

## Presbytery of Redstone

### March 26, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was convened at 6:01 pm on March 26, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin, and opened with prayer by Rev. Laura Blank, Moderator. She announced that items of new business must be presented to the clerk before the end of worship.

#### 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>
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Bruce Cadenhead, MAL	
	Cynthia Cadenhead, HR	
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Jay Lewis, HR	
	Aleda Menchyk, HR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius	Karen Goetschius
Avonmore, First	Larry Armstrong, CovP	
Belle Vernon, First		
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	William Nicholls
Bolivar, United		
Boswell, Covenant		
Brownsville, Calvin	Jane Johnson, CovP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Jane Johnson, CovP	Kathy Haluska
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver		
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont	Caroline Vickery	
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First		Jim Stratton
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, Little Redstone	Joshua Scully, CP	Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum Nicole Atkinson, AP	Scott Sucke Paula Purnell
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster	Donna Havrisko	Jackie Eckenrod
Irwin, First	Ronald Wakeman Ronald Durika, AP	Lauren Mazzei Phyllis Neral

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		Bob Dittman Mark Claycomb
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette	William King, IP	Lucy Bittner
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont		Deb Lichtenfels Bernice Adams Gary Lichtenfels
Lake Lynn, Springhill		Sandy Morris
Latrobe		
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Doug Marshall, IP	Chuck West
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	Karen McDermott
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion		
Murrysville, First		
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul	John Daller
Murrysville, Union	Derek Campbell	John Shultz
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Kathy Hamilton
New Florence, Bethel		Carol Faytol
New Florence, Trinity	Anthony Catullo, IP	
New Kensington, United		
New Salem	William Wiegand, CP	Doris Gavala
North Huntingdon, New Hope	John Simpson, IP	
Patton		
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin	Leonard Morgan, CP	
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Amy Phillips
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Cheryl Rhea
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third		Eloise Neiss
Uniontown, Trinity	James Gear	
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United		
Notation:	(*) = pastor other denomination (**) = pastor/CP serving more than one church	AP = Associate Pastor; CovP = Covenant Pastor; CP = Commissioned Pastor; HR = Honorably Retired; IP = Interim Pastor; MAL = Member at Large

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**By Virtue of Office:** Jack Battenhouse, Presbytery Council; Tim D'Aurora, Presbytery Council; John Dickson, Presbytery Treasurer;

**Visitors:** Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Molly Hall; Anthony Marciano, Trafford, Level Green; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Walter Maynard, Greensburg, Westminster; John Morris, Lake Lynn, Springhill Furnace; Norma Prina Murphy, Lake Erie Presbytery; Sally Nicholls, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bonnie Wiegand, Irwin, First

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Buell; Cahn; Carnahan; Chow; Corey; Currie; Degitz; Giesey; Gray; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Jalso; Johnson, R.; Keith; Keys; Klein; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; MacPherson; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Michael; Morrow; Murray; Sharp, J.; Sharp, W.; Shepard; Silbert; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk; Whitaker; Yuckman, C; Yuckman, M.

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bash; Bass-Riley; Dormire; Maiman; Siddle

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused:** NONE

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent:** Glisan; McElroy; O'Hara; Prinkey; Sunseri; Todero; Watson

### ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

It was **MSP** to approve the docket as presented by the Associate Stated Clerk.

### SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, asked that the Rev. Norma Murphy, Honorably Retired Teaching Elder from Lake Erie Presbytery be seated as a Corresponding Member of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting. It was **MSP** to seat Rev. Murphy as a Corresponding Member of Redstone Presbytery.

It was **MSP** by the Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster to grant privilege of the floor to Molly Hall, a candidate under the care of the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

The Moderator, Rev. Laura Blank, invited those who were attending a presbytery meeting for the first time to stand to be introduced. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Moderator welcomed each of the first-time presbyters.

### ARRANGEMENTS

The Rev. Ron Wakeman provided the Presbytery with the arrangements for the meeting. He welcomed the Presbytery to the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin. He made mention that it has been ten years since they hosted a Presbytery Meeting.

Vice Moderator, Chuck West, assumed moderating the meeting at this point.

### 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.

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### 2. Summary of 2018 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

<u>Membership Statistics</u>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Active members	14,971	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	136	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	220	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119
Gains by Certificate	126	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57
Losses by Certificate	81	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215
Losses by Death	289	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194
Losses by Other	477	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106
Infant Baptisms	212	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87
Adult Baptisms	29	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13

As of the 2019 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, churches have filed at least portions of their annual statistical reports for 2018. The following churches failed to submit their Annual Statistical Report based upon the deadline: Covenant, Fort Burd, Hopewell, Tyrone, Fairchance, Leisenring, Pleasant Grove, Merrittstown, New Kensington and Sewickley.

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2018.

- March 26---5:00 p.m.---First, Irwin (pre-Presbytery)
- April 30---6:00 p.m.---Presbytery Center
- May 21---5:00 p.m.--- First, Murrysville (pre-Presbytery)
- May 28---6:00 p.m.---Trinity, Uniontown

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Stated Clerk for Constitutional and Judicial Matters of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented and moved the following Consent Agenda. The following items were approved by consent.

#### From Executive Committee

1. Following review by the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Associate Stated Clerk, it is recommended that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the January 26, 2019 be approved.

#### From Presbytery Council

1. Council recommends that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit.
2. Council recommends that the reports of the Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk be received and filed.
3. Council recommends that any Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

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### From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that the Rev. Norma Murphy (Honorably Retired, Lake Erie Presbytery and former member of Redstone) be received as an Honorably Retired member of Redstone Presbytery.
2. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the commissioning of Anthony Marciano (Tyrone) and Lynn Mance (Presbytery-wide) during the worship service of the March 26, 2019 meeting. Both temporary pastoral relationships were approved by the Committee on Ministry (Presbytery Manual).
3. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Walter Graham (elder) on behalf of the Mt. Washington Church.
4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Paloma Westerman-Cramer, Anita Nicholson (elders) and Neal Snyder, David Ramsey and Thomas Bowman (deacons) on behalf of the Calvin United Church in Scottsdale.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Maxine Hajek (elder) on behalf of the Palmer Community Church in Adah.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for James Stark and Marlene Kubina (elders) on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church in Fayette City.
7. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Seth Myers(elder) on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunbar.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Ruling Elder John A. Dickson, IV, Treasurer, presented his written report calling attention to the financial reports for the month ending February 28, 2019. John began by telling us that one of his pleasures growing up was going to his uncle's horse farm in New York. His uncle raised horses and John learned about horses stumbling out of the gates and John used this image to draw attention to the Presbytery stumbling out of the gate this year, to the tune of about \$20,000. The good news is that expenses are below budget. It was **MSP** to approve the Treasurer's Report.

### WORSHIP

The Presbytery joined in worship under the leadership of Teaching Elders Ron Wakeman and Ron Durika who delivered the sermon. Moderator Laura Blank commissioned to service within the Presbytery the following Ruling Elders: Anthony Marciano to Tyrone and Lynn Mance to the Presbytery-Wide service. Worship included the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Moderator Laura Blank resumed moderating the meeting.

### EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, noted his written report in the packet for the meeting. The report also included an update on his wife's condition and thanked the presbytery for their care and prayer for Martha and Skip during this time and for her upcoming procedure. Moderator Laura Blank led the presbytery in prayer for Martha and Skip. April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the first day of his 7<sup>th</sup> year with us as Executive Presbyter. Skip gave a brief recap of his 6 years with us in looking outside the box and in looking forward to the future. Skip highlighted the need for the change in leadership style for the future as we live into being the Church and what it means to be following Jesus. This leadership will involve all of us working together.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

Rev. Niki Atkinson distributed, with the help of Rev. Martin Ankrum, a printed copy of the announcements. The announcement loop was not presented during the meeting but will be posted on the Presbytery website.

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### ACTION AGENDA

#### COUNCIL REPORT

Joshua Scully presented the following report and action items from the Council:

#### Action Items

- **Presentation of proposed Book of Order amendments approved at the 2018 General Assembly and to be considered by individual presbyteries. See Appendix D.**
1. **18-A – (criteria for congregational Nominating Committee)** *Council recommends approval.* Joshua Scully moved the approval of this item and spoke to it. The vote was 54 Yes and 0 No
  2. **18-B.1 (clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction)** *COM recommends approval.* Joshua Scully moved the approval of this item and spoke to it. The vote was 53 Yes and 3 No.
  3. **18-B.2 (clarification on those who have renounced jurisdiction)** *COM recommends approval.* Joshua Scully moved the approval of this item and spoke to it. The vote was 46 Yes and 5 No.
  4. **18-C (political endorsement or opposition)** *Council-no recommendation.* Joshua Scully moved the approval of this item and spoke to it. There was discussion about this proposed Amendment to the Constitution. The vote was taken by ballot and the vote was 17 Yes and 46 No
  5. **18-D (permission for validated ministry “outside the bounds”)** *Council and COM recommend approval.* Joshua Scully moved the approval of this item and spoke to it. The vote was 58 Yes and 1 No.

The remaining proposed Book of Order amendments will be voted on at the May, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery.

#### Information Items (as published)

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting of Council.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence logs of previous Council meetings for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk reviewed the scheduled 2019 Council and Presbytery dates:
  - 1/8/19 - Council
  - 1/26/19 - Presbytery (1:00 p.m. - New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon)
  - 2/26/19 - Council
  - 3/26/19 - Presbytery (6:00 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Irwin)
  - 4/23/19 - Council
  - 5/21/19 - Presbytery (6:00 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville)
  - 6/25/19 - Council
  - 8/27/19 - Council
  - 9/24/19 - Presbytery (10:00 a.m. - Pine Springs Camp - joint meeting with Washington Presbytery)
  - 10/22/19 - Council
  - 11/23/19 - Presbytery (9:00 a.m. - Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock)
  - 11/27/19 - Council

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- The Stated Clerk presented some of the proposed Book of Order amendments for review and recommendation by the Council. The options presented for each proposed amendment were for the Council to:

*----Recommend approval; --Recommend disapproval; --Make no recommendation*

- a. 18-A (MSP to recommend approval)
- b. 18-C (MSP to make no recommendation)
- c. 18-D (MSP to recommend approval)
- d. 18-E (MSP to recommend approval)
- e. 18-F (MSP to recommend approval)

#### **The Executive Presbyter reported on the following items:**

- Work and Progress of InterPresbytery Collaboration Task Force (Laura Blank, Chuck West, Martin Ankrum, Bobbi Jo Huebner). Both Rev. Ankrum and Elder Chuck West provided insight on the progress of the task force representing Redstone and Washington presbyteries who have been meeting monthly in 2019. Having considered a variety of possible means and structures for collaboration, work has moved to the tangible areas of particular proposals ranging from sharing staff, facilities, and ministry to possible merger. Both short- and long-term options will be considered at the next meeting.
- With the upcoming sabbatical in summer of 2019, Rev. Noftzger solicited other volunteers to participate in writing the article or devotional for the weekly ENews during those months (June and July).
- The Executive Presbyter promoted the upcoming Pastors Retreat – April 28-29. Dr. Roger Owens, from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, who will be speaking on “What We Need Is Here.” The retreat will take place on Sunday evening, Monday all day at Pine Springs Camp. To register, contact the Presbytery office.
- The Executive Presbyter provided updates on pastoral leadership around the Presbytery. Rev. Katy Brungraber will be moving out of the area to Chambersburg. We anticipate two new Commissioned Pastors; Anthony Marciano who will be serving the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and Lynn Mance who will be serving in a new role as a Presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor.

#### **Treasurer**

A written Treasurer’s report for the first month of the new fiscal year was presented. As noted, January has been a “slow” month in terms of contributions and was even more so in 2019. The Treasurer reviewed the report and offered insight on “benchmarks” for monthly income and monthly expenditures. The Executive Presbyter clarified that the January expenditures were reduced because with the reporting of statistics, we had not yet begun to pay the per capita. He assured the Council that he would be monitoring expenses in order that we continue to live within the income that we have available.

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### Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report from the Executive Director was received and reviewed.

**MSP** to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

### SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

#### Staff Support

- Preparation work has begun in order to complete staff evaluations in the springtime after Easter.

#### Communications

- The Communications team reported on the schedule for the upcoming issues of the Redstone Stories during 2019.
- Noting the successful receipt of the technology grant from the Synod of the Trinity, the Council participated in a video conference with Sue Washburn from her home. Skip also demonstrated other applications and uses of the technology equipment within the conference room.

#### Missions

- Announcement of the upcoming mission trip in mid-March to West Virginia.
- Additional information was provided on the initial planning for a small group to visit South Sudan (Juba) in March 2020.

#### Budget and Finance

- First Fruits pledges are still being collected. Projections below expectations may require some additional adjustments to the current budget.

#### Addictions Ministry

- The Addictions ministry network has been working diligently on a curriculum to be used in our congregations (Sunday school, sermon series, etc.) on Biblical and theological approaches to addiction and recovery. Recovery Bibles and the curriculum will be shared at the next presbytery meeting as they look for churches who will “pilot” it.

### MARCH PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Irwin. The proposed agenda and schedule were presented for review by the Council. It was **MSP** to adopt the agenda with the commissioning of pastors to take place during the Presbytery worship service.

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Pete Goetschius presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

#### Action Items

1. Rev. Pete Goetschius introduced Molly Hall, candidate from Milwaukee Presbytery, who shared her Statement of Faith with the presbytery. It was **MSP** to examine and receive Molly Hall, candidate Milwaukee Presbytery and approval to serve as Covenant Pastor for Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church.

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2. It was **MSP** approve the commission to ordain Molly Hall on April 28, 2019 at 3PM as Covenant Pastor for the Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church as Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the following people:
- Laura Blank, Moderator (TE)
  - Jane Johnson (TE)
  - Sandy Morris (RE)
  - Skip Noftzger (TE)
  - Josh Scully (RE)
  - Doug Yauger (RE)

Rev. Pete Goetschius introduced Rev. Norma Murphy to Prebytery and welcomed her back to Redstone Presbytery.

#### **Information Items (as published)**

- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes for November 1, 2018 and January 10, 2019 meetings as submitted.
- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting as submitted with a revision in members in attendance.

#### **Stated Clerk's Report**

Rev. Skip Noftzger gave an update to the committee on the following matters:

- Annual Reports Due – Statistics February 14
- Polity Workshop – March 2, 2019; 9:00 a.m. – NOON; Maplewood Presbyterian Church – Minutes/Register can be reviewed at that time
- Other Minutes Review Dates:
  - Enrichment Day – February 9, Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
  - March Presbytery meeting – March 26, First Presbyterian Church, Irwin
  - May Presbytery meeting – May 21, First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville
- **MSP** to recommend approval of the following Waiver of Terms of Service Limitations (rotation) requests
  - Ruling Elder Elder Walter Graham – Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington
  - Ruling Elder Elder Seth Myers – First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
- **MSP** to approve the request of the Rev. Bruce Cadenhead to be moved to Honorably Retired status on July 1, 2019
- The Stated Clerk presented some of the proposed Book of Order amendments for review and recommendation by the Council. The options presented for each proposed amendment were for the Council to:

*----Recommend approval; --Recommend disapproval; --Make no recommendation*

- a. 18-B.1 (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- b. 18-B.2 (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- c. 18-D (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- d. 18-G (**MSP** to recommend disapproval)
- e. 18-H.1 (**MSP** to recommend approval)
- f. 18-H.2 (**MSP** to recommend approval)

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### Moderator's Report

- It was **MSP** to appoint the following Moderators:  
Rev. Donald Glunt as moderator for the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon  
Rev. Aleda Menchyk as moderator for the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar

### Examinations and Membership Committee

Rev. Cliff Foster reported on the following items:

- Examination of Anthony Marciano for consideration to serve as a Commissioned Pastor - **MSP**
- Examination of Lynn Mance for consideration to serve as a Commissioned Pastor - **MSP**
- Examination of Molly Hall for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament - **MSP**
- Examination of Rev. Norma Murphy to be received into Redstone Presbytery as a Honorably Retired member - **MSP**

### Search and Call Committee

Rev. Chuck MacPherson reported on the following items:

- Reviewed the churches in transition chart and provided an update on the status of each of the current searches that are underway
- Recommended the Commissioned Pastor agreement between the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and Anthony Marciano - **MSP** to approve
- Recommended to create a position of Presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor who will serve in the capacity of Pastor when needed - **MSP** to approve
- Recommended the Commissioned Pastor agreement between the Presbytery of Redstone and Lynn Mance to serve in Presbytery-wide service with any congregation upon request and approval - **MSP** to approve
- Presented the Ministry Information Form submitted by the Westmont Presbyterian Church PNC - **MSP** to approve

### District Committees and Liaisons

- Updates were presented from each of the three subcommittees. A written update was distributed to the entire committee with the information that had been submitted prior to the meeting using the Google.doc forms.
- Prayers were offered for pastoral leaders
- Prayers were offered for congregations

### AP/CRE Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

Chuck MacPherson reported on the following upcoming workshops:

- Enrichment Day - Saturday, February 9, Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
- Polity Workshop - March 2, 9:00 a.m. to NOON - Maplewood Presbyterian Church

### Executive Presbyter's Report

Skip Noftzger noted the following:

- As the COM is talking to churches, if it is something distinctive to please share it with Niki Atkinson who writes the Redstone Stories
- The most recent issue of the Redstone Stories announced our new video conferencing equipment

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### Unfinished Business

- Family and Medical Leave Policy task force (2019 General Assembly overture)
  - Helen Toms, Jeff Smith, and Cliff Foster volunteered for the task force to work on a Presbytery policy
- Authoritative Interpretation on creating a policy on moderating by non-Presbyterian pastors
  - Cliff Foster and Chuck MacPherson will work on the task force to present a policy and practices

### New Business

Katy Brungraber initiated a discussion on how we honor retiring Teaching Elders at our Presbytery meetings

Heartfelt goodbye and prayers for Katy Brungraber as she and her husband move to Central PA to be closer to family.

Vice Moderator Chuck West moderated the rest of the meeting.

### ADDICTIONS MINISTRY NETWORK

Rev. Lee McDermott presented a report of how the Addition Ministry Network received a grant from the Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol Commission which was used to purchase Life Recovery Bibles and Workbooks that will be given to each congregation. He also highlighted a new curriculum they have developed for a 7 week Adult Education program which can also be used for a sermon series on addiction and recovery. The curriculum will be emailed tomorrow to the Presbytery. The email address is [redstonetogether@gmail.com](mailto:redstonetogether@gmail.com). Those who worked on the curriculum were identified and thanked. The Network is looking for 5 congregations to work with them with this curriculum.

### MISSION NETWORK

Rev. Sylvia Carlson reported that 12 people are in Sommerville, WV on a mission trip working to install a ramp at the home of a wheelchair bound person. The Mission Network meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. The New Wilmington Mission Conference will be held this summer and the South Sudan team will be meeting prior to the Mission Conference. The hope is to bring 3 people from the Sudan here this summer for this meeting.

Sylvia also called attention to the upcoming Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women event at Ft. Burd Church.

### COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

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

#### Information Items (as published)

- As part of organizing for the year, nominations were held for the positions of chairperson and secretary. It was MSP to elect Rev. Caroline Vickery as chairperson and Rev. Becca Siddle as secretary for 2018.
- It was MSP to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting.
- The updated roster for all inquirers and candidates was provided by the Executive Presbyter to the committee. Having reviewed and not noting any necessary changes, the roster was received by the committee.

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- The committee met with Inquirer Cynthia Bellina (Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown) about her progress. She has re-enrolled through the M.Div. program offered by Dubuque Theological Seminary. She talked with the committee about her experiences as a Red Cross spiritual care responder and her sense of vocation related to missions.
- A specific update was provided on candidate Rick Watson concerning his completion of coursework and examinations for ordination. Rick will be completing a supervised practical ministry experience this semester at Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown with Rev. Ron Johnson.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

#### Information Items (as published)

- As we prepare for the upcoming season (June-September) of identifying new leadership, the Nominating Committee is in need of your suggestions and recommendations for ruling elder candidates to serve within the various committees and structures of the Presbytery. Please email any nominations to Rev. Curtis Paul, Nominating Committee Chair.
- Currently, we have available one opening on the Committee on Ministry If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this way, please contact either Rev. Skip Noftzger or Rev. Curtis Paul.

### PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Greg Davis referenced the written report in the packet highlighting the partnership between the Camp and the Presbytery. Greg is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as Camp Director. As of last week there have been 649 early bird registrations for camp this year and they are still recruiting more campers. The goal is to have 1000 overnight campers this year. This Sunday (3/31) is an event in Bridgeville at a trampoline. There is an upcoming event at Five Guys places on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 20% of profits will go to camp. Annual Work Day is set for May 11<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship Golf Outing will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> - it will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year for this event at Latrobe Country Club. They have a goal of getting 20 churches to be a sponsor for the event for \$100. Rev. Ron Wakeman has served on the committee for the golf outing for 10 years and in that time \$200,000 has been raised. Rev. Wakeman also mentioned that the Camp is available for Session meetings and other events.

### 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 33 clergy and 4 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 29 elders (representing 23 congregations), 0 Christian Educator, 3 by virtue of office, and 9 visitors for a total of 78. There were 45 congregations without elder representation.

### AJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn with prayer at 8:43 p.m.

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Ron Wakeman offered the benediction prayer.

*The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville at 6:00 p.m.*

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Laura Blank, Moderator

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Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk