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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Stated Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HURON, MI  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018

**3:00 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. **So Ordered.**

Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2018 as written.

*ON MOTION:* to approve the minutes of as presented. **So Ordered.**

Seating of Corresponding Members

*ON MOTION:* to seat as corresponding members:

Buzz Reed of Kirkmont Center and Miami Valley Presbytery,  
Rev. Doug Portz of Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Board of Pensions,  
Rev. Raafat Zaki, Grace Presbytery and Synod of the Covenant. **So Ordered.**

Report of the Clerk (attachment 1) .....

Dean McGormley

- *ON MOTION* to approve the resignation of Rev. Lynn Bova from the position of Temporary Interim Presbyter for Common Life effective October 31, 2018. **So Ordered.**
- Exceptions to minutes from review of Presbytery minutes:
  - No attendance record for February 21, 2017 meeting
  - no report of past members of the PJC
  - no report of audit or financial review
  - no record of review of session minutes
- Not all COM actions were included in the agenda that was sent out. The full actions were available on an additional handout distributed and will be included in the minutes as part of the COM actions on behalf of Presbytery.

Welcome from the Host Pastor.....

Rev. Deb Bowsher

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

**3:20 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Nominations**

Rose Jones

1. **ON MOTION** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of Order the following slate of candidates.

Congregational Life	2021	Julie Kling, Fremont First	TE
	2021	Gloria Box, Grand Rapids	RE
	2021	Michael Cox, West Bethesda	RE
Moderator, Cong Life		Pamela Short, Tontogany	TE

CRE Training	2021	Tom Polker, Napoleon	CRE
CRE Training	2021	Karol Farris, Bluffton	TE
Co Moderators, CRE		Barry Sweet, Bryan	TE
		Tom Polker, Napoleon	CRE
COM	2021	Carole Burnsworth, Eastminster	RE
	2021	James Cooper, Lima Faith	RE
	2021	David Good, HR	TE
	2021	Lance Wiesmann, Raisin	RE
CPM	2021	Ann Moser, Tontogany	RE
Moderator, CPM		Mary Jane Saunders, Bowling Green	TE

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 candidates:

Moderator	2019	Tom Polker, Napoleon	CRE
Vice Moderator	2019	Janeane Hopkins, Huron	RE
Chair of Council	2019	Jay Salvage, Perrysburg	RE

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

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from General Council**

Mary Jane Saunders

- ON MOTION** that MVP appoint the ACDC to work with the Spencerville church on their request to close. **So Ordered.**
- ON MOTION** that the ACDC be granted original jurisdiction of the Spencerville church. **So Ordered.**
- ON MOTION** to approve the resignation of Jessie Myers from the Branch of Service to the World. **So Ordered.**
- ON MOTION** to raise the per capita by \$1.00. **So Ordered.**
- ON MOTION** that the November Presbytery meeting be moved to 1:00 ending with dinner so that the Tecumseh church musicians may participate in worship. **So Ordered.**
- ON MOTION** to approve the 2019 budget of MVP. (*attachment 2*) **So Ordered.**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from CPM**

Mary Jane Saunders

- ON MOTION** to accept Amy Remaklus, Ottawa, as an Inquirer. **So Ordered**

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

- ON MOTION to approve** a 2.5% ‘cost of living’ increase in total effective salary for Minimum Terms of Call for full-time installed pastors for 2019. (*attachment 3*) **So Ordered.**

**3:45 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

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

- Toledo, Collingwood:* 1) At the request of the congregation of Collingwood Presbyterian Church, **approved** the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the church and Rev. David Aber effective 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 on the occasion of his retirement.
- Appointed** Rev David Bartley as moderator of Collingwood effective 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.
- Approved** the addition of Rev. David Aber to the presbytery’s list of Honorably Retired Pastors.

14. **Appointed** Rev. Karen VanderPloeg moderator of the session of Collingwood for their 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 session meeting.
15. Monroe – **Approved** the request from the session to permit them to present Rev Dr Annemarie Kidder to the congregation to be voted on as their called and installed pastor. **Appointed** Rev. Susan Rowland-Miller as moderator of that Congregational Meeting to be held at on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
16. Toledo Eastminster – **Approved** the call by the congregation of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Toledo, to Rev. Dr. Thomas James to be their Minister of Word and Sacrament, commencing September 1, 2018, under the following Terms of Call:
- |                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Salary:                     | \$28,143.98                               |
| Housing Allowance:          | \$20,000.00                               |
| Health Insurance:           | \$12,036.00                               |
| Pension:                    | \$ 5,295.84                               |
| Disability & Life Insurance | \$ 481.44                                 |
| Reimbursable Expenses       | \$ 3,000.00 (mileage, books & technology) |
| Continuing Education        | <u>\$ 850.00</u>                          |
| TOTAL :                     | \$69,807.26                               |
| Vacation:                   | 4 Weeks, including 4 Sundays              |
| Continuing Education:       | 2 Weeks, including 2 Sundays              |
17. Defiance – **Approved** the call by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church to Rev Ann Wasson to be their Minister of Word and Sacrament, commencing August 1, 2018, under the following Terms of Call
- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Total Effective Salary | \$46,150.00   |
| Health Dues            | 11,537.50     |
| Pension                | 5,076.50      |
| Death & Disability     | 461.50        |
| Expenses               | 3,000.00      |
| Continuing Education   | <u>850.00</u> |
| TOTAL                  | \$67,075.50   |
- 4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays). 2 weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays)  
Moving Expenses estimated at \$5,000.
18. Norwalk – **Approved** the call by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Norwalk to Rev James Hodsdon to be their minister of Word and Sacrament, commencing Sept 1, 2018, under the following Terms of Call:
- |                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Salary                       | \$70,000.00   |
| Deferred Compensation (403b) | 6,000.00      |
| Pension/Health Dues          | 28,120.00     |
| Continuing Education         | 2,000.00      |
| Expenses                     | 2,400.00      |
| Cell Phone                   | <u>840.00</u> |
| TOTAL                        | \$109,360.00  |
- 4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays), 2 weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays).
19. Findlay First- **Approved** a request received from the session that they be permitted to move forward in the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee.
20. Defiance – **Approved** the commission to install Rev Ann Wasson as their called pastor on Sunday October 4, 2018 at 4 pm – pastors: Rev Lynn Bova, Rev Dr Ellen McGormley and Rev Ben Shaw and ruling elders: Jay Salvage, Presbytery Moderator and Joel Youkers (Defiance).
21. Cadmus- **Concurred** with the decision of the congregation to elect Rev Ann Marie Montgomery as their called and installed pastor.

22. *Galion* – **Approved** the appointment of RE Ron Boyd as moderator of their September 9 session meeting.
23. **Approved** the motion to instruct the Stated Clerk to request the transfer of Rev Alex McLean from Eastminster Presbytery to Maumee Valley Presbytery and to have him placed on our Pulpit Supply List. He should also be returned to the presbytery's list of Honorably Retired Pastors.
24. **Approved** the addition of Rev. Beth Zuehlke to the presbytery's list of Honorably Retired Pastors effective June 1, 2018.
25. **Approved** as presented the list of the renewed Terms of Call/ Contracts submitted since the last Presbytery Meeting. (See attachment)
26. **Approved** the addition of Rev. Mary Jo Bray (Disciples of Christ) to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.
27. **Approved** the Budget request for 2019 for Committee on Ministry to be forwarded to Budget & Finance.
28. **Declined** the request from Bishop Dr. Saroya M King to be added to the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List as she does not meet our requirements.

**Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by Council** (*attachment 4*)

29. The Search Committee for Presbyter for Common Life/General Presbyter of Maumee Valley Presbytery unanimously and with joy **APPROVED** that the Reverend Doctor Matthew David Meinke be employed for the position of General Presbyter under the terms specified in the motion taken by the Presbytery on 17 September 2017, and including terms of call and job description as now stated. (*attachment 5*)
30. **Approved** to use the Watson funds to be used for the operating budget as needed.
31. **Approved** communion for the youth retreat in November and Spiritual Formation in October.

**3:45 Board of Pensions** Report from Rev. Doug Portz sharing some new initiatives of BOP.

**4:00 G.A. Commissioners** – Doug Holmes and Gloria Box reported on their experiences at G.A.

**4:15 Branch of Congregational Life** (*attachment 6*)

- Spirituality retreats
- High school retreat
- Triennium – planning under way
- Montreat College Conference in January
- Camp Kirkmont
- Toledo Area Church Conversations
- The Branch of Congregational Life has had to close the effort to fund a missional pastor for Toledo downtown churches.

**4:30 ISSUE OF THE DAY**

Restructuring

Jay Salvage

- Overview – began with observation that current structure is dated and requires more people than available. Local churches need leadership development in three areas: discipleship, mission, leadership. Three teams and corporate team will be developed to help churches in these three areas. Idea is that these three teams work to meet needs of churches.

- Leadership team – mission is to empower congregations to serve Christ. Through prayer, research, and collaboration, hope to transform leaders.
- Mission – want to increase emphasis on collaboration, sharing, encouraging each other in mission
- Discipleship – help congregations live in Christ, help members live as disciples. Hope to help generate ideas for evangelism, study.... Some things could happen by combining resources.
- Still need budget, nominating, specialists.... to support the work of the three committees

**5:30 DINNER**

**6:40 Branch of Congregational Life** Pamela Short  
Buzz Reed reported on Summer Camps. Are searching for an executive director. Can find video about this summer camp on YouTube. Search Camp Rejoice 2018.

**7:00 Good News from churches**

**7:05 Presbyterian Women** Dana Bourne

**7:10 Comings and Goings** Ron Boyd  
Comings: Rev Ann Wasson (Defiance) Called & Installed  
Rev Thomas James (Toledo Eastminster) Called & Installed  
Rev James Hodsden (Norwalk) Called & Installed  
  
Goings: Rev David Comstock (Norwalk), Rev Bill Lindemann (Findlay First)  
Rev. Lynn Bova (Maumee Valley Presbytery)

**7:35 WORSHIP** was a contemplative service with Communion presided over by the Rev. Deb Bowsher and Rev. Ben Shaw.

**8:25 ON MOTION** that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. **So Ordered.**

**8:30 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, November 13, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, MI, beginning at 1 p.m.**

Attachments:

1. Letter from Lynn Bova
2. 2019 Proposed Budget
3. Minimum Terms of Call Proposed
4. Council Minutes & Financials
5. General Presbyter Dr. Matt Meinke
6. Branch of Congregational Life
7. CRE Minutes (written only)
8. Nomination Form

