

Presbytery of Redstone January 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 1:02 p.m. on January 21, 2017, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, and opened with prayer by Pete Goeschius, Moderator.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, attested to the fact that a quorum was present in order to conduct the business of the meeting.

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Lori Bass-Riley	
	Ross Bash	
	Cynthia Cadenhead	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Jim Farrer, HR	
	Charles MacPherson, HR	
	Skip Noftzger	
	Michael Shepard, HR	
	Susan Speakman, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Peter Goetschius	
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First	Suzanne Currie	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CRE	Susan Nesti
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Alan Olson, IP	
Bolivar, United		
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Aleda Menchyk, CP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Katy Yates Brungraber	
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Laura Blank, CP (**)	
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	Cliff Jobe
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell, CP	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Laura Blank, SS (**)	Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone		
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum	Vance Booher Sally Turley Sue Trafford
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Katy Doran
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Duffy Greba

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Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ron Durika	Raymond Edelman Lillian Beeson Phyllis Neral Mark Claycomb
Irwin, West Hempfield	Peggy Shannon, IP	Rachel Pritz
Jeannette		
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont	Craig Miller	Brian Misner Bernice Adams Marian Allen
Lake Lynn, Springhill		
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace		
Lower Burrell, Puckety		
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott (**)	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Sue Washburn, CP	
Murrysville, First	William King, IP	
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Marnie Silbert	Lynn Comstock
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community	Grafton Eliason, IP	Lee Washlaski
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Sarabeth Stopansky
New Florence, Bethel		Janie Short
New Florence, Trinity	Carole Isley Corey, IP	Janet Henderson
New Kensington, United	Wendy Keys	Evelyn Glass
New Salem		
North Huntingdon, New Hope		John Cherepko
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Len Morgan, CRE	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott(**)	
Smock, Pleasant View		
Trafford, Level Green	John Simpson, IP	
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Colleen Molinaro, IP	
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
Vandergrift		
West Newton, Sewickley	Eric Glisan, CRE	James Glisan
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CRE (**)	Edward Hrtyanski

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West Newton, United		
Windber, First		
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

By Virtue of Office: Dan Foster, Presbytery Council; Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council

Certified Christian Educators: Cheryl Rhea

Visitors: Taylor Barner, Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Karen Goetschius, Apollo, Poke Run; Michael Hurley, Pine Springs Camp; John Jones, New Florence, Trinity; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Barry Poglein, New Florence, Bethel;

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Blank, S; Cahn; Carnahan; Degitz; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; Maiman; Maxwell; McCabe; McClure; Morrow; Murray; Orr; Paul; Roof; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Sherrill; Stevens; Upton; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.; VanWyk

Teaching Elders Absent: Atkinson; Barnes; Campbell; Catullo; Foust; Fuehrer; Galley; Graff; Hickok; Kerr; Manon; Stobaugh

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: McElroy; Prinkey; Toderro; Stewart; Watson; Wiegand

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator, Pete Goetschius, called for the adoption of the Docket as printed in the Packet **by consent**.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR

Outgoing Moderator Rev. Pete Goetschius installed Rev. Sue Washburn as Moderator and Elder Josh Scully as Vice Moderator using the liturgy from the Book of Occasional Services. Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger presented a plaque to Pete Goetschius in appreciation for his service as Moderator.

ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. Donna Havrisko, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, spoke of their recent celebration of 125 years of ministry since they were a mission outreach from First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg. She invited presbyters to walk their prayer labyrinth at any time.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST TIME ELDERS AND OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the following be given voice for this meeting: Taylor Barner(candidate under care – Redstone), Newlonsburg, Murrysville.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BUSINESS

Moderator Sue Washburn announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the Announcements Loop.

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STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Report of the Stated Clerk:

1. Correspondence Log:
 - a. During the period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.

2. The task forces, networks, and ad hoc committees in existence as of December 31, 2016 were as follows:
 - a. Committees of Council
 1. Finance and Property
 2. Communications
 3. Mission
 4. Staff Support
 - b. Committees of the Committee on Ministry
 1. AP/CRE Committee
 2. Examinations
 3. Search and Call
 4. Care of Congregations
 5. Care of Church Professionals
 - c. Discernment Teams
 1. Vandergrift
 - d. Networks
 1. Healing Prayers Ministry Network
 2. Voices for Justice
 3. Youth Ministry
 4. Geographical Districts
 5. Women Clergy
 6. PEPSI
 7. Presbyterian Women
 8. Addictions Ministry

3. Pursuant to Book of Order D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk shall report annually the roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. They are as follows:

Permanent Judicial Commission Roster (Terms expired within the last 6 years)

2015 - Elder Vince Appleman, Elder Richard Currie, Rev. Douglas Stevens

2013 - Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Elder Robert Lightcap, Rev. John Sharp

2011 - Rev. Marnie Abraham Russell, Rev. Clark Kerr, Elder Marge Montanari

4. It was **MSP** that the following Presbytery Officers be recognized as members of the Presbytery, with voice and vote, for their term of service:

Ruling Elder Leonard Morgan - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Belinda Lambie - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Jack Battenhouse - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Dan Foster - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Lynn Mance - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Susan Nesti - Presbytery Council

Ruling Elder Cheryl Rhea - Presbytery Council

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Ruling Elder Josh Scully – Vice-Moderator

5. It was **MSP** that the following Commissioned Ruling Elders be recognized as members with voice and vote as long as they are serving in that capacity:

Ruling Elder Eric Glisan, Sewickley, West Newton
Ruling Elder Glenn Hart, Harmony, Belle Vernon; Sewickley United, West Newton
Ruling Elder David McElroy, East Liberty, Vanderbilt
Ruling Elder Len Morgan, Calvin, Scottdale
Ruling Elder David O'Hara, Revloc
Ruling Elder Robert Prinkey, Marion, Belle Vernon; Tyrone, Dawson
Ruling Elder David Stewart, First, Masontown
Ruling Elder James Sunseri, Bethel, New Florence; United, Bolivar
Ruling Elder Denise Todero, Bethany, Johnstown
Ruling Elder Richard Watson, Leisenring
Ruling Elder William Wiegand, New Salem

6. It was **MSP** that the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a representative from Pine Springs Camp, Presbyterian Women, and Redstone Highlands be given the privilege of the floor and recognized with voice as long as they are serving in that capacity.

7. The stated meetings for 2017 have been scheduled as follows:

January 21, 2017; 1:00 p.m.; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
March 21, 2017; 6:00 p.m.; Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville
May 16, 2017; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
September 23, 2017; 10:00 a.m.; Pine Springs Camp, (joint celebration with Washington Presbytery)
November 18, 2017; 9:00 a.m.; Delmont Presbyterian Church, Delmont

8. The Stated Clerk provided the 2016 Necrology Report of Ruling and Teaching Elders.

9. Equalization

On December 31, 2015, 84 Teaching Elders were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 16 of who are living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 71 churches entitled to be represented by 78 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 11 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 7 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office. As of December 31, 2016, 88 Teaching Elders were on the rolls of the Presbytery, 18 of who are living outside the bounds of the Presbytery. There were 70 churches entitled to be represented by 93 ruling elder commissioners. There are also 12 ruling elders commissioned to particular service and 6 ruling elder presbyters by virtue of office.

Based upon the "goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders," the "principles of participation" and the need to communicate the plan for the determining commissioners, the Presbytery has adopted a plan [Book of Order; G-3.0301; Manual; 1.1003] designating the number of commissioners based upon church membership (table below) and designating other ruling elders by virtue of office to be given the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings [Manual; 1.1009]. Therefore, there is not an imbalance that requires an equalization adjustment.

Equalization Plan - Church List/# of commissioners
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Adah, Palmer Community - 1	Fayette City, Little Redstone - 1	Murrysville, Union - 1
Apollo, Poke Run - 1	Greensburg, First - 3	New Alexandria, Community - 1
Avonmore, First - 1	Greensburg, Maplewood - 1	New Alexandria, Congruity - 1
Belle Vernon, First - 1	Greensburg, Westminster - 1	New Florence, Bethel - 1
Belle Vernon, Harmony - 1	Irwin, First - 4	New Florence, Trinity - 1
Belle Vernon, Marion - 1	Irwin, West Hempfield - 1	New Kensington, United - 1
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth - 1	Jeannette, First - 1	New Salem - 1
Bolivar, United - 1	Johnstown, Bethany - 1	North Huntingdon, New Hope - 1
Boswell, Covenant - 1	Johnstown, First - 1	Patton - 1
Brownsville, Calvin - 1	Johnstown, Second - 1	Revloc - 1
Brownsville, Ft. Burd - 1	Johnstown, Westmont - 3	Scottdale, Calvin - 1
Brownsville, Hopewell - 1	Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace - 1	Smithfield, Grace Chapel - 1
Colver - 1	Latrobe - 2	Smock, Pleasant View - 1
Cresson - 1	Latrobe, United - 1	Trafford, Level Green - 2
Dawson, Tyrone - 1	Leisenring - 1	Uniontown, Tent - 1
Delmont - 1	Ligonier, Pleasant Grove - 1	Uniontown, Third - 2
Derry - 1	Lower Burrell, Grace Community - 2	Uniontown, Trinity United - 1
Dunbar, First - 1	Lower Burrell, Puckety - 2	Vanderbilt, East Liberty - 1
Dunbar, Laurel Hill - 1	Masontown, First - 1	Vandergrift - 1
Ebensburg - 1	McClellandtown - 1	West Newton, Sewickley - 1
Fairchance - 1	Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek - 1	West Newton, Sewickley United - 1
Farmington, Mt. Washington - 1	Mt. Pleasant, Reunion - 1	West Newton, United - 1
Fayette City, First - 1	Murrysville, First - 1	Windber, First - 1
	Murrysville, Newlonsburg - 2	

10. The Stated Clerk provided the current Rolls of the Presbytery and Continuing Members.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda. The following items were approved by *consent*:

From Executive Committee

- Following review by the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Assistant Clerk, Permanent Clerk, and the Chair of Council it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of November 19, 2016 be approved.

From Presbytery Council

- Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.

From the Committee on Ministry

- The Committee **recommends** that Presbytery grant the request of the Fairchance, First Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Kathleen Hockenberry and Deacons Nan Chess, Amy Lewis and Marcy Flecker.

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2. The Committee recommends that Presbytery grant the request of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church for a waiver of rotation for Ruling Elder Amanda Albright.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry – No Report

From the Nominating Committee – No Report

From the Committee on Representation – No Report

From the Discernment Teams

1. It is recommended that the written report of the Discernment Team for the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church discernment process be received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Rev. Pete Goetschius presented the Financial Reports calling attention to the reports for November and December 2016. He noted the following: we fell short of our goal for 2016, but expenses also were controlled short of the budget and less than actual revenue.

WITNESS TO GOD'S GRACE IN WORSHIP

Worship was led by Teaching Elders Lori Bass-Riley, Donna Havrisko, Skip Noftzger, and Sue Washburn; Ruling Elders Dan Foster, Glenn Hart, Susan Nesti, Cheryl Rhea, and Josh Scully; and with the music leadership of Jonathan Eutsey, director of music; Sylvia Andrae, organist; and the Westminster Choir. Rev. Noftzger delivered the sermon on "More than Meets the Eye." Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

Rev. Laura Blank presented the Announcements Loop which featured:

Redstone Presbytery Announcements for January 21, 2017

DISTRICT IV ENRICHMENT DAY

January 28th, 11:15 Minutes Review, 12:15-4 Worship and Workshops

Johnstown, Westmont (814-536-0796)

- * 500 Years of Protestant Reformation
- * Lord Teach Us to Pray
- * Why Bad Things Happen to Good People
- * Surprising Ways the Book of Confessions
- * Can Change the Church and You
- * How the Church Can Thrive in Tough Times
- * Addictions: Joining the Conversation

DISTRICT III FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

February 1st, 6 PM

Hoss's Steak & Sea House (148 Finley Road, Belle Vernon)

Prayer, fun & fellowship

No reservations necessary, but RSVP if possible by noon on 2/1

Contact Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber at Fort Burd (724-785-3080)

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PANCAKE DINNER

February 28th, 4:30-7 PM

New Alexandria, Congruity (724-668-7740)

Adults: \$7, Kids 6-12: \$3, Under 6: Free

CRAFT SHOW

March 25th, 9 AM-4 PM

Murrysville, Union (724-337-3042)

Table space for vendors available for \$20

RUMMAGE SALE

April 21st, 8 AM-3 PM & April 22nd, 8 AM-2 PM

Greensburg, First (724-832-0150)

Donations accepted beginning 3/1 on the stage in the Fletcher Room

No TVs, cribs or car seats. Contact Lynne Raine 724-672-6738 or Barbara Burchill at 724-838-1546

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

2nd Wednesday of Every Month, 5-6 PM at New Kensington, United (724-339-6618 tupcnk.org)

SOUP FOR THE SOUL LUNCHEON

2nd Wednesday of Every Month, doors open at 11:30, Soup's on at noon

Apollo, Poke Run (724-327-5536, pokerunchurch.com)

Free choir robes: The Union Presbyterian Church (Murrysville) has 19 adult choir robes that they no longer need. If your church could use them, please contact Rev. Derek Campbell at (724) 212-6094.

Free hymnals: The Union Presbyterian Church (Murrysville) has about 150 hymnals in good condition that they no longer need. It is the red "Sing Joyfully" hymnal. If your church could use them, please contact Rev. Derek Campbell at (724) 212-6094.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT:

redstone.org

pcusa.org/news

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com), search "Presbytery of Redstone"

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

March 21st, 6-9 PM at Fort Burd

REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, noted his written report. This report summarized not just his activities, but the relationship of the actions of the Presbytery based upon the four strategic priorities.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP

Mike Hurley reported that progress is being made on the capital campaign. They still need \$200,000 still for the project for the new multipurpose building/dining hall. 2017 Pine Springs summer camp packets are in the narthex. Please invite

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Pine Springs staff to come to your church to speak about the ministry of Pine Springs Camp. There is an upcoming PSC skates event. Watch for a trampoline park event in Bridgeville on March 5. Women in the Woods is in August. They raised \$20,000 at their recent fundraiser. Please pray for their staff for this coming season. He offered prayers for the camp.

MISSION COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chairperson of the Mission Committee, announced a tentative mission trip to South Sudan in early 2018. 3 people so far have indicated an interest in going. She read the following history of SSPEC from Rev. Philip Akway Obang, General Secretary, South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church:

A Brief History of South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC)

The Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, which originally operated mostly in Northern Sudan, decided in a general assembly meeting to start evangelism in South Sudan. Therefore in 2004 the first Evangelist was sent from Khartoum to Juba to start church planting. Subsequently churches were established in Juba, Wau, Malakal, Nasir, Bentiu, and Mayam, these were the first congregations in South Sudan before South Sudan's independence from Sudan.

In 2010 the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SPEC) decided to form South Sudan Presbytery under the Synod of Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

After independence of South Sudan in July of 2011 the church grew from six congregations to seventeen congregations in South Sudan and in the general assembly meeting on 2013 the South Sudan Presbytery separated from Synod of Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church and established its headquarters in Juba. Unfortunately, on Dec.15,2013 civil war broke out in South Sudan and most SSPEC congregations became displaced people in UN camps (Juba, Bor, Malakal and Bentiu) and some members and pastors fled to Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda and Kenya.

But God used this crisis also to help the church grow fast, because some of our pastors, elders and evangelists fled to villages where there were no SSPEC churches and they started to establish new congregations in those areas. From Dec., 2013 to 2016 SSPEC established the following congregations. Six new congregations in the Uror area, one congregation in Akobo, five congregations in Pochalla, nine congregations in Fashoda, seven congregations in Abye, four congregations in Nasir, one congregation in Aweil, seven congregations in Equatoria, two congregations in Pareng, plus five congregations in UN protection site camps around South Sudan.

South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical church has 83 ordained pastors, and many elders, deacons and deaconesses. SSPEC has five partners (PCUSA, Shenango, Redstone, and Pittsburgh presbyteries, and CCAP Blantyre Synod - Malawi).

***Important Note:** The SSPEC membership is not known at this time because of the ongoing war but at the coming General Assembly we expect to get these figures.

Achievements:

1. From 2004 -2001 six congregations were established.
2. From 2010 - 2013 seventeen congregations were established.
3. During the crisis from 2013 - 2016 thirty seven congregations were established.
4. SSPEC bought property and established their Headquarters in Juba.

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5. Acquired land in Wau (four plots of land).
6. Bought two cars, one for fishing project and one for office use.
7. Fishing boats were funded by Redstone Presbytery USA.
8. Distributed relief items to IDPs in UNMISS camps that were funded by Shenango, Redstone, and Pittsburgh presbyteries.

SSPEC programs:

1. Women's Program
2. Youth Program
3. Relief Program
4. Peace Building program

Challenges: There are many challenges that South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical church facing, some of them are as follows:

1. No permanent income to run the SSPEC activities.
2. Many of our church buildings were burned down during 2013 civil war.
3. No salaries for pastors. Therefore, most of the SSPEC pastors have second jobs to assist their families.
4. Many of our church members are facing hunger due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan.

Future plans:

1. Evangelizing unreached areas (Equatoria and Bahr el Gazal areas).
2. Doing Peace building and reconciliation among the communities.
3. Assisting two IDPS areas.
4. Building SSPEC Headquarters.
5. Rebuild the burned down churches.
6. Proposed Bible School.

ACTION AGENDA

Council

Glenn Hart presented the following report and action items from the Council:

Action Items

- **MSP** to interrupt the meeting for the purpose of convening the meeting of the corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone.

As the Corporation of the Presbytery of Redstone, the following actions were taken:

- **MSP** to elect the following to serve as the Officers of the Corporation for 2017:
President - Pete Goetschius
Secretary - Rev. Skip Noftzger
Treasurer - Mr. John R. Dickson, IV
- **MSP** that the following persons be added to those authorized to sign checks for the Corporation.
Gerald Cumer, Assistant Treasurer

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Bobbie Martin, Bookkeeper

- **MSP** to adjourn the meeting of the corporation.
- The Council presented the amendment to the Book of Order of the revised “Directory of Worship” --16-H (Appendix D). The Council also recommended approval. After discussion and deliberation within the body, **MSP** to approve the “Directory of Worship” (16-H) by a vote of Yes 37 - No 17.
- The Council recommended the approval of the Child/Youth/Vulnerable Person Protection Policy of the Presbytery of Redstone (Appendix E) and moved its passage. Rev. Marnie Silbert proposed amending the Policy to require background clearances every 60 months (rather than 3 years) which is now permissible with the state requirements of renewal for the state of PA. **MSP** to amend the policy accordingly. **MSP** to approve The Child/Youth/ Vulnerable Person Protection Policy of the Presbytery of Redstone as amended.

Information

- The Stated Clerk noted that the TUPNK has withdrawn their request to host the September, 2017 Presbytery meeting. With the offer of PSC, an option to receive their offer and invite Washington Presbytery for a joint celebration of our shared ministry and mission at the Camp. It was **MSP** to invite Washington Presbytery based upon a proposed date of 9/9, 9/16 or 9/23.
- The 2017 Council Meeting dates would be the following:
 - January 17, 2017
 - February 28, 2017
 - April 25, 2017
 - May 30, 2017
 - June 27, 2017
 - August 22, 2017
 - October 24, 2017
 - November 28, 2017All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center.
- Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, thanked the members of the Council for their efforts during this past year. Leadership of the Presbytery requires the engagement and involvement of a wide variety of people. As a token of our thanksgiving, members of Council enjoyed some snacks and those members who have completed their terms of service were presented with a certificate acknowledging their work and contributions. Those members completing their terms are:
Glenn Hart – moderator; Don Gobel; Ron Wakeman; Chuck West
- It was **MSP** to approve four weeks (28 hours) of vacation for Bobbie Martin who fulfills that role. Skip announced that starting in January her schedule would consist of Monday morning (4 hours), Tuesday through Thursday (8 hours each day). On Monday afternoon and Friday morning, she will be employed at Westminster Presbyterian Church as their financial secretary.
- A copy of the upcoming schedule (next six months) of the “Redstone Stories” bulletin inserts was distributed. Members were encouraged to regularly check the Presbytery Facebook page which has

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items appearing within it submitted by Niki and Skip.

- Using the map of Sudan, Donna gave a brief overview of the geography and some of the history of this conflict. The PCUSA call to prayer for South Sudan was distributed. This request was distributed throughout the denomination after violence broke out in the Yei region of South Sudan.
- On behalf of Don Gobbel, Skip Noftzger presented short updates on both the status of the West Leisenring property and the ongoing completion of the liabilities related to the sale of the Presbyterian Home of Greater Johnstown.
- A report on the most recent meetings and activities of the Addictions ministry network, including consideration of the distinctive roles that churches might assume. Representatives from Resurrection Power and Washington County shared their experiences. The network requested time on the January Presbytery agenda. It was **MSP** to grant time during that meeting.
- All reports from the Treasurer, Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, ED of Pine Springs Camp and Subcommittees and Networks were received and filed.
- After commenting on just a few of the differences in the proposed Directory of Worship, it was agreed that the members had not had opportunity to sufficiently review in order to make a recommendation. It was proposed and agreed by consent to postpone discussion and recommendation of the new version of the Directory of Worship until the January Council meeting. At that time, a decision will be made to support or not with a recommendation.
- It was **MSP** to approve the January Presbytery gathering agenda as presented with the inclusion of time for the Addictions ministry network. It was noted that along with the corporation meeting, this was the annual gathering for celebration with the EP preaching rather than giving a report. The worship will also include a necrology report.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Martin Ankrum presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

Action Items

- **MSP** to abolish the position of installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Windber, PA and to notify the appropriate agencies.
- **MSP** that the Rev. John Michael be designated as “Honorably Retired” member of the Presbytery of Redstone. People offered testimony as to his service. A prayer was offered by Martin Ankrum.
- **MSP** that the Rev. Michael Shepard be designated as an “Honorably Retired” member of the Presbytery of Redstone. People offered testimony as to his service. Mike responded with thanksgiving. Moderator Sue Washburn conducted a service of Honorable Retirement.

Information

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- The Stated Clerk gave an update to the committee on the following matters:
 - a. Correspondence log related to COM.
 - b. Published the following dates for possible Minutes review for Clerks of Session.

These included the Ruling Elder workshop on Polity
January 28, 2017---Enrichment Day
March 11, 2017---Polity Workshop
March 21, 2017---Pre-Presbytery
April 19, 2017---Open date – Presbytery office

Search and Call -

- **MSP** the approval of the MIF submitted from the West Hempfield Presbyterian Church PNC.
- **MSP** the approval of permission for the Trinity, New Florence session to work with their liaison and the EP in pursuit of alternative pastoral leadership options (eg. Designated or Covenant pastor options).

Examination - No action items.

Care of Church Professionals -

- **MSP** the approval of a recommendation to the Presbytery to grant Rev. John Michael Honorably Retired status. John Michael served previously in this presbytery at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church and as a mission co-worker in Slovakia before returning to this area where he has been a member at large of Redstone.
- **MSP** to approve the sabbatical request from Rev. Donna Havrisko for May, 2017.

Care of Congregations -

- **MSP** the waiver request from First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance for Kathleen Hockenberry (Elder) and Nan Chess, Amy Lewis, Marcy Flecker (Deacons).
- **MSP** the waiver request from the Sewickley Presbyterian Church for Amanda Albright (Elder).
- **MSP** the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Windber to abolish the position of installed pastor.
- **MSP** to include information sheet on congregations and turnaround in the Presbytery packets.

Moderator appointments

1. Rev. James Gear appointed as moderator for Mt. Washington, Farmington effective January 1, 2017.
2. Rev. Michael Shepard appointed as moderator for Laurel Hill, Dunbar effective January 1, 2017.
3. Rev. Gary Close appointed as moderator for First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar effective January 1, 2017.
4. Rev. James Gear appointed as moderator for First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance effective January 1, 2017.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Teaching Elder Caroline Vickery presented the following report for the Committee:

Action Items

- A report from Taylor Barner, candidate under care of Redstone Presbytery who spoke concerning his care process and his upcoming call to be Associate Pastor in Burlington, North Carolina. Caroline

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Vickery led the Presbytery in prayer for Taylor Barner as he begins his ministry.

- Brian Misner from Westmont Presbyterian Church spoke about the upcoming Confirmation retreat at Pine Springs and shared his daughter's remembrance from last year's retreat.

Information

- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports that candidate Taylor Barner will be receiving a call as Associate Pastor from the First Presbyterian Church, Burlington, North Carolina congregation upon completion of his examination before the Presbytery (2/21/17)
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry lists the following as the current roll of inquirers and candidates for the Presbytery of Redstone.
 - Richard Watson—candidacy date---5/2016; current CRE, Leisenring; member of the Calvin enrolled student in the Dubuque Theological Seminary program
 - David Deutsch---inquirer date---3/2016; member of Level Green Presbyterian Church; current "middler" student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the AP/CRE subcommittee lists the following as being currently enrolled in the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program (educational preparation for possible commissioning).
 - Richard Zoltak, New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon
 - Joshua Scully, Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
 - Seth Myers, First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar

ENABLING MINISTRY NETWORKS

- Addictions ministry network: Pete Goetschius shared his own story about his daughter and their attempts to help her with her addictions. She is now happily married with a new baby.
- Healing prayer ministry network: Carole Isley Corey invited presbyters to offer prayers for healing for Rev. Ron Durika who was in an automobile accident earlier this year and for the stress he is under.

Nominations Committee

No oral report was given but the following information items were included in the packet:

Information

- There remain a couple openings for positions on standing committees of the Presbytery. Additionally, there are always opportunities on various subcommittees, task forces and networks. Please submit names of Teaching and Ruling Elders to the Nominating Committee through either Curtis Paul or Skip Noftzger.

REPORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS AND PRESBYTERY TEAMS

VANDERGRIFT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DISCERNMENT TEAM

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The Vandergrift Presbyterian Church discernment team remains in place pending further action by the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church session. After having the discernment team for the Vandergrift Presbyterian Church meet with the session of the church on October 24, 2016, there have been no further discussions. The team waits to hear from the session whether they desire to move forward with discernment, including congregational forums and other opportunities to communicate directly with the congregational members.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the Presbytery at this time.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 36 clergy and 3 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 27 elders representing 20 congregations, 1 Christian Educator, 2 by virtue of office, and 6 visitors for a total of 75. There also were 30 clergy excused, 12 clergy absent, 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders absent and 50 congregations without elder representation.

AJOURNMENT

It was **MSP to adjourn** with prayer at 4:23 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Donna Havrisko offered the benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville.

Sue Washburn, Moderator

Sylvia Carlson, Recording Clerk