



2020 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 19, 2020



ZOOM DISTRIBUTED MEETING

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

Directions to Connect to the Presbytery ZOOM Meeting

MEETING DAY:

- Have the Zoom link/information ready and available at least 20-30 minutes before the meeting
- Select a quiet, bright environment with light in front of you. Bright lights or windows behind you or you will be a shadow!
- Select the link/call the number to join the meeting at least fifteen minutes ahead (5:45 p.m.).
- Basic navigation instructions and reminders will be given at that time that include:
 - Renaming yourself/identifying church
 - Muting/unmuting participants
 - Identifying yourself to the moderator for wanting to speak
 - Voting procedures
 - Using the Chat function
 - Responding to “Polls”
 - Using Speaker view and Gallery view

- If you are unable to connect to the meeting and you need assistance, please call Sue Washburn @ 412-760-7469 for tech support.

DURING THE MEETING:

Joining the meeting:

- Name yourself/congregation either by selecting/changing your “square” (three dots...”rename”) or by announcing yourself(if using a phone). From there, once the meeting begins, be muted (eliminates background noise) until your need/want to participate orally (see below) at any point.

If you are presenting:

- During the meeting, you will need to unmute yourself and speak when called upon by the moderator. If you have “slides” to show as part of your presentation, please send them to the Presbytery office at least the day before the meeting.

If you wish to speak:

- Signal your desire by using the chat or raise hand function
- The Clerk or Associate Clerk will be monitoring this and will let the Moderator know. When the Moderator recognizes you, then:
 - Remember to unmute
 - Say your name and the congregation/ministry you serve or represent
 - Then share your question, motion, point of order, etc.

Voting:

- Depending upon the action, the Moderator will initiate either a voice vote of acclamation or use of Polls or Hand raising or some other visual clue. If you have DIALED in you will be given an opportunity for either a voice/text vote.

Breakout Rooms:

-Parts of the meeting could also take place through segmenting participants into “breakout rooms” for smaller group discussions.

Online meeting etiquette:

A few tips for your own (and everyone else) benefit.

-Even though it’s tempting, try not to multitask too much. This might include talking to others in your room, checking the phone, eating meals, etc. AND if you give in to any of those temptations, please make sure that you are muted.

-Remember that everyone else can see you in Gallery view, so there is no hiding in the “back pew” or having unobtrusive side conversations. So just be aware.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MEETING

- **Instructions for either sending in the Offering or through online contributions will be given. The offering will go to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church.**

**Presbytery of Redstone Gathering
ZOOM Meeting
May 19, 2020**

GATHERING		
6:00 p.m.	<u>Presbytery Gathering Convenes</u> Gathering Song/Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members 	<i>Sanctuary</i> Rev. Cliff Foster
	<u>Stated Clerk - pages 5-10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence Log - • Statistics - • Representation report Consent Agenda - page 10 <u>Treasurer - page 11</u> <u>Board of Pensions Liaison</u>	Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson Rev. Doug Portz
	<u>THE WORD</u>	
	Devotional – Executive Presbyter report - page 12-13	Rev. Skip Noftzger
	<u>RESPONDING---SHARING IN MINISTRY AND MISSION</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testimonies of faith during a pandemic 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council - pages 14-17 -Glenn Hart – Nominating Committee -Commissioning GA commissioners -First reading of Manual revisions • Committee on Ministry - pages 18-22 -Policy adoption -Examination of Puckety Presbyterian Church candidate/approval of call • Committee on Preparation for Ministry - pages 23-24 -Certification of Candidate Rick Watson as ready to be examined/ordained pending a call. • Nominating Committee - page 25 -Nomination of PCUSA Ordination examination readers • Pine Springs Camp --Summer plans - page 26-27 • Mission Committee Report - page 28 	Rev. Laura Blank Rev. Pete Goetschius Rev. Caroline Vickery Barry Poglein Greg Davis Sylvia Carlson
	<u>New Business</u>	
	<u>Benediction</u> <u>Adjournment--</u> <i><u>The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on September 22, 2020 6:00 p.m. at the Redstone Highlands, Greensburg, PA. Minutes reading will be available prior to the meeting (5:00 p.m.)</u></i>	

The Parish Papers for May and June are included with the Appendices as Appendix G

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
May 1, 2020 - email	Office of the General Assembly	FAQ summarizing conversations regarding upcoming General Assembly	To FILE
April 28, 2020 - email	John Camerson, Carlisle Presbytery	Asking for Stated Clerk's job description and compensation package for Redstone in light of their Stated Clerk's retirement	To FILE
April 28, 2020 - email	Rev. Dr. Douglas Holben	Information Presbytery of new address	To FILE
April 28, 2020 - email	Rev. Caroline Vickery	Letter asking to dissolve the relationship between her and the Delmont Presbyterian Church	To COM and FILE
April 14, 2020 - email	CP Glenn Hart	Updated mandatory clearances	To FILE
April 8, 2020 - mail	Rev. Ken Foust	Updated mandatory clearances	To FILE
April 7, 2020 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ronald Wakeman	To COM and FILE
March 18, 2020 - mail	Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
March 16, 2020 - mail	Rev. William King	FBI Fingerprint Clearance	To FILE
March 12, 2020 - email	Rev. Rebecca Siddle	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery	To COM and FILE
March 10, 2020 - email	Cresson Presbyterian Church	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. David McCabe	To COM and FILE
March 9, 2020 - email	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. James Gear, List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
March 9, 2020 - mail	Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
March 9, 2020 - mail	Rev. Donna Havrisko	2 of 3 mandatory clearances	To FILE
March 9, 2020 - mail	First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ed Gray	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 - mail	Dunbar Presbyterian Church	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, Waiver Request for Session Member	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 - mail	Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
March 2, 2020 - mail	Colver Presbyterian Church	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members,	To COM and FILE

		2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Owar Ojulu	
March 2, 2020 – mail	Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members	To FILE
March 2, 2020 – mail	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Ronald Johnson	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 – mail	United Presbyterian Church, West Newton	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. John Manon	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 – mail	Ebensburg Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members, 2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Owar Ojulu	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Mary Kay Glunt	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 – mail	New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon	Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Brenda Barnes	To COM and FILE
March 2, 2020 – hand delivered	Rev. Cliff Foster	Updated mandatory clearances	To FILE
February 25, 2020 – email	Anthony Marciano	Third of 3 mandatory clearances	To FILE
February 20, 2020 – hand delivered	United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 20, 2020 – mail	Patton Presbyterian Church	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. David McCabe, List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 19, 2020 – hand delivered	Rev. Steve LaSor	2020 Terms of Call at the Maplewood Presbyterian Church, 2 of the 3 required clearance updates	To COM and FILE
February 17, 2020 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	Pastoral Call form for the Rev. Mary Kay Glunt	To COM and FILE
February 17, 2020 – email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Caroline Vickery	To COM and FILE
February 13, 2020 – mail	Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 13, 2020 – email	New Salem Presbyterian Church	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 12, 2020 – email	Virginia Rainey, Synod Records Review Convener	Information for review of 2019 Presbytery Minutes	To FILE
February 12, 2020 – mail	United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe	One-year Interim Pastor Contract with the Rev. John Simpson	To COM and FILE
February 12, 2020 – mail	Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah	List of Session Members, and Request for Waiver of Rotation for Elder	To COM and FILE
February 12, 2020 – mail	Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Member List, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, and List	To FILE

		of Officers	
February 10, 2020 – mail	Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown	Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To FILE
February 10, 2020 – hand delivered	Rev. Marnie Silbert	3rd of 3 required clearance updates	To FILE
February 10, 2020 – mail	Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 10, 2020 – email	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, and Membership Report	To FILE
February 6, 2020 – mail	Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon	2020 Terms of Call for CP Glenn Hart, Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
February 5, 2020 – email	Rev. Susan Blank	Annual Report Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery	To COM and FILE
February 4, 2020 – email	Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria	List of Session Members, Manse Inspection Report, and Membership report	To FILE
February 3, 2020 – hand delivered	Rev. Marnie Silbert	2 of 3 required clearance updates	To FILE
February 3, 2020 – mail	Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant	2020 Terms of Call for Covenant Pastor Sue Washburn, List of Session Members, and Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 3, 2020 – mail	Calvin Presbyterian Church, Scottdale	Request for Waiver of Rotation for one elder and one deacon, 1-year contract renewal for CP Len Morgan, Manse Inspection Report, List of Session Members, 2020 Terms of Call for CP Len Morgan	To COM and FILE
February 3, 2020 – hand delivered	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Donna Havrisko, List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To COM and FILE
February 3, 2020 – email	First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore	List of Session Members and Manse Inspection Report	To FILE
February 3, 2020 – email	Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo	List of Session Members	To FILE
February 3, 2020 – email	Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Geoff Rach	To COM and FILE
February 3, 2020 – email	Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Laura Blank, Manse Inspection Report and List of Session Members	To COM and FILE
January 30, 2020 – mail	Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Curtis Paul and the Rev. Marnie Silbert	To COM and FILE
January 29, 2020 – mail	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Martin Ankrum and	To COM and FILE

		Manse Inspection Report	
January 29, 2020 - email	Delmont Presbyterian Church	Redstone Online Form	To FILE
January 29, 2020 - email	First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg	List of Session Members	To FILE
January 29, 2020 - mail	United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Wendy Keys	To COM and FILE
January 28, 2020 - mail	West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin	2020 Terms of Call for the Rev. Andrew Wirt	To COM and FILE

2. Summary of 2019 Comparative Statistical Summary for the Presbytery

Membership Statistics	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Active members	14,799	14,329	13,961	13,679	12,543	11,477	10,628	10,287	10,017	9636
Gains by Profession of Faith - 17 under	105	82	102	105	101	85	70	53	58	36
Gains by Profession of Faith - 18 over	169	178	146	154	155	171	170	102	119	98
Gains by Certificate	65	85	79	95	61	56	43	48	57	73
Losses by Certificate	57	95	78	243	519	437	205	65	215	34
Losses by Death	281	274	252	248	252	239	238	187	194	196
Losses by Other	211	511	417	182	781	725	732	304	106	316
Infant Baptisms	140	163	122	158	128	127	110	100	87	56
Adult Baptisms	26	25	22	35	17	24	20	9	13	14

As of the 2020 deadline for statistical reporting to the General Assembly, 58 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, Boswell; Hopewell; Fairchance; Mt. Washington; Fayette City, First; Springhill Furnace; Leisenring; Pleasant Grove; Masontown; New Kensington; Smithfield; and West Newton, Sewickley. For a summary membership report, see **Appendix A**.

3. The following dates represent additional opportunities for Clerks to have their Session minutes and Church Registers reviewed for 2019.

- May 27 - 6:00 p.m. (if permissible) --- Presbytery Center, Greensburg

4. Committee on Representation Annual Report – 2019

Standing Committees	# Members	Gender	Age	TE/RE	Ethnicity
Council	18	9-M; 9-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 5-(36-50); 9-(51-65); 4-(66+)	8-TE; 10-RE	16-W 1-AA 1-NA
Nominating	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 1-(66+)	1-TE; 2-RE	3-W
Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	9	5-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 5-(51-65); 2-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
Committee on Ministry (COM)	22	12-M; 10-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 13-(51-65); 8-(66+)	11-TE; 11-RE	21-W 1-AA
Representation	3	1-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 2-(51-65); 2-(66+)	1-TE; 2-RE;	2-W 1-NA
Pine Springs Board	6	4-M; 2-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 3-(36-50); 1-(51-65); 1-(66+)	3-TE; 2-RE; 1-L	6-W
Permanent Judicial Commission	9	5-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 1-(36-50); 5-(51-65); 2-(66+)	5-TE; 4-RE	9-W
Committee Summary	70	37-M; 33-F	0-(16-25); 3-(26-35); 12-(36-50); 36-(51-65); 19-(66+)	34-TE; 35-RE; 1-L	66-W 2-AA 2-NA
Council Sub-Committees					
Budget and Finance	6	5-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 6-(51-65); 0-(66+)	1-TE; 5-RE;	6-W
Communication	6	2-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 1-(26-35); 2-(36-50); 3-(51-65); 0-(66+)	4-TE; 2-RE	6-W
Mission	10	6-M; 4-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 8-(51-65); 2-(66+)	3-TE; 7-RE	10-W
Staff Support	5	4-M; 1-F	0-(16-25); 0-(26-35); 0-(36-50); 4-(51-65); 1-(66+)	3-TE; 2-RE	5-W
GRAND TOTALS (duplicated)	97	54-M; 43-F	0-(16-25); 4-(26-35); 14-(36-50); 57-(51-65); 22-(66+)	45-TE; 51-RE; 1-L	93-W 2-AA 2-NA

Observations and Recommendations:

- The Racial-Ethnic membership of the churches of the Presbytery equals slightly more than 1% of the total membership. Among those who are ordained as Ruling Elders, the percentage is even smaller. So, the current balance for Racial-Ethnic inclusion is appropriate on the Committees overall, but there is a need for greater diversity in congregational leadership which serves as the “pool” for potential presbytery leadership. Without those steps, options for increasing racial-ethnic participation in Presbytery will remain limited.
- The Teaching Elder – Ruling Elder ratios are relatively equal with regard total numbers among standing committees, although there could be greater equalization in the Committee on Ministry. This was largely the result of resignations and vacancies and has been addressed in nominations for 2020.

- Gender ratios for the aggregate of all Committees has improved and has become balanced in general across standing committees but remains a concern on the Committee on Ministry (needing more females) but has been addressed in 2020.
- Overall, the report continues to be balanced with progress being made in racial-ethnic, gender and ruling elder status among some of the committees being sustained or improved. This information is being related to the Nominating Committee with encouragement for their work and to continue to address any inequities identified within committees wherever possible.

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 January 26, 2020 and the called Presbytery meeting of April 28, 2020 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council be received and filed for audit. See **Appendix B**.
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.

From the Committee on Ministry

4. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Lawrence Shean (elder), Lisa Souders (elder) and Richard Dyche (deacon) on behalf of the Derry Presbyterian Church in Derry.
5. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Ronald Pahel Jr. (elder) and Scott Reynolds (elder) on behalf of the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Scottdale.
6. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Marie Clark (elder) on behalf of the Palmer Community Church in Adah.
7. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** the approval of the waiver request for limitation of terms for Loretta Martin (elders) on behalf of the First Presbyterian Church in Dunbar.

From the Committee on Representation

1. Committee on Representation **recommends** that the annual report on representation be received, filed, and directed to the Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report represents an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery finances for the fourth (4th) operating month of the budgeted operating year ending April 2020.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for March totaled \$20,669. Funds received for the month is below budget expectations of \$29,583. YTD, Church Commitments are slightly below budget by \$13,964. (\$104,729 receipted, versus a fully funded budget amount at four (4) months at \$118,332).

Total Income for the month is recorded at \$25,210. YTD, \$124,014 has been received. Budget expectation monthly for total income is \$36,042 and YTD is \$144,167. Therefore, both categories at this time are below a 33% hopeful funding level.

NOTE: Funding budgeted level expectations for this time period is 33%

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW / EXPENSES

In total, expenses for the Presbytery are below budget at 28.65% versus a 33% budgeted benchmark. There are a few line item expenses which exceed projections for the reporting period, but reflect either a timing or seasonal matter. There are no concerns with the administration of expenses.

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES

For the month ending April 2020, expenses for the month exceed revenue at -\$3,588 and YTD, income is greater than expenses at \$2,139. The budget for this time period is positive at \$14.57. Last year at this time, expenses were greater than revenue at -\$5,440.

INVESTMENTS & ASSETS

The Ameriprise account for the end of April experienced a positive change in value totaling \$34,892 and YTD, the account value has decreased -\$50,630. During this period, a deposit totaling \$1,887 is recognized. The ending value total of the account is \$505,285.

Other investment and holdings consisting of First Commonwealth, PILP, New Covenant and Pine Springs (values carried forward from March 2020 report) total \$381,938.

Total Investment & Holdings = \$887,223

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson
Treasurer

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger Executive Presbyter Report	
<i>Communicate the Word, Carry on the Work, Change the World.....Together!</i>	
VISION	3/24/2020-5/19/2020
<p>Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)</p>	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly collective pastoral "check ins" for technical, pastoral and leadership support. • Individual contact with pastors serving congregations during this period of pandemic to offer resources, advice and support. • Initiated an Emergency grant and loan program from eternal grants and Presbytery reserve funds to be made available to congregations. • Worked alongside sessions with Zoom of four different congregations and consulted individual members of sessions who are experiencing transitions either in losing or gaining a new pastor. • Provided regular advice and resources for both pastors and sessions on both preparation for the pandemic and on the preparation for discernment and decision making for ministry within/among congregations following the removal of the "stay at home" requirements. • Coordinated pulpit supply for one of the congregations experiencing the loss of a pastor. • Consistent updating of online resources for our congregations through the Presbytery web pages, Facebook page and the Redstone Pastors Facebook group.
<p>Leadership developed (EQUIP)</p>	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the examination and candidacy for the next pastor for Puckety Presbyterian Church, including establishing the means for congregational voting. • Consult with five different PNC's during this period in the ways that they might continue to move forward with their search processes. • Initiated contacts for possible referrals of new candidates for consideration by some of these open positions. • Consulted AP/CP and COM in adding new authorized preachers to the pulpit supply Redstone congregations. • Follow up contact with candidate to work through options for pastoral call search.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsored conversations with pastors on worship practices, maintaining community and pastoral care recommendations during this pandemic. 			
Collaboration-Districts/Network (ENABLE)	<p>Creating and supporting collaboration in ministry both within and outside Redstone--</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintained connections for networking and current information on pandemic and its application to churches through conference calls with the Dept. of Health, the Association of Mid-Council Leaders and Synod of the Trinity executives. Directed the IPLF program and coordinated technological and distance learning for the completion of the Reformed Worship and Sacraments course. Provided initial training opportunities in mid-March in the use of Zoom, Facebook live and YouTube live for pastors who were interested in employing. Ongoing support and work with Christian Associates through service on the Council of Judicatory Leaders and on the Executive Committee. Recruited COM and CPM members and participated in workshops on related topics sponsored by the Synod of the Trinity. 			
Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked extensively with the Pine Springs Camp Executive Director and the Board of Directors in evaluating scenarios for decision making regarding summer camp, rentals and retreats. Successfully initiated a grant through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program as part of pandemic relief for vulnerable populations. Continued contact and support for our partnership with the Sudan and South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, including distributing financial support. 			
Operational Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated with a task force of Council a comprehensive edit and revision of necessary parts of the Presbytery Manual of Operations. Coordinated the postponement of the March stated meeting and the called meeting in April to revise Manual restrictions on Presbytery meetings and quorums. Initiated the loan application through the SBA Payroll Protection Program and First Commonwealth of Greensburg. Managed the cash flow of the Presbytery operations, making decisions about accounts payable and anticipating possible needs during any possible diminished contributions. 			
VALUES	Servant Leadership	Flourishing Community	Witness to the World	Generous and effective Stewardship
<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>				

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.]

Council Report Items

- The Council **nominates** Glenn Hart (RE, 2022) to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- The Council **presents** the commissioners to the 2020 General Assembly for commissioning by the Presbytery.
- The Council **presents** the revisions in the Manual of the Presbytery of Redstone for a first reading. A second reading and vote will take place at the September 2020 meeting, See Appendix C.

Information Items

April 28, 2020 Meeting

Rev. Laura Blank, called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

The reduced agenda for the meeting had been distributed by email and at the outset of the meeting Offering an opportunity for revisions or changes, the agenda as submitted was approved **by consent.**

Two items that had been approved by consent between meetings of the Council were reviewed for ratification.

MSP to ratify the consent item authorizing the submission of the SBA Payroll Protection Loan application for payroll expenses and to authorize Richard Noftzger, Executive Presbyter and Secretary of the Corporation, to serve as the signatory.

MSP to ratify the consent item initiating the Emergency Loan and Grant program and authorizing the Moderator, Treasurer, Council Chair and the Executive Presbyter to serve as the review committee.

Council members reviewed the March reports that had been emailed from both the bookkeeper and the summary provided by the Treasurer. John Dickson, Treasurer was available to answer any questions. It was **MSP** to receive both reports.

MSP to nominate RE Glenn Hart to the Presbytery at its next meeting to serve a three-year term on the Nominating Committee of the Presbytery.

The Manual Revisions Task Force has completed its work and submitted a comprehensive document revision with both editorial and substantive changes to match current practices and philosophy. **MSP** to recommend the Manual Revisions to the Presbytery for a first reading in the May meeting and the second reading and vote regarding approval in the September meeting.

The proposed schedule for the 2021 gathering of the Presbytery of Redstone had been submitted by email ahead of time to Council members. Similar to previous years, the schedule was reviewed. **MSP** to approve and publish the 2021 meeting dates as submitted.

The agenda for the upcoming Presbytery meeting was reviewed. The Moderator noted that a decision regarding whether the meeting would take place in person, by videoconference or a combination of the two had not been

made. Upon examination, the agenda for the May 19 was **MSP** as presented.

MSP to adjourn the meeting. The meeting of the Council was closed with prayer.

April 1, 2020 Meeting

Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger, on behalf of Rev. Laura Blank, Council Chair, distributed to all members through email an item for consideration and approval. Documents distributed included:

- A. Summary of the CARES Act
- B. Payroll Protection Program Borrower Information Fact Sheet
- C. Draft copy of the Application

MSP to authorize Richard Noftzger, Executive Presbyter and Secretary of the Corporation, to submit the loan application to First Commonwealth for the SBA Payroll Protection Program as soon as applications are to be received and to authorize Corporation officers, including Rev. Noftzger, to both make the loan request based upon 2.5 months of payroll expenses (31,233.58) and to be the authorized signer.*

Executive Presbyter Skip Noftzger, on behalf of Rev. Laura Blank, Council Chair, distributed to all members through email a proposal for emergency grants or loans from designated funds for congregations in particular financial distress resulting from the pandemic. Documents distributed include:

- A. Emergency loan and grant information sheet
- B. Loan and grant application

MSP to approve for distribution within the congregations of the Presbytery and to authorize the Executive Committee to review, approve, or decline submitted applications.

*Upon hearing from First Commonwealth the loan application approved by the SBA PPP program was for 16,100.

February 25, 2020 Meeting

Rev. Laura Blank called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The agenda for the meeting had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. Without any proposed revision, it was approved **by consent**.

Rev. Laura Blank led the Council in the "Dwelling in the Word" on Matthew 25:31-46. Council members paired off to share with one another. Upon reconvening, insights were offered to the whole group.

Upon conclusion of the Scripture study, Rev. Noftzger introduced the book, Seven Levers: Missional Strategies for Leading Conferences written by Robert Schnase. Noting the author's role as a Methodist bishop, he described the book as a means to wrestle with the most effective strategies for the greatest impact with judicatories (mid-level councils). Rev. Noftzger also provided a summary sheet of the book and the "seven levers." It was agreed that Council members would read the introduction and the chapters on the first two "levers" for discussion at the next meeting.

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 Council meeting were reviewed. It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of that meeting as distributed.

Reports

The Chairperson initiated reports from officers and staff.

Stated Clerk

With no report from the Chairperson, the Stated Clerk reviewed the upcoming Presbytery meeting dates and locations. He also noted the dates for possible minutes reviews for Clerks of Sessions.

At the request of the Stated Clerk, consideration was given to changing the scheduled June Council meeting. After discussion, it was MSP to move the meeting date to June 30, 2020; 6:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Center.

Consideration was given to overtures which have been submitted since the last Council meeting that have yet to receive a concurrence. The Stated Clerk requested that the Council give consideration to the OVT-042; "Regarding Worship Resources for Veterans." After some discussion of the overture and the rationale, it was **MSP** to recommend concurrence with this overture to the Presbytery at the March meeting.

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Noftzger inquired about awareness among the Council about the Matthew 25 initiative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. A short video available on the PMA website was shown with President Diane Moffett introducing the initiative to congregations and mid councils.

Rev. Noftzger distributed a sheet that he had assembled that identified the values of Matthew 25 in the context of the larger mission and vision of the Church within God's kingdom. The "how" or the "means" matter as we seek to live out the expression of God's transformative grace in our world.

Questions were raised about any congregations were currently discussing "signing on" as Matthew 25 congregations. Participants identified a half-dozen that they were aware. It was decided that the Matthew 25 initiative will be a major component of the next Presbytery gathering and the Presbytery will be asked to declare its engagement in the Matthew 25 initiative after more congregations have begun to become involved.

Treasurer

A written treasurer's report based upon the January financial report (one month) had been distributed. Mr. West commented on the "slow" nature of income receipts in the first month. Rev. Noftzger compared both income and expenses relative to the January 2019 report.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

A written report from Greg Davis, Executive Director had been distributed to the members of the Council. There were no questions about the report.

SUB COMMITTEES/NETWORKS AGENDA ITEMS

- **Staff Support Sub Committee**

There had not been a meeting since the last Council meeting, but one is scheduled for February 27 to begin the process of annual evaluations.

- **Communications Task Force**

The Announcements Loop continues to be completed by Dennis Yates. The Facebook page is updated and monitored by Nick Cramer. Currently, Rev. Noftzger has been coordinating the Redstone Stories schedule

- **Missions Network**

Announcements were made about the upcoming mission trips to North Carolina and to West Virginia. Rev. Ron Johnson commented that while there were 26 people representing four churches and two colleges for the North Carolina trip, there were two spots available if anyone knew someone who

would like to participate.

Rev. Noftzger commented on the Mission meeting last week. Currently, the committee is reviewing multiple requests from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church in order to make decisions about appropriate distribution of funds to our partner church.

- **Budget and Stewardship**

The Council had received a chart detailing per capita payments and expectations for 2020. For the past several years, presbyteries have been permitted to use the most recent year statistics to base their per capita payments. This year, the Office of the General Assembly revoked that decision with the exception of those who have lost more than ten percent. The chart compared per capita based upon 2018 numbers, 2018 adjusted numbers, 2019 numbers and as a percentage of budgeted income or projected contributions. After discussion, it was **MSP** to remit per capita payments based upon 2019 statistics through the year with the expectation of using the higher figure of 2018 later in the year if funds are available.

- **Addictions Ministry**

Rev. McDermott spoke on the ongoing progress of the development of the video resources to go along with curriculum. Currently, these videos are in the editing stages.

- **Healing and Prayer Ministry**

Council members were reminded of the event sponsored by the Healing and Prayer Ministry network; “A Retreat Morning on Thomas Merton’s Life and Influence” – May 30; 9:00-12:00

- **Presbyterian Women**

There was no report provided.

PRESBYTERY AGENDA – March 24, 2020

The proposed draft agenda for the March Presbytery gathering was distributed. Emphasizing the Matthew 25 initiative, it also included recognition of candidate Rick Watson. It was **MSP** to approve the agenda as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Manual Revision Task Force has met diligently in a few extended meetings. Draft revisions have been completed and are being reviewed one final time before being submitted to the Council. Most changes are editorial and will be noted as such. A few changes are more substantive regarding responsibilities and nominating processes.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting with prayer.

PRAYERS FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITIES

Rev. Laura Blank solicited from Council members prayer requests. Upon sharing those, each was lifted up in prayer as the Council prayed together.

Committee on Ministry

Committee on Ministry Report Items

- The Committee on Ministry recommends adoption of the Policy on Approval for Non-Presbyterian Moderators – See Appendix D.
- The Committee on Ministry recommends the examination of Rev. Brian Kilbert to be received into Redstone Presbytery and approval of the call to serve as pastor of the Puckety Presbyterian Church, effective June 21, 2020. See Appendix E for his BIO and Terms of Call and Appendix F for his Statement of Faith.

Information Items

May 7, 2020 Meeting (Zoom)

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes for the March 5, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log
- Need for individual follow up on Minutes/Register review
- Request for dissolution of a pastoral relationship.

MSP to approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Caroline Vickery and the Delmont Presbyterian Church effective June 1, 2020 contingent upon the affirmative vote of the congregation meeting on May 24, 2020.

Report of the Moderator

- Reunion, Mt. Pleasant – Rev. Chuck MacPherson
- Delmont Presbyterian – will need a moderator beginning in June

Report of Subcommittees

Examinations and Membership

- Action Items
- MSP to recommend Rev. Brian Kilbert for examination by the Presbytery and approval of the pastoral call with the Puckety Presbyterian Church effective June 21, 2020.
- MSP to approve the addition of Russ Baird (Commissioned Pastor, Washington Presbytery) to the Pulpit Supply roster.

Search and Call

- Information Items
- Transition chart update
- Possibility that Rev. Larry Armstrong will be delaying his retirement from First, Avonmore.
- Action Items
- MSP approval of the Commissioned Pastor contract between Len Morgan (RE, Delmont) and the Community United Presbyterian Church effective one month after being able to return to in person worship at current position at Calvin, Scottdale.

AP/CP Subcommittee

- Information Items

- Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort—completing their coursework (still need practicums)—Bill Weightman (RE, First, BV), Seth Myers (RE, First, Dunbar), Karen Kifer (RE, West Hempfield), Doug Yauger (RE, Trinity, Uniontown). Each of them will be eligible for commissioning upon completion of the practicums (some with limitations) and agreement of a session of a congregation.
- **Action items**
- **MSP** approve adding each of these (Weightman, Myers, Kifer, Yauger) to the Pulpit Supply roster of the Presbytery.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- **Information Items**
- Liaison updates both written and oral were reported

Prayers were offered for the following congregations and congregational leaders.

New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon; Patton Presbyterian Church; Revloc Presbyterian Church; Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale; Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock; Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford

Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Third Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown

Sylvia Carlson; Terry Carnahan; Anthony Catullo; Carole Isley Corey; Daniel Chow; Suzanne Currie Eugene Degitz; Lisa Dormire; Ron Durika; Jim Farrer

March 5, 2020 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log
- Polity Workshop – April 18, 2020; 12:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Redstone Presbytery Center
 - 2019 Minutes/Register can be reviewed while person attends workshop
- Other Minutes Review dates – pre-presbytery
 - March Presbytery meeting – March 24, Third, Uniontown; 5:00 p.m.
 - May Presbytery meeting – May 19, First, Johnstown; 5:00 p.m.
- Waiver of Rotation requests
 - It was **MSP** to approve Adah, Palmer request for waiver of rotation for Marie Clark, Ruling Elder
 - It was **MSP** to approve Dunbar First, request for waiver for Loretta Martin, ruling Elder.

Report of the Moderator

- Moderator Appointments
- For information, Reunion, Mt. Pleasant.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Action Items
- **MSP** to approve with corrections as noted a recommendation of a policy on requirements for non-Presbyterian ministers serving in temporary pastoral relationships to be considered for service as

moderators of sessions and congregations.

- Information Items
- Examination scheduled with a candidate for the Puckety Presbyterian Church for April 2; 5:30 p.m. (preceding full COM meeting).
- Possible examination for a candidate for Westmont still to be scheduled

Search and Call

- Action Items
- **MSP** to approve the Interim Pastor contract between Rev. Sue Washburn and Union Presbyterian Church effective April 19.
- Information Items
- Transition Chart (handout)
- Executive Presbyter met with the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church to make sure they were starting out well. They have already begun completing some videoconference interviews.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Greensburg, Westminster for energy and vitality.
 - Latrobe, United for Donald Graff and his wife and the congregation.
 - Derry for the Pastor's and husband's health and health of the congregation.
 - Jeannette, First for the PNC.
 - Rick Watson for continued progress and for family.
 - Johnstown, Westmont for their candidate and for youth going on a mission trip.
- Cards were signed and will be sent to the following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors that were also prayed for during this time:
 - Larry Armstrong, Brenda Barnes, Ross Bash, Lori Bass-Riley, Laura Blank, Susan Blank, Cliff Buell, Bruce Cadenhead, Cynthia Cadenhead, Robert Cahn
- Cards were signed and will be sent to the following churches that were also prayed for during this time:
 - Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant; First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence; Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence; United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington; New Salem Presbyterian Church

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Note the following Workshops---
 - "Pastoral Care with Loved ones of Addicted;" Rev. McDermott, Rev. Hedges; March 14, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.
 - "Polity;" John Rodgers, Stated Clerk; April 18, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.
 - "Proclaiming the Word;" Rev. Ken Foust; May 9, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort (February 8, March 14, April 18, May 9); 5 – Redstone; 3 – Kiski; 3---Washington; 3--Pittsburgh

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to bring to this meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to bring to this meeting.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. with prayer offered by Aleda Menchyk.

February 6, 2020 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP to approve the minutes for January 9, 2020 meeting as submitted.

Stated Clerk's Report

Discussion of the Correspondence Log - Clerks of Sessions have until February 14 to complete the online PC(USA) 2019 Statistical Report.

Polity Workshop – April 18, 2020; 12:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Redstone Presbytery Center

- 2019 Minutes/Register can be reviewed while in attendance at the workshop

Other Minutes Review dates

- Enrichment Day – February 8, Westmont, Johnstown; 11:00 a.m.
- March Presbytery meeting – March 24, Third, Uniontown; 5:00 p.m.
- May Presbytery meeting – May 19, First, Johnstown; 5:00 p.m.

MSP to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation requests.

- Scottdale, Calvin - Elder Ronald Pahel, Jr., and Deacon Scott Reynolds
- Derry - Elders Lawrence Shean and Lisa Souders; Deacon Richard Dyche

Moderator Report

Moderator appointments:

- First, Jeannette – Rev. Tony Catullo
- Community – Rev. Cliff Foster

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Examination scheduled with a candidate for the Puckety Presbyterian Church for April 2; 5:30 p.m. (preceding full COM meeting).
- Orientation meetings to be scheduled with Rev. Ojulu, Rev. Barnes and Rev. Glunt.
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation of the request of Rev. Wendy Keys and the Session of The United Presbyterian Church of New Kensington to use the two weeks of study leave as medical leave (Family and Medical Leave Policy, approved November 2019).
- **MSP** to approve the annual reports and validated ministries of Rev. Susan Blank (Presbyterian Senior Care, Oakmont) and Rev. Richard Noftzger (Presbytery of Redstone).

Search and Call

- Transition Chart.
- **MSP** to approve Installation Commission for the Rev. Mary Kay Glunt, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon. Installation service is this Sunday, February 9 @3:00 p.m.
- **MSP** to approve Request from Redstone Highlands (Rev. Lisa Dormire) to add to the commission for Lynn Mance (Presbytery-wide CP) authorization for monthly worship leadership, including the Lord's Supper as a "casual" Chaplain.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Cards signed and to be sent to the following Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders: Caroline Vickery; Ron Wakeman; Sue Washburn; Rick Watson; Rene Whitaker; Bill Wiegand; Andrew Wirt; Colin Yuckman; Meredith Yuckman; Martin Ankrum.
- Cards signed and to be sent to the following churches: Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn; Latrobe Presbyterian Church; United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe; Leisenring Presbyterian Church; Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier; Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; Puckety Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell; First Presbyterian Church, Masontown; McClellandtown Presbyterian Church; Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown.
- Please remember the Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders and churches listed above in your prayers throughout this month.
- Heartwarming prayers for Larry Armstrong (Avonmore, First) as he prepares for his June 1st retirement.
- Prayers for PNCs that may begin to feel discouraged along the way in finding the pastor that God is calling.
- Prayers for small churches, small sessions, and clerks of sessions.
- Praise for ministerium that provide connections with other churches in the community and provide resources (financial, volunteers) and programs to help those within their community.
- Praise for youth programs that are collaborating with other churches.
- Praise for Lower Burrell completing their narthex.

Authorized Preachers/Commission Pastors (AP/CP) subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- AP/CP dinner – February 16, 2020.
- Upcoming workshops schedule: "Re-Thinking Atonement"; Dr. Edwin van Driel; February 8; 12:30-3:00 p.m.;"Pastoral Care with Loved ones of Addicted;" Rev. McDermott, Rev. Hedges; March 14, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.;"Polity;" John Rodgers, Stated Clerk; April 18, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.;"Proclaiming the Word;" Rev. Ken Foust; May 9, 2020; 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- Reformed Worship and Sacraments cohort (February 8, March 14, April 18, May 9); 5 – Redstone; 3 – Kiski; 3 – Washington; 3 – Pittsburgh.

MSP to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. with closing prayer led by Pete Goetschius.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Committee on Preparation Report Items

- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has reviewed all criteria and completion of ordination requirements for candidate Rick Watson. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of Redstone record that Rick Watson has met all ordination requirements and is “certified ready for examination by any presbytery, pending a call.” (G-2.0607)

Information Items

March 3, 2020 Meeting

- I. Rev. Vickery opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Rev. Rach led the group in prayer.
- II. The minutes from the February 4 meeting of the CPM were reviewed. It was MSP to approve them as submitted.
- III. Rev. Caroline Vickery noted for the committee that the annual Synod-sponsored COM/CPM training event will take place on April 23-24. She invited members to consider who might participate.
- IV. The committee was supplied and reviewed the status on each of the candidates that included the following:
 - a. **Cynthia Bellina** – Third, Uniontown
 - i. Currently enrolled in M.Div. program through Dubuque Seminary (originally completed a few courses through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary).
 - ii. Spring Semester enrolled in:
 1. Disciple Formation 2
 2. Reformation/Modern Church History
 3. Hebrew Exegesis
 4. Caregiving 1
 - iii. Decided to postpone enrollment in the Supervised Practical Ministry course/experience.
 - iv. Will enroll to sit for the Bible Content exam in September.
 - b. **Rick Watson** – Calvin, Scottdale; Commissioned Pastor – Leisenring
 - i. Received a successful evaluation of the Exegesis examination on February 10. This completes all of ordination examinations.
 - ii. Has completed M.Div. from Dubuque Seminary
 - iii. Has passed all ordination examinations.
 - iv. Based upon completion of all ordination requirements (see below), CPM will need to meet with him (this evening) for final assessment and to “certify him as a candidate ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call.” (G-2.0607)

The update on both candidates was received by consensus.

- V. Rev. Vickery solicited from the committee recommendations to submit to the Nominating Committee for nomination as Ordination Examination readers. After some discussion, it was MSP to submit the following people.
- a. Robin Jennings (RE)
 - b. Ray Edelman (RE)
 - c. Rev. Tony Catullo (TE)
 - d. Rev. Becca Siddle (TE)
- VI. The Committee invited candidate Rick Watson into the meeting for his final assessment. After review of all the ordination requirements, discussion about his PIF and possible directions in seeking a call, the committee offered feedback on improving his PIF and suggestions about the best ways of presenting his years in ministry as a Commissioned Pastor. Upon completion, it was MSP to recommend that the Presbytery of Redstone record that Rick Watson has met all ordination requirements and is certified ready for examination by any presbytery, pending a call. (G-2.0607)
- VII. MSP - Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m. by Rev. Vickery.
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February 4, 2020 Meeting

- I. The committee welcomed new member Barbara Rissler from Newlonsburg Presby.
- II. Rev. Vickery opened the meeting with a devotion on transition and led group in prayer.
- III. MSP - Rev. Caroline Vickery will continue as CPM chair at least through May, and beyond if she remains in the Presbytery of Redstone.
- IV. MSP - Rev. Becca Siddle will continue as secretary of CPM.
- V. MSP - Dec. 3, 2019 meeting minutes were received as printed.
- VI. Committee reviewed its responsibilities.
- VII. Update on Candidates:
 - a. Rick Watson
 1. Rev. Geoff Rach will be Rick's new liaison.
 2. Rev. Rach will invite Rick to the March meeting.
 - b. Cynthia Bellina
 1. Regarding her Supervised Practical Ministry, Cynthia made initial contact with Rev. Laura Blank but has not yet followed up.
 2. MSP - Committee approved she take the Bible Content Exam in Sept.
- VIII. MSP - Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Report Items

- The Nominating Committee **nominates** the following people to serve on behalf of the Presbytery of Redstone as ordination examination readers for 2020-1.
 - Robin Jennings (RE)
 - Ray Edelman (RE)
 - Rev. Tony Catullo (TE)
 - Rev. Becca Siddle (TE)

Information Items

- 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 Barry Poglein, 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 Barry Poglein.

Pine Springs Camp Report

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious for anything but in everything make your requests known to God and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Philippians 4:4-7

Upcoming Events

All events through May have been cancelled including Workday, the Scholarship Golf Outing and the Staff Homecoming Event.

Summer Camp Update

This has been an exceedingly difficult time for Pine Springs Camp, as it has been for all of us. The Board of Director and staff have been prayerfully seeking God's direction for operating camp safely this summer. Here are a few details.

Assessing Our Current Situation

1. The Board of Directors made the decision to run a half of summer of camp beginning July 9th with week five, with the caveat of continually assessing first and foremost the safety of campers and their families and additionally the fiscal effect of running camp for half of a summer.
2. Two committees were created to assess and seek God's guidance on these matters.
 - A **Health and Safety Committee** was formed to explore how, and if, we can run camp safely according to guidelines established by Government and Health Officials and Camp Professionals. In addition, they have compiled a list of various procedures, guidelines, and recommendations to run camp safely. This list will be compared with a Field Guide to Run Camp during COVID-19 which is a document from the ACA and based on recommendations from the CDC. This Field Guide is not completed yet but is expected to be very shortly.
 - The **Finance Committee** is meeting to come up with various models of operation knowing that camp revenue will be significantly affected negatively even if we run a half of summer program. The committee will also be making recommendations to the Board about the best financial operational modes to run camp facing the challenges before us.
3. Pine Springs Camp was fortunate to receive the Paycheck Protection Program Funds. This will greatly assist helping to pay for staff wages and salaries through June 30th.

Financial Implications (Now and in the future)

The camp has already lost a significant amount of revenue from Spring Retreats being cancelled in addition to half the summer. There is a possibility that the entire summer camp season may be cancelled as well as not being able to host fall retreats. We will begin a strategic endeavor to continue to raise funds through various sources. So now, more than ever, we will need churches in both Presbyteries to support us as financial partners in order that Pine Springs Camp may continue as an important ministry that enriches the congregations and families of Redstone and Washington Presbyteries.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Director will be following up with further details of our fundraising needs.

Program Implications (Now and in the future)

We have been able to reach out to campers through many different virtual events. Mike, our summer camp director, has had ZOOM Campfire Hangouts with each age group of campers, he has met with previous summer staff every week, and plans on continuing this through June. Ellie is planning a ZOOM Meeting with Grandmas and Moms.

We are having past summer staff share a video devotion every Monday morning and putting out various videos each week. One of which is COOKING WITH ELLIE. All our videos are on our Vimeo Page at www.vimeo.com/pinespringscamp

As we look toward the future, we will be exploring possible ways to encourage campers to stay connected if summer camp is cancelled, even this summer.

Last but not Least

Your prayers for the Board of Directors, the Staff of Pine Springs Camp, our potential Summer Staff, and the two ad-hoc committees as we approach the crucial weeks to come.

Mission Committee Report

The mission committee has not met in March or April due to Covid19 and “sheltering in place” restrictions. It is hoped that we will be able to hold a Zoom meeting soon.

The New Wilmington Mission Conference has been cancelled for July 2020, but there will be information soon about internet options for some of the programming that had previously been scheduled. Therefore, the Sudan/ South Sudan Mission Network meeting that had been scheduled to take place July 20 and 21 during the New Wilmington Mission Conference at Westminster College has also been cancelled. Plans are in process for a series of Zoom presentations. Information regarding that will be available in the near future. This will be announced through the Presbytery e-news.

This committee would like to hear about how your congregation is staying connected and reaching out to people in the wider community during this crisis. Please send your information to Sylvia Carlson at sylvia65@comcast.net This crisis has presented us with an opportunity to re-imagine how we continue to be the church in this time and place.

We have had requests from the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church for emergency support during this time of crisis, for a people already who have been suffering through a civil war. Please consider making a special contribution toward support for these people who have suffered so much.

Please pray for all of the people affected by Covid19 – and especially for people who were already struggling to survive in so many places around God’s world. There are millions of people who don’t have access to soap and water for handwashing. Please also pray for all of the helpers – from healthcare workers to everyone else who is risking their own health and safety to keep us healthy and fed and with all of the services that we have come to depend on, and even take for granted.

God’s peace be with you,

Sylvia Carlson, Chair