



2019 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

November 23, 2019



Pleasant View Presbyterian Church
Smock, PA

*Communicate the Word...Carry on the Work...Change the World
Together*

Directions to Pleasant View Presbyterian Church
533 Royal Road, Smock PA 15480
724.677.2149

FROM POINTS NORTH & EAST

1. From the New Stanton interchange of the PA Turnpike, travel **west on Interstate 70**.
2. Travel west 11 miles.
3. Take Exit 46A for **Rt. 51 South** toward Uniontown.
3. Travel south for approximately 11 miles. Keep watch for a small green & white PennDot sign for Smock with an arrow to turn right. Turn right onto **Smock Rd**.
4. After 1.5 miles, at the Honor Roll, bear left onto **Pleasant View Smock Rd**.
5. Travel 1.5 miles and arrive at Pleasant View, on the right.

FROM UNIONTOWN

1. Travel on **PA Turnpike Rt. 43 North**
2. Take Exit #18 for “New Salem / Waltersburg”. At end of ramp turn right, go 200 yards, then turn left onto **Pleasant View Smock Road**.
5. Continue straight for approximately 2 miles. At the second stop sign, Pleasant View will be directly in front of you.

FROM BROWNSVILLE

1. Travel on **PA Turnpike Rt. 43 South**
2. Take Exit #18 for “New Salem / Waltersburg”. At end of ramp turn left, go .25 miles, then turn left on to **Pleasant View Smock Road**.
3. Continue straight for approximately 2 miles. At the second stop sign, Pleasant View will be directly in front of you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

There will be people in the parking lot to direct you for parking and entering the church.

- The Prayer Team will meet in the room at the back of the sanctuary.
- The meeting will be in the Sanctuary.
- Registration will be in the Sunday School room.
- Refreshments will be in the Fellowship Hall, which is downstairs. Breakfast casseroles, fruit, and coffee will be served starting at 8:00 a.m. Join us for a time of food and fellowship before the start of the meeting.
- There are unisex, accessible restrooms located on both floors of the church.
- Childcare will be available for the business portion of the meeting. Registration is required. Please email pleasantviewpc@yahoo.com by Tuesday, November 19 for more information and to register.
- Tour the Living Nativity immediately following the meeting. Mary and Joseph will still be traveling from Nazareth, but we would love to take you through our Bethlehem Marketplace and the family home where there was no room in the "kataluma" (guest room)!
- There will be WIFI available in the sanctuary. The password will be given the day of the meeting.

Notes for the November 23, 2019 Presbytery Meeting!

- Presbyters are reminded to get "Prayer Requests" to the Clerk as soon as possible as they will be lifted up during the prayers in the Worship Service.
- The Offering received during worship at this meeting will go to South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church flooding relief.

Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock, PA; November 23, 2019
“Enabling Ministry Networks”

8:00 a.m.	<u>Registration and fellowship</u>	
9:00 a.m.	<u>Formation of the Roll</u> <u>Seating of Corresponding Members</u> <u>Introduction of Elders</u> <u>Arrangements</u> <u>Clerk(s) Reports</u> <u>Stated Clerk for Administration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence log (p. 5) • Annual Reports (Appendix B) <u>Associate Stated Clerk for Constitutional/Judicial matters</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda (p. 6) <i>(new business should be submitted in writing to Associate Clerk by the Announcements Loop)</i> <u>Treasurer’s Report</u> (p. 8) <u>Executive Presbyter’s Report</u> (p. 9)	Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Cliff Foster Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Rev. Skip Noftzger
	<u>Worship</u>	Rev. Laura Blank
	<u>Announcements Loop</u>	
	<u>Reports</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pine Springs Camp (p. 11) • Mission network (p. 12) • Synod of the Trinity 	Greg Davis Rev. Sylvia Carlson Bernice Adams
	<u>Action Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council - (p. 13) --2020 Budget --Addictions ministry network • Committee on Ministry (p. 17) --Family and Medical Leave --Examination of candidate/Approval of call --Transfers • Nominating Committee - (p. 23) • New Business 	Joshua Scully Rev. Lee McDermott Rev. Pete Goetschius Barry Poglein
	<u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment</u>	

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT:

1. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

Date Received	Received From	Content	Action
November 12, 2019 - email	John Rodgers, Stated Clerk, Washington Presbytery	eMinister filing for receiving of Grafton Eliason	To FILE
November 12, 2019 - mail	Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Contract renewal for CP Robert Prinkey	To COM and FILE
November 7, 2019 - mail	Beer Ream Co., CPA	Audit Inquiries for Pine Springs Camp	To BOOKKEEPER and FILE
October 23, 2019 - email	Synod of the Trinity	Date and location change for the 2020 COM/CPM gathering	To COM and CPM and FILE
October 23, 2019 - email	Rev. Alice Tondora	Invitation to hold the May 2020 Presbytery meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 18, 2019 - email	Synod of the Trinity	Docket for the October 27-29 Synod of the Trinity Assembly	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 15, 2019 - email	Rev. Derek Campbell	Requesting a transfer to Pittsburgh Presbytery where he has accepted a call	To COM and FILE
October 15, 2019 - email	Rev. Timothy Cargal, CPM Support, PCUSA	Regarding exams referral for candidate under care	To CPM and FILE
October 11, 2019 - email	Stated Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery	Regarding receipt of Rev. Dr. Douglas Marshall	To COM and FILE
October 9, 2019 - email	Synod of the Trinity	Regarding change in office hours	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 7, 2019 - email	Rev. Owar Ojulu	Email regarding his installation date for Ebensburg/Colver	To COM and FILE
October 7, 2019 - email	GA Per Capita Team	GA Per Capita Listening Session Follow Up	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 4, 2019 - email	SPPATCH notification	PATCH request confirmation for Owar Ojulu	To COM and FILE
October 3, 2019 - email	EP/Stated Clerk of Tropical Florida	Information regarding the joint investigation between Redstone and Tropical Florida	To COUNCIL and FILE
October 3, 2019 - email	Tim Henry, Ameriprise Financial	Third quarter performance report	To BUDGET AND FINANCE and FILE

October 3, 2019 – email	Clerk of Session, North Huntingdon New Hope	Request for approved 2020 Terms of Call for PNC	To COM and FILE
October 2, 2019 – email	Northumberland Presbytery	Copy of policy regarding non PCUSA pastors moderating a PCUSA church along with form for COM to authorize said pastors	To COM and FILE
October 2, 2019 – email	PCUSA Research Services	Mental Health Survey	To COM and FILE
October 1, 2019 – email	Rev. Ron Johnson, Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Invitation to host March 24, 2020 Presbytery meeting	To COUNCIL and FILE
September 25, 2019 – email	Wayne Yost, Synod of the Trinity	Amended minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting of the Governing Commission	To COUNCIL and FILE

2. The Stated Clerk presents the 2020 Presbytery gathering dates and locations as approved by Council.
 - a. January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m.; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; (snow date – 2/2/2020)
 - b. March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
 - c. May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
 - d. September 22, 2020; 6:00 p.m.; Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
 - e. November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
3. Review of the 2018 Session minutes and Church Registers has been completed and submitted to the COM (Appendix A). The minutes and the church registers of the following congregations were not reviewed: Dawson, Tyrone; Latrobe, United; Vanderbilt, East Liberty; and West Newton, United.
4. Annual statistical reporting is now open and available for Clerks of Session. Packets are available at the registration table and a handout on the online reporting is in the packet (Appendix B).

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presents the following Consent Agenda.

From Executive Committee

1. Following the review of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk and Associate Stated Clerk, it is **recommended** that the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of the September 24, 2019 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix C)
2. Council **recommends** the approval of the 2020 Terms of Call (see below) for the Executive Presbyter.
 - Salary – 55,390; Housing—15,000; Deferred Compensation (403B) ---8,712
 - Pensions (medical, retirement, death/disability) ---18,491; Vacation---5 weeks
 - Study Leave---2 weeks/1,500 (2019-two weeks carryover); Professional expenses- 1,825;
 - Travel-4,750 (all included in the 2020 budget)

3. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, Pine Springs Camp and Synod commissioner reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
4. Council **recommends** the receipt and filing of the financial review presented by Horner, Wible and Terek, PC.

Treasurer's Report

A written treasurer's report will be available on the registration table at the time of the meeting.

MINISTRY AND MISSION REPORTS

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger
Executive Presbyter Report

Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.....Together!

VISION	9/24/2019-11/23/2019	
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visited eleven congregations in worship or special services since the last presbytery meeting. Preached at four worship services. Attended or moderated five session meetings, including those have begun a pastoral transition. Moderated one congregational meeting. • Coordinated and arranged pulpit supply for three congregations that were unexpectedly in need in order to facilitate stability as they make transitions. • Continue to work with three different sessions who are considering non-traditional pastoral options, as they negotiate their way through various pastoral transitions. • Initiated support for all of the PNC committees (7) in their efforts in the search process, including actively referring candidates, conduct reference checks, arrange examinations and set up neutral pulpits. Face-face training and consultations at various stages of the process for three of them. • Consulted with congregations and sessions on ecclesiastical, legal and financial issues related to property, budgeting, endowments and stewardship. 	
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met individually and consulted with pastors in thirteen in-person conferences, as well as numerous phone calls in order to review pastoral concerns, offer advice and counsel on future ministry plans and issues. • Reviewed Presbytery alternative examinations policy and initiated consultation with additional exam readers on possible consideration of alternative means of testing. Reviewed denominational policies within the current handbook. Presented to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry the appropriate information for consideration. • Scheduled and recruited workshop leaders and course faculty for the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation program. Consult with current faculty/facilitators on educational and technical issues. Assigned supervisors for practicum experiences among Redstone students. • Initiated contact with all inquirers and candidates under the "care" of the Presbytery. Also, initiated contact to explore possibilities with other 	

	<p>students who might discerning their call to pastoral ministry.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Served as a resource both by phone and in person for several candidates outside and within our Presbytery who are interested in being considered for open pastoral positions. • Assisted the Nominating Committee by soliciting possible ruling elders from our congregations in order to identify leadership for possible Presbytery service. 			
Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided leadership and participation in the COM and CPM gathering and training event sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity. • Continue to participate and support affinity, networking and pastor groups within our presbytery as they continue to meet. . • Continue to serve on the Executive Committee of Christian Associates and as an active member of the Board of Judicatory Executives. • Ongoing coordination of the work of the Joint Task Force of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries concerning possible collaboration. 			
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported and participated in the Rise Against Hunger event. Promoted its visibility within social media. • Offered assistance and support for any planned short-term mission trips emanating from our congregations. • Engagement and communication with our ongoing South Sudanese partnership (SSPEC). Reviewed current financial resources and initiated transmission of funds for support of disaster relief after recent flooding in South Sudan. • Continue to work with the finance committee within the board of Pine Springs Camp. Led discussions on the development of an investment policy including consultation with the current financial advisor. Preparing and will be participating in the annual "Friends" dinner. 			
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued communication and contact with Treasurers and Session concerning the financial needs and support of the ministry of the Presbytery. • Monitored the performance of resources invested by the Presbytery in two primary sources of financial management. • Ongoing resource and consultation with pastors, treasurers and sessions concerning employment contracts, annual enrollment and retirement decisions within the medical plan of the Board of Pensions. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

Pine Springs Camp

2020 Spring Events

We are excited to offer the following retreats as an extension of our summer camp ministry. These retreats are an effort for us to continue to offer opportunities for our campers to grow in their faith. The retreats also are a way in which we can serve congregations with the Presbyteries. Please take advantage of using these opportunities to offer a quality retreat experience for those in your congregation. This spring we will be hosting the following retreats and events

February 14-16	Re-mix Middle School and High School Retreat
March 27-29	Women in the Woods-Radical Hospitality
April 24-26	Catalyst-Men's Backpacking Trip
May 16	Get Camp Ready Work Day
May 18	20 th Annual Golf Outing

Help Us Get Campers!

We are in the midst of setting up church and home visits to recruit campers for next summer. Please contact the camp office or email Mike Hurley, summer Camp Director at mike@pinesprings.org to inquire about us coming out to your church, youth group or after school program. By the way-we have lofty goal of getting 1000 overnight campers! Let's Do It-Together!

Also, be looking for our Spring Recruiting Events like PSC Skates and PSC Jumps. We are working out details now and will be publicizing these events in the near future.

THANK YOU! 2019 FRIEND'S DINNER IS ALMOST AT CAPACITY

Our annual celebration this year is Sunday, November 24 at St. Vincent College from 4:30-7:00 pm. We are so very excited and thankful that we are very close to having 250 reservations which is the maximum capacity of the St. Vincent venue. However, we still have a few spots so please contact the camp office 814-629-9834 if you would like to come. This is evidence that many individuals and churches support and value the ministry of Pine Springs Camp.
THANK YOU!



Our Annual Fund has new name!

The Annual Fund designated to gifts received from churches and individuals has a new name. The Splash Fund was started after the 1999-2002 Capital Campaign and was appropriately named for the "Splash" and transformation that occurred at camp as a result of the new cabins, Elijah Retreat House and especially the new swimming

pool that has been the programmatic centerpiece at camp since! The new name suggests continued growth, substance and a shared vision of provided a lasting, life changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Churches and individuals giving annually to the ministry of Pine Springs Camp is an essential component to the success and vibrancy of this ministry. We are so incredibly thankful the consistent and faithful support of churches and individuals who are now Wellspring Partners! If you have questions of how your church can become a Wellspring Partner please give Greg a call!

Mission Committee

The Redstone Mission Committee is looking for mission minded folk to meet with us to explore mission within the bounds of Redstone Presbytery and beyond. We have been meeting on the third Wednesday evening of the month at 7 p.m. at the Presbytery Office. That date was determined by the needs of former members of the committee and could be changed to suit new committee members.

Nine members of the Redstone Mission Team traveled to Hampden, WV to work on several homes in need of work before winter sets in. Mingo County is the poorest county in West Virginia. The team stayed in former Sunday School rooms at the Freedom Full Gospel Assembly House of Prayer and had full use of the kitchen and fellowship hall. The pastor, Cab Wolford, works with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps, a mission of the Presbytery of West Virginia. Cab learned what he knows about construction during his time working with this organization.

One home was basically a large storage shed mounted on cement blocks. The team replaced a window with one that won't leak cold air, installed recycled metal skirting around the base, and created a deck that was attached to the front of the home. The woman who lives there with her 3-year-old granddaughter was deeply appreciative. We hope that her electricity was connected at the end of the week, but a microburst in the area left much of the area without electricity, so dealing with that issue would have taken precedence. Her home still lacks insulation. She has been using a kerosene heater in cold months.

The other home was a trailer that needed a new roof and skirting around the base of it. Recycled metal roofing material was used for both tasks and half of the roof was covered. When heavy rain stopped the progress one day, that team of 5 moved to the church, where the team was staying, to install insulation and sheet rock in a new addition. It is hoped that the "new" roof will stop the leaking issue.

Please continue to pray for the people of Sudan and South Sudan – especially for the persons living in internally displaced persons camps (IDP) and those who have had to flee to other countries. There are so many people in our world who are desperate for a safe place to live and work and raise their families. Many pastors have also had to flee and are ministering to other displaced people as well as trying to find a way to feed and house their own families.

ACTION AGENDA

Presbytery Council

[Links to complete copies of the Minutes of Council can be found online at www.redstone.org under the "Presbytery Council Meeting Dates" tab.]

Action Items

- The Council **recommends** the approval of the proposed 2020 Budget for the Presbytery of Redstone. (Appendix D) *(This budget was submitted for a first reading in September with a second reading and vote in this November meeting.)*
- Addictions presentation

Information Items

Council Meeting October 22, 2019

Moderator Josh Scully called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Leading in a devotional reading and discussion from the Scriptures, he opened the meeting prayer.

Agenda

- Moderator Scully inquired concerning any changes to the agenda. There were none and the agenda was approved by **consent**.

Financial Review

- Barb Terek from Horner, Wible and Terek PC was introduced to the Council. This accounting firm has conducted the financial review of the Presbytery bookkeeping for many years. Ms. Terek "walked" the Council members through the Financial Review document, including explanations about terms and the significance of various components of the report. Questions were asked and answered about the nature of administrative controls and the use of designated funds versus restricted funds. At the conclusion of the report, it was **MSP** to receive the 2018 Financial Review as the Trustees of the Presbytery and to file. The review is available for viewing by any member of the Presbytery. Additionally, it was **MSP** to contract with Horner, Wible and Terek PC for the services of conducting a Financial Review of the 2019 fiscal year.

Quietly, Courageous book discussion

The Council continued its ongoing discussion on the book, Quietly, Courageous. This book continues to serve as a valuable prompt for our thinking and prayerful consideration of the type of leadership needed both within our presbyteries and within our congregations. It was agreed to discuss the next section at the November meeting.

Minutes

- It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting of Council.

Reports

Moderator

- Moderator noted the approval by **consent** between the August and October meetings of the distribution of materials from the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians at the September meeting.
- Following that Rev. Laura Blank presented another request for approval of distribution of materials in the packet and at the Presbytery meeting from the same Pittsburgh Chapter of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. It was **MSP** to approve this request.

Executive Presbyter

- The Executive Presbyter raised the question about the substance of any discussions that took place during the September Presbytery gathering around the substance and efforts of the Joint Task Force of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries. Some comments were shared from the lunchtime conversations, but others did not have the opportunity for much discussion. The Joint Task Force will reconvene in November to share any other feedback.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk presented the correspondence log since the last Council meeting for review by the Council.
- The Stated Clerk noted the dates for the 2020 Presbytery meeting schedule. He presented requests from the Third Presbyterian Church to host the March 24, 2020 gathering and from First Presbyterian, Johnstown to host the May 19, 2020 gathering. It was **MSP** to graciously accept both invitations and approve the meeting locations.
 - **2020 Presbytery of Redstone Gathering dates/times/locations**
 - January 25, 2020; 1:00 p.m. Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
 - March 24, 2020; 6:00 p.m. Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown
 - May 19, 2020; 6:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown
 - September 22, 2020; 6:00 p.m. Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
 - November 21, 2020; 9:00 a.m. Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell
- The Stated Clerk presented a list of proposed Council meeting dates for 2020. They included the following with each meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center.
 - January 14
 - February 25
 - April 28
 - June 23
 - August 25
 - October 27
 - November 24

These meeting dates were approved by consent.

- On behalf of the Associate Stated Clerk and himself, the Stated Clerk made request for appointment of a task force to review and consider revisions in the current Presbytery Manual. A task force was appointed of Council members along with the Stated Clerk and Associate Clerk.

Treasurer

- A written Treasurer's report for the first nine months of the new fiscal year. The Treasurer observed that our income stream from churches during September was better, but we remain behind schedule for the year. Both he and the Executive Presbyter confirmed that we will need to "make up ground" between then and the end of the year in order not to either draw upon reserves or further reduce or not fulfill projected expenditures.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

- The Executive Director provided a written report on the summer camp numbers and the Fall retreats (PSC sponsored). He also noted the hosting and extensive use of the facilities by outside groups. Council members were reminded of the upcoming Annual Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, November 24 at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College. Churches and individuals can support this even by being table sponsors or providing items for silent auction.
- **By consent**, the Council agreed to receive and file the reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Executive Director, and Executive Presbyter.

SUBCOMMITTEES/NETWORKS/TASK FORCES

Staff Support

Provided the revised Staff Policies and Procedures manual for a First Reading by the Council. Biannually, the Staff Support subcommittee reviews for any updates or revisions. This set of policies will be reviewed and voted upon at the November Council meeting.

Recommended the approval of the terms of call for the Executive Presbyter for 2020 based upon budgeted figures. The following was reported:

Salary – 55,390

Housing allowance – 15,000

403B – 8,712.81

Board of Pensions – 18,491 (9000 medical, 8700 retirement, 791 death/disability)

Study Leave – 2 weeks; 1500 (2019-2 weeks carryover)

Vacation – 5 weeks

It was **MSP** to approve the 2020 terms of call and recommend to the Presbytery through consideration under the consent agenda.

Communications

No report from the Communications team. Reorganization meeting has been scheduled in November.

Missions

Rev. Havrisko offered a report on the Rise Against Hunger event which was held at the Avonmore Presbyterian Church. There was great participation and 18,675 meals were packed that day for later distribution.

She noted to good turnout for the Mission Fair, but also some disappointment that there was not more time for browsing and engagement with those who brought materials.

The Mission network continues to explore the viability of sending a team for representation and interpretation to the South Sudan.

Budget and Finance

The committee noted the presentation earlier in the meeting of the Financial Review of 2018 which it had previously reviewed as a committee.

The proposed budget for 2020 Presbytery shared ministry, shared mission and operations as presented to the Presbytery in September will be considered and voted upon at the November meeting. A narrative to accompany the budget figures will be included.

First Fruits pledges contributions year-to-date were distributed. The need to collect on these funds is imperative. Discussion took place around some of the areas where there have been shortfalls either in pledging or in fulfilling the pledges.

Authorization was sought to approve online access for the Presbytery client account with Ameriprise Financial, Inc. The following motion was presented.

On behalf of the Presbytery of Redstone, the Trustees approve the following people to serve as authorized signers including online access for the client accounts with Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

Richard L. Noftzger Jr.	John Dickson
Corporation Secretary	Corporation Treasurer
Presbytery of Redstone	Presbytery of Redstone

The motion was **MSP** and is to be communicated to Ameriprise representatives.

Additions Ministry

The Additions ministry network has applied for another grant from the Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission. This grant will be to augment the developed curriculum with video resources.

NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2019 at Pleasant View Presbyterian Church. The proposed agenda and schedule were presented for review by the Council. It was **MSP** to adopt the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

COMMUNITY

Moderator Josh Scully solicited prayer requests from the members of Council on behalf of themselves, the Presbytery and our communities. The council joined in a time of corporate prayer.

MSP and the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry recommends the approval of the Family and Medical Leave policy as proposed (2nd reading). (Appendix E)
- The Committee on Ministry presents Rev. Brenda Barnes for examination (see Appendix F for statement of faith) and approval of the call (Appendix G) as Pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon.
- The Committee on Ministry recognizes the dismissal of Rev. Derek Campbell (Union, Murrysville) and Rev. Niki Atkinson (First, Greensburg) to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Information Items

November 7, 2019 Meeting

Stated Clerk's Report

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

MSP to approve request of the six-year limitation from the Marion Presbyterian Church for Amanda McKendrick, Ruling Elder.

Moderator Report

Moderator appointments

Union, Murrysville - Pete Goetschius

Sewickley Presbyterian, West Newton - Ed Gray

Trinity, New Florence - TBD

Family and Medical Leave Policy - comments from Presbytery have been addressed and will be presented at Presbytery in November for a second reading.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership (Presented by Skip (Cliff Foster & Pete Goetschius))

Information items

Examined candidate for New Hope Presbyterian Church who will be candidating there on November 10.

Examined Ford Campbell for addition to the Pulpit Supply roster.

Action items

MSP To Approve of the addition of Ford Campbell to the Pulpit Supply list under the category of non-Presbyterians permitted to preach **only**.

Search and Call (Chuck MacPherson & Jim Stratton)

Information items

Transition Chart (handout)

Contracts for Rev. William King for Jeannette and Rev. Tony Catullo for Trinity, New Florence will expire by the end of the year and will not be renewed.

Eric Glisan has resigned from serving the Sewickley Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2019

Rev. Skip Noftzger will be providing part time pastoral leadership for the Puckety congregation beginning in January 1.

Neutral pulpit for the First Presbyterian Church of Belle Vernon has been scheduled with a candidate for November 17.

Action Items

MSP: To Approve the dismissal of Rev. Derek Campbell to Pittsburgh Presbytery pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 10.

MSP: To approve the dismissal of Rev. Nicole Atkinson to Pittsburgh Presbytery pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 10.

MSP: To approve the dissolution of the relationship between Rev. Don Graff and the Latrobe United Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2019 pending the congregational vote on dissolution at their meeting on November 17. (including the time he has served as a student pastor he has served over 40 years.)

MSP: To recommend the Rev. Don Graff for Honorably Retired status at the next Presbytery meeting that he would be in attendance.

MSP: To approve the installation commission listed below for conducting the installation service of Rev. Owar Ojulu on November 17; 3:00 p.m. @ Ebensburg.

Rev. Laura Blank; Moderator, Pleasant View, Smock
James Stratton; Ebensburg
Belinda Lambie; Colver
Rev. Alice Tondora; First, Johnstown
Rev. Skip Noftzger; Executive Presbyter

Corresponding members invited to participate:

Rev. Leigh Benish; Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Rev. Jeff Powell; Western New York

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders (update handout)

Important Updates and Prayer Requests:

Pastors being prayed for tonight are: Robert Prinkey, Geoff Rach, Rory Ruder, Marnie Russell, Joshua Scully, John Sharp, William Sharp, Michael Shepard, and Rebecca Siddle

Congregations being prayed for tonight are: Dawson, Tyrone; Delmont; Derry; Dunbar, First; Dunbar, Laurel Hill; Ebensburg, First; Fairchance, First; Farmington, Mt. Washington; Fayette City, First; and Fayette City, Little Redstone

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

IPLF Workshop on Nurturing Elders will be on Saturday Jan. 11 @ 12:30.

AP/CP Dinner scheduled for February 23, 2020.

MSP to authorize Robert Fleishman serve communion the first Sunday in Advent December 1 at Puckety and on Christmas Eve at Union Presbyterian Church.

Unfinished Business:

Authoritative interpretation on policy on moderating (GA 2018)

Non-Presbyterian ministers moderating in our churches. Would like to reserve that on a per case basis the COM would take this into consideration. If we decide to this, we need to have a policy.

New Business

MSP: COM will not meet in December meeting

MSP: COM to change January 2020 meeting date from January 2 to January 9

Skip Noftzger, Pete Goetschius and the entire COM thanked the following COM members for serving on the COM. Committee extends special thanks and appreciation to: Jim Farrer, Cliff Foster, Linda Loesch, Marnie Russell, and Carole Isley Corey.

It was **MSP** to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. with prayer by Cliff Foster

October 3, 2019 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes for September 5, 2019 meeting as submitted.

Stated Clerk's Report

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

Correspondence Log

Minutes Review - Minutes MUST be reviewed by November 13

Minutes not completed: Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Brownsville, Hopewell; Colver; Dawson, Tyrone; Fairchance; Fayette City, Little Redstone; Irwin, First; Latrobe, United; Leisenring; Masontown; Smithfield, Grace Chapel; Uniontown, Third; Vanderbilt, East Liberty; West Newton, Sewickley; West Newton, United

MSP: To accept the resignations from COM of Carol Faytol and Bill Wiegand

Moderator Report -

Moderator appointments:

Puckety – Rev. Ken Foust

Community – Rev. Jay Lewis (through December); Rev. Larry Armstrong (beginning January)

Family and Medical Leave Policy –comments from Presbytery

Question – Why can't we use our Study Leave if we are sick? (see page 5 h of Policy)

MSP: Study leave could be used for leave of absence if requested by a Pastor and approved by the COM.

Reports of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership (Presented by Skip (Cliff Foster & Pete Goetschius)

Information items

We will be naming someone for orientation and mentor for Rev. Owar Ojulu

Anticipating the need to schedule examination for a candidate for New Hope.

Action items

MSP: To recommend examination of Rev. Owar Ojulu for possible installed pastor relationship with Ebensburg and Colver.

Search and Call (Chuck MacPherson & Jim Stratton)

Information items

Transition Chart (handout);

Rev. Jay Lewis will be providing pastoral services at Community United,
New Alexandria between now and the end of 2019.

Anticipating a call to be extended for the New Hope Presbyterian Church,
in North Huntingdon.

Action items

MSP: Recommend to the Presbytery to move Rev. Clark Kerr to Honorably Retired status at a date to be determined by his availability.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

Important Updates and Prayer Requests:

Pastors being prayed for tonight are: John Michael, Art Moffat, Leonard Morgan, John Morrow, Rodney Murray, Skip Noftzger, David O'Hara, Kirk Orr, Curtis Paul, and John Pressler

Congregations being prayed for tonight are: Belle Vernon, Harmony; Belle Vernon, Marion; Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Bolivar, United; Boswell, Covenant; Brownsville, Calvin; Brownsville, Ft. Burd; Brownsville, Hopewell; Colver; and Cresson

Please use these lists to remember these churches in your prayers throughout this month

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

ISAIAH (Advanced Scripture) Workshop – Dr. Jerome Creach, PTS; 10/12/2019; Redstone

Presbytery Center

Possible new enrollees from Redstone are Tammy Noss, James Vlosich

Executive Presbyter Report

Unfinished Business

Authoritative interpretation on policy on moderating (GA 2018)

Non-Presbyterian ministers moderating in our churches. Would like to reserve that on a per case basis the COM would take this into consideration. If we decide to this, we need to have a policy.

New Business

Wee Kirk starts next Monday - 120 people signed up

Jesus Methods and Models in Denver. Jim Farrer will be speaking.

Action Items

- **No action items for this meeting.**

Information Items

- The Committee on Preparation continues to meet with and update our two current candidates for ministry.
- **Rick Watson**—Rick has graduated from the Dubuque Theological Seminary and continues to serve as a Commissioned Pastor within Redstone at the Leisenring congregation. Rick is in the process of completing the ordination examinations with the exegesis exam remaining. The committee is exploring options concerning possible alternative examination based upon the Redstone policy if the need arises.
- **Cynthia Bellina**—Cynthia continues her enrollment as a student at Dubuque Seminary. Beginning in January, she will be starting one of her requires Supervised Practical Ministry experiences (field ed). Having become a candidate in September, we anticipate that she will be sitting for the Bible content exam in the near future.

Nominating Committee

Action Items

- The Nominating Committee nominates Elder Chuck West to be the Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2020.
- The Nominating Committee nominates Elder Belinda Lambie (Colver) to be the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone in 2020.
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

SYNOD OF TRINITY COMMISSIONER

- Rev. Cliff Foster, Congruity Presbyterian Church (2022)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Jeanne Hurst, First Presbyterian, Greensburg (2021)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

- Barbara Rissler, Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (2022)

PRESBYTERY PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

- Patti Baird, Latrobe Presbyterian Church (2025)
- Elsie Deem, Grace Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell (2025)

Information Items

- The Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions and recommendations for possible positions both on standing committees and subcommittees of the Presbytery. If you or others (ruling elders) you know desire to participate in some form of Presbytery leadership, please offer your name or others as suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee.