following noted exceptions: removal of Rosine Harris and the addition of Tom Steensma for Nominating; Personnel would stay the same; and Budget and Finance would add Amy Sammet. **So Ordered.**
5. **ON MOTION** to make the Committee on Nominations become the Committee on Representation and to add the task of Nominations to the Committee on Representation. The newly formed committee will be the Committee on Representation and Nominations. **So Ordered.**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from CPM** Mary Jane Saunders

6. **ON MOTION that** Rev, Jin Seung Kim be granted an exemption for all of the examinations required of candidates. (2/3's vote is necessary) **So Ordered.**  
Book of Order G-2.0505 (2) A minister of another Reformed church who has been ordained for five or more years may be granted an exemption for some or all of the examinations required of candidates for ordination by a two-thirds vote of the presbytery
7. **ON MOTION** to enroll Rev. Jin Seung Kim who is presently a member of the Korean American Presbyterian Church. **So Ordered.**

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

8. No Actions to be voted upon by MVP from COM at this meeting.
9. **ON MOTION** to call for a special meeting of Presbytery November 27, 2018 at 4:30 in the afternoon at First Presbyterian Church of Findlay, 2330 S. Main St. Findlay, OH 45840, regarding the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church of Toledo, OH. **So Ordered.**

At the request of Ron Boyd (COM moderator), Rev. Ellen McGormley (Retired Minister), Diana Wagar (Moderator of Personnel), *Rev Ken Wessler (Upper Sanduskey)*, *Rev. Matt Meinke (General Presbytery MVP)*, a special meeting of the Maumee Valley Presbytery has been called for November 27, 2018, beginning at 4:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Main Street., Findlay, Ohio 45840. Included in the call for the meeting are the following motions:

**Motion** That presbytery elect (Names to be provided at the time of the meeting as an Administrative Commission in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0904, G-2.0901, G-3.0109b, G-3.0303d and G-3.0303e with the following duties and authority to:

- 1) counsel with the session concerning reported difficulties within the congregation and encourage them to set up listening sessions with the members of the congregation, under the supervision of the commission, to hear their concerns.
- 2) advise the session as to appropriate actions to be taken to resolve the reported difficulties
- 3) offer to help as mediator
- 4) correct the difficulties if requested to do so by the session or if the session is unable or unwilling to do so
- 5) conclude that the session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs and assume original jurisdiction of the session with the full power of the existing session (after a thorough investigation and after a full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session)
- 6) consider and act upon requests from the congregation for permission to take the actions regarding real property as described in G-4.0206

#### DOCKET FOR THE MOTIONS INCLUDED IN THE CALL FOR THE MEETING

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#### 1:50 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY

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

10. Findlay First - **Approved** the appointment of Rev Jessie Myers as moderator effective October 1, 2018
11. Marseilles & Forest - **Approved** a motion to require Rev Mary Curtis to take a course on Sacred Trust Boundaries.
12. **Received** Rev Michelle James of Presbytery of Detroit into MVP as a corresponding member.
13. Toledo, Eastminster - **Approved** the commission to install Rev Thomas James to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Toledo on Sunday November 4, 2018 at 4 pm as follows: Rev Margaret Fox, Rev Susan Rowland Miller, Rev Michelle James and Ruling Elders Carole Burnworth (Eastminster), Lance Weisman (Britton, Raisin) and Jay Salvage (Presbytery Moderator).
14. Toledo Collingwood - **Approved** their MIF on the basis that the changes suggested by COM be considered under the guidance of Rev Karen VanderPloeg and implemented if it is deemed appropriate.
15. Galion - **Approved** receiving Rev Gary Proietti (Disciples of Christ) as a temporary member of MVP and **authorized** him to administer the sacraments at Galion and to moderate their session on the understanding that he takes an online Polity Class.

**Approved** the contract between Rev Gary Proietti and the session of First Presbyterian Church, Galion to hire Rev Proietti as a Temporary Part-time pastor, commencing Sept 1, 2018, for a period of 1 year. He will be paid \$250 per week for preaching and pastoral care, working at least 10 hours per week. Vacation time will accrue at 3.5 days per month including 5 Sundays per year.

16. Monroe –**Approved** the appointment of Ruling Elder Joel Youkers as moderator of that Congregational Meeting to be held at on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. If the way be clear, **Approved** the appointment of Rev Michelle James as moderator effective Nov 1, 2018.
17. **Approved** the addition of Rev. Rev Christopher L Schilling (Disciples of Christ) to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.
18. **Approved** the wording to be added to MIF's to make it clear where the position being offered is a temporary position with the possibility of it becoming called and installed after a minimum of 3 years.
19. **Approved** the transfer of Rev Cynthia Holder Rich from MVP to Scioto Valley Presbytery
20. On receipt of request, **Approved** the transfer of Rev Lynn Bova from MVP to Miami Valley Presbytery.
21. On receipt of request, **Approved** the transfer of Rev Annemarie Kidder from MVP to the Presbytery of Detroit

**Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by General Council**

22. Received the Financial Review from Budget and Finance
23. Received the new policy titled "Sacred Trust" and present it to MVP for a first reading to be voted on at the February Meeting (attachment 5)

**2:00 Introduction of new General Presbyter and get acquainted reception**

**3:00 Good News from Churches**

**3:10 Presbyterian Women** - no report

Dana Bourne

**3:11 Synod Report**

Gillian Holzhauser-Grabber

**3:15 ACDC** (Administrative Commission for the Dismissing and Closing of Churches) Susan Rowland Miller  
As of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville is officially closed.

**3:20 Branch of Congregational life**

Minute review report will be attached to the minutes of this meeting. (attachment 6)

Presentation of "Sacred Trust" (see General Council actions above) Please submit all comments to Pam Short by December 31<sup>st</sup>. They will be shared and considered.

The leaders and church participating in the high school retreat were prayed for.

We received reports about the college retreat at Montreat

Kirkmont report - mp4 of Camp Rejoice at Kirkmont shown – is also on the Kirkmont website

If interested in attending Calvin Worship Symposium – Clint Tolbert at First Presbyterian Maumee is willing to help coordinate some details.

**3:42 Comings and Goings**

Ron Boyd

Comings: Rev Dr Matt Meinke

Goings: Rev Annemarie Kidder

**3:50 Reflections from Moderator Jay Salvage**

**4:30 WORSHIP**

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke and members of the Search Committee led worship. Rev. Gary Saunders and Rev. Jin Seung Kim presided over the Lord's Supper. New officers Tom Polker and Janeane Hopkins were installed.

**5:30 ON MOTION** that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. **So Ordered.**

**5:30 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, February 19, 2019 at the Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo, Ohio**

Attachments:

1. Installation Commission Minutes
2. Council Minutes
3. Financials
4. Restructuring Report and Slides
5. Covenant of Sacred Trust
6. Minute Review Report
7. Attendance Record