



2021 Stated Meeting

of the

Presbytery of Redstone
Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 21, 2021



PINE SPRINGS CAMP
and
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING
MEETING

(Because of the Mission Fair and Lunch/Fellowship, Zoom availability will be for opening/worship and agenda items. 10:00-11:30; 12:30-2:00)

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

Notes for the September 21, 2021 Presbytery Meeting!

- Registration will take place at the Refuge. Presbyters are encouraged to use that parking lot and walk to the Sports Pavilion. Additional transportation for those needing it will be provided. We are expecting good weather (10 day forecast), but if possible inclement weather a decision on moving to The Refuge will be made on Monday (September 20).
- Each congregation is encouraged to put together a poster display of their mission engagement, activities and partnerships. A Mission Fair will be held throughout the Presbytery AND there will be particular time on the docket.
- 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 for the flooding and tragedy in Ethiopia and at the Mekane Yesus seminary.
- Susan Wonderland, Synod Executive will be leaving this position at the end of 2021. At the Presbytery meeting, there will be an opportunity to sign a poster that we will be sending her. You are also invited to write an individual card of thanksgiving for her service and bring it with you that will be passed on to her.

Redstone Presbytery Gathering

PINE SPRINGS CAMP; September 21, 2021

(Zoom videoconferencing available)

“Sharing in Ministry and Mission for God’s glory and for the sake of the world”

9:00 a.m.	Registration and fellowship—	
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Roll • Seating of Corresponding Members • Introduction of 1st time Commissioners • Arrangements • Stated Clerk’s Report – page 4-5 • Consent Agenda – page 5-6 • Treasurer’s Report – page 10 	<p>Belinda Lambie Rev. Cliff Foster Belinda Lambie Greg Davis Rev. Skip Noftzger Rev. Cliff Foster John Dickson</p>
	Worship – “240 and counting”	Rev. Skip Noftzger
	<p>---Pine Springs Camp ---Mission Network - page 12 --Mission Fair Activity</p>	<p>Greg Davis Rev. Sylvia Carlson Rev. Donna Havrisko</p>
	Lunch and Fellowship	
	<p>---Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Budget – 1st Reading - page 15-19 <p>---COM - page 20-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Minimum Terms of Call • 2022 Recommended effective salary increase • Introduction of Rev. Ben Nti • Designation of Rev. Ken Foust as Honorably Retired <p>---CPM - page 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Inquirers – James Vlosich; Danielle Kendig <p>---Nominating - page 28-29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Vice Moderator • 2022 Nominees for 2022 GA Commissioners • 2022 Nominees for Standing Committees 	<p>Rev. Pete Goetschius</p> <p>Rev. Geoff Rach</p> <p>Rev. Aleda Menchyk</p>
	<p><u>ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP</u> <u>RESOLUTION OF THANKS</u> <u>SOLI DEO GLORIA</u> <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> <u>CLOSING SONG/PRAYER</u></p>	
	<p><u>Next Meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone---</u> <u>November 20, 2021; 1:00 p.m. @ Colver Presbyterian</u> <u>Church.</u></p>	

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
September 14, 2021 - mail	Rev. Cliff Foster	Practicums for Tammy Noss	To CPM and FILE
September 13, 2021 - email	Rev. Paul Milz, HR member of Hudson River Presbytery	Requesting permission to preach no more than 6 times in Redstone churches if invited	To COM and FILE
September 10, 2021 - email	Office of the General Assembly	Response to request to extend deadline for YAAD applications	To FILE
September 9, 2021 - email	Board of Pensions	Information regarding virtual conference	To FILE
September 8, 2021 - email	PCUSA	Information regarding Matthew 25 milestones	To FILE
September 7, 2021 - email	Rev. Philip Obang	Request for funds for their October General Assembly Meeting	To MISSION COMMITTEE and FILE
September 1, 2021 - mail	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	Letter and invitation to 125-year celebrations	To FILE
August 31, 2021 - email	South Sudan Mission Network	Information regarding virtual meeting	To FILE
August 18, 2021 - email	Rev. Philip Obang	Prayer Request for floods in Sudan	To FILE
July 29, 2021 - email	Christian Associates of SW PA	Updates for Council Members	To FILE
July 20, 2021 - email	Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown	2021 Terms of Call for the Rev. James Gear	To COM and FILE
July 20, 2021 - email	Rev. Pete Goetschius	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
July 14, 2021 - email	Rev. Travis Webster	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
July 12, 2021 - mail	Presbytery of Scioto Valley	Request for completion of screening questionnaire for Rev. Jane Johnson	To FILE and RETURNED
July 7, 2021 - hand delivered	Rev. Ron Durika	1 of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
July 6, 2021 - email	Joshua Scully	3 rd of 3 Mandatory Clearances	To FILE
July 6, 2021 - mail	Poke Run, Apollo	Updated Terms of Call for Rev. Pete Goetschius	To COM and FILE
July 1, 2021 - mail	Presbytery of Scioto	Request for completion of	To FILE and RETURNED

	Valley	screening questionnaire for Rev. Ronald Johnson	
June 17, 2021 – mail	Rev. Ron Wakeman	3 Mandatory Clearance Updates	To FILE
June 2, 2021 – email	Rev. Dr. Karen Webster	Statement of Faith	To COM and FILE

2. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below. We welcome invitations to serve as meeting host for any of these meetings.
 - January 29, 2022, Saturday
 - March 22, 2022, Tuesday
 - May 24, 2022, Tuesday
 - September 27, 2022, Tuesday
 - November 19, 2022, Saturday

3. There remain a number of churches who still need to have reviewed their session minutes and church register for 2020. Two options remain to complete this prior to the November Presbytery meeting when the final report will be recorded in the Presbytery minutes.
 - a. Contact your COM liaison who will make arrangements to review them. If you are unsure of contact information for that person, please contact the Presbytery office.
 - b. Drop your minutes book and register by the Presbytery office for review by the Stated Clerk. You will be notified when they are reviewed, and you are able to retrieve them.

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 meetings of the May 25, 2021 and July 20, 2021 be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommends** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit. (See Appendix A)
2. Council **recommends** that the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission and Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommends** that the written reports of all committees, networks and task forces be received and filed.
4. Council **recommends** the adoption of the proposed 2022 Budget (See Appendix B) for consideration by the Presbytery for a “first reading.” *(This is presented for a First Reading. The Presbytery will take action at the November meeting.)*

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommends** that Rev. Doug Marshall (previously a member of Redstone) be approved and received in the Presbytery. Rev. Marshall will begin serving as Interim Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell. (See Appendix C for his Statement of Faith.)

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Covenant Boswell Administrative Commission

1. The Covenant Boswell Administrative Commission **recommends** that its written reports or minutes submitted in this packet be received and filed.

From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

1. The Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission **recommends** the reports or minutes of their meetings as submitted in this packet be received and filed.

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	5/21/2021-9/27/2021
Congregation-centered (ENGAGE)	<p>Visible presence within the Presbytery engaging with congregations--- Church Visits---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visited churches in person for worship services or special events twenty-one times with twelve of those being unduplicated congregations . Preached in person and/or online sixteen times in service of eight congregations.• Coordinated, resourced and assisted three sessions in the development and approval of temporary pastoral relationships, including interim pastor, commissioned pastor and student pastor agreements with three congregations. Have initiated conversations with two other sessions about possible candidates for future pastoral service.• Participated and spoke at the retirement of celebrations of two pastors concluding their pastoral service in Redstone congregations.• Consulted and coached the active PNC's (4) in the process of discerning and making call decisions. At least weekly, scanning CLC and making additional referrals. Checking in regularly with them on progress. Working through details of congregation in candidating service, including moderating the congregational meeting.• Met with church sessions on concerns related to finances, pastoral options and future ministry options.
Leadership developed (EQUIP)	<p>Developing and equipping leadership within the Presbytery---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consulted and coached on an individual level a few pastors within presbytery regarding concerns of conflict mediation, pastoral care and executive leadership.• Offered ongoing pastoral letters, advice and consultation on responding with appropriate health and safety protocols in the changing pandemic environment.• Worked with the Nominating Committee in order to recommend possible candidates for consideration for positions of leadership

	<p>within the Presbytery for the next year. Initiated contact with a number of ruling elders in order that they might consider positions of leadership and to be able to provide a “pool” of candidates for the nominating process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directed, Initiated, scheduled and promoted Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation courses and workshops available to all within Redstone and surrounding presbyteries, including the addition of Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Recruited additional ruling elders in Redstone to enroll. • Consulted with our candidates under care, both inquirers and candidates in their various stages of preparation. Provided information on the entire care process as well as checking on progress in their seminary enrollment. • Oriented new pastors to the Presbytery through personal meeting and conference along with administrative resources. • Provided pastoral care for pastors encountering personal and family tragedies and uncertainties. • Follow up with any pastors in need of renewal of background clearances or signed Presbytery ethics statements. 	
<p>Collaboration- Districts/Network (ENABLE)</p>	<p>Joined and initiated contact both within and outside Redstone---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as the President of Christian Associates, leading the Council of Bishops and Judicatories as well as the Executive Committee. • Coordination and contact person for the other Presbytery executives and standing committees making use of the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation Program. Consulted with other presbyteries on educational design for their own training programs. • Greeted and offered a devotional message for the Synod PW meeting within the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone. • Worked through personal engagement with some of the leaders of various networks and task forces within the Presbytery. • Continued to network with other presbyteries within the Synod and across the country in order to make available the latest and best resources to negotiate the terrain of this pandemic season in congregational life and ministry. 	
<p>Partnership in Mission promoted (EMPOWER)</p>	<p>Promoted and provided leadership in our partnerships in mission---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported our Sudan/S. Sudan Partnership Network through communication and administrative leadership. Assisted the Mission Committee in identifying, providing and implementing financial support for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical 	

	<p>Church in response to particular needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive work with the Pine Springs Board of Directors, the Finance Committee and the Executive Director both in normal operations and the Thriving Boards initiative. Participated in training of summer staff. • Commissioned the Presbytery mission team as they prepare for short term mission service. Continue to support individual congregational activities in support of mission and mission trips. 				
<p>Operational Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourced the Boswell Administrative Commission in the completion of its responsibilities, including minutes, financial review, membership transfer, and property disposition. • Provided comprehensive and historical analysis of financial revenue contributions, expenditure allocations, investment performance for greater shared ownership by the Finance and Budget committee. Developed multiple budget scenarios for their consideration and recommendation. • Oversight of the minutes and registration book reviews during a pandemic season. Personally reviewed a number of records and following up with others who have assumed individual responsibility. • Consultation with the auditors in preparation of the 2020 comprehensive financial review. Provided supporting information and data for review and decision making on designated accounts. 				
<p>VALUES</p>	<p>Servant Leadership</p>	<p>Flourishing Community</p>	<p>Witness to the World</p>	<p>Generous and effective Stewardship</p>	
<p><i>Soli Deo Gloria</i></p>					

Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

This report provides an unaudited overview of the Redstone Presbytery's finances for the period ending August 2021.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW/ INCOME

Church Commitments receipted for the end of August totaled \$22,373, versus a budgeted goal of \$27,083 for the period. YTD, Church Commitment total \$201,415, versus a budgeted goal desire of \$216,667. Effectively at this time, Church Commitment income is 5.03% below budget expectations or \$15,252.

Total Income for the period is \$28,748, versus a benchmark goal of \$36,000. Included in the monthly total are funds released from restriction (\$3,378) and miscellaneous income (\$3,675-preaching). YTD, Total Income is \$253,947 or 58.78% of budget, versus a 67% benchmark expectation or \$288,000 goal for the period.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW/EXPENSES & EXCESS OVER INCOME

Total Expenses for the month were greater than budget at \$74.00. YTD Total Expenses for the month are 63.28% of budget or \$274,088 which is 3.72% below expectation of 67% for the year.

For this monthly period, expenses exceed income totaling -\$7,308. This is a result of a shortfall of monthly Church Commitment income. YTD expenses exceed income totaling -\$15,433.

INVESTMENTS & HOLDINGS

The Ameriprise account for the period ending August 2021, reports a positive change in value totaling \$9,500 and YTD the account has increased totaling \$60,114. There were no withdrawals from the account for this period. Total ending value is \$685,464.

Other investments and holdings, which include First Commonwealth, PILP, and New Covenant from the June quarterly report total \$465,489.

Total estimated investments and holdings = \$1,150,953

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dickson

Pine Springs Camp - No Written Report

Mission Network

We hope that when you attend the Presbytery meeting on September 21 in person, that you will take some time to look at the mission displays that have been created by many of our congregations. A questionnaire has been prepared for you to use as you walk around the area. Perhaps you might see something that triggers your interest. No matter whether your congregation is large or small, there are always ways in which you can reach out into the wider community. Maybe you will discover that there is a possibility to work in partnership with another congregation.

The offering for the September Presbytery meeting will provide support for the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, that was hit hard by a flash flood and 7 people died. Mekane Yesus is our PCUSA partner church in Ethiopia. Rev. Owar Ojulu, pastor of the Colver and Ebensburg Presbyterian Churches recently returned from a visit to Ethiopia and brought us this news.

The Network moved, seconded, and passed a request for Redstone Presbytery to adopt an Afghani refugee family. Presbytery Council approved this request. We would work with Jewish Family and Community Services, Christian Associates, and others in the consortium of nonprofits in Pittsburgh to accomplish this. Our rationale: These are the people who have supported our military with their lives.

We have learned that, to date, the only resettlements that will occur will be within the bounds of Allegheny County. We are still awaiting information as to how Redstone Presbyterians can be directly involved. Please stay tuned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Chair

Presbyterian Women

Redstone Presbyterian Women will be holding our Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The schedule for the day will include an Introduction to the 2021-2022 *Horizons* Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by **Merryl Blair** with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, HR. Mission, Mission, Mission – PW Mission, Synod Mission, Churchwide Mission. Learn about the mission of the Welcome Home Shelter with Shelter Director Tracy Scott. Advance registration is required by October 22 and includes lunch for \$10! What a bargain! The flyer is attached to this report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Sylvia Carlson, Moderator

Redstone Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., and includes lunch
First Presbyterian Church, 300 S. Main St., Greensburg

Introduction to the 2021-2022 *Horizons* Bible Study

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair

with the Rev. Donna Havrisko, Honorably Retired

Mission, Mission, Mission – PW Mission, Synod Mission, Churchwide Mission

Learn about the mission of the Welcome Home Shelter with Shelter Director Tracy Scott

The mission project for the Fall Gathering, looking ahead to the holiday season, is to provide toiletries for the women residents of the shelter, such as brushes, combs, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, soap, and other items for self-care. In lieu of these items, checks may be made out to the Welcome Home Shelter.

Please use the tear-off form below.

Make check payable to: PW of Redstone Presbytery; *must be mailed by Friday, October 22 so that the church can plan accordingly for the day.*

Mail check and reservation slip to: **Rev. Susan Blank, PW Treasurer**
4068 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644
724-523-6460

2021 Redstone PW Fall Gathering

First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA

Church Name _____

Number of persons attending: _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____ amount enclosed

Contact Person: _____ Phone No. _____

List of Attendees: _____

Dietary Restrictions (such as gluten-free) _____

Please use the back if necessary

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 notes the first reading of the 2022 budget (consent) and offers the narrative section for explanation and description. Second reading and consideration of the budget will occur in the November meeting.**
- **The Council reports on the 2020 Financial Review completed by our external auditor and recommends that it be received and filed.**
- **The Council encourages sessions of all Redstone Presbytery congregations to consider increases to their First Fruits pledge for 2022.**

Information Items

August 24, 2021 Meeting

Chuck West, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom). Moderator West called upon Brenda Barnes who led the group in a short devotional and an opening prayer.

Moderator West requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. That agenda was approved **by consent.**

Moderator West solicited whether there were any additions or revisions to the minutes of the June meeting which had been submitted by email. With a correction on a typo, it was **MSP** to approve the minutes as corrected.

Moderator West introduced our external auditor, Barb Terek, representing Horner, Wible and Terek. She took the Council through the financial review completed on the records of 2020. She highlighted the budget to actual, the available assets, both restricted and unrestricted, and changes from the previous year. Various members of the Council made inquiries on particular sections of the financial review. Having answered all questions, Ms. Terek was excused from the meeting.

Moderator Report

There were no items approved by consent since the last meeting.

Stated Clerk Report

Rev. Noftzger noted that the most recent correspondence log had not been provided and he would make sure it was sent to members of the Council.

Reviewing the upcoming Presbytery schedule and Council schedule, Rev. Noftzger led a discussion on options for the September meeting and appropriate health and safety protocol. After discussion, it was **MSP** to plan on having the September Presbytery gathering at Pine Springs Camp in the Sports Pavilion with The Refuge serving as a backup in case of bad weather.

A list of possible dates for the 2022 Presbytery meetings was presented. It was **MSP** to approve the dates as submitted. Subsequently, Curtis Paul asked that the January date be reconsidered and proposed changing it to

January 29, 2022. It was **MSP** to make that change while retaining the other dates approved previously.

2022 Presbytery meeting dates (proposed)

January 29, 2022

March 22, 2022

May 24, 2022

September 27, 2022

November 19, 2022

The 2022 dates for Council meetings were also established with the following days.

January 11

February 22

April 26

June 28

August 23

October 25

December 6

Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report which was reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dickson offered insight on the levels of giving in May which remain behind our desirable targets for annual cash flow in contributions. He referenced the document on levels of church giving based upon a necessary average of 42.50 per member. Moderator West noted that we would be discussing possible actions later in the meeting.

Pine Springs Camp

Greg Davis provided a summary report of the summer camping season. While there were expected lower participation rates, the season was completed without any known Covid cases. Finances remain strong. He shared the opportunity for upcoming participation in a fund-raising campaign for historic structures at the facility. With the Delta variant and community transmission rates, plans for fall retreats are still being evaluated.

Boswell Administrative Commission

Joshua Scully presented an update on the progress of the Administrative Commission for the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Boswell. Having explored options on the possible use of the property, a title search was conducted. The Administrative Commission discerned a preference to sell the building, rather than rent it and if possible, to sell to a church or at least a non-profit. Having been contacted by a few groups, the Administrative Commission had received an offer from the New Life Full Gospel congregation in Jennerstown. In meeting with their representatives for prayer, discussion and fellowship, the AC shared their prerequisite conditions which included a reversionary clause, selling the property "as is," and retaining a first right of refusal on any existing furnishings. Upon conclusion the congregation reaffirmed its desire to purchase the property with those conditions for \$15000. Meeting together privately subsequent to that meeting, the Administrative Commission agreed to their offer and sell the property to that congregation.

Because the Council also serves as the Trustees of the Presbytery, the Administrative Commission requested the Council also endorse and approve the sale under those conditions and for that price. Within the Council, it was **MSP** to approve the sale. The Administrative Commission was thanked for their diligent work.

Subcommittees/Networks

Communications

Brenda Barnes will be writing the September 1 Enews article on behalf of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation

network.

Mission Committee

Donna Havrisko reminded everyone of the Mission Fair which would be conducted in conjunction with the September Presbytery meeting.

On behalf of the Mission Committee, she proposed that the Council endorse participation in any way possible with the efforts of Afghan refugee resettlement in the Pittsburgh region. It was **MSP** to support any possible efforts as a Presbytery and to promote among our congregations.

She also shared about the flooding and tragedy in Ethiopia and at the Makana Yesu seminary. It was **MSP** to designate the September Presbytery offering to their support.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Bobbi Jo Huebner provided the report from the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee. In response to the earlier presentation on the 2020 financial review, it was **MSP** to receive the review and file in Presbytery records. Next, it was **MSP** to approve Horner, Wible and Terek to serve as auditors for the 2021 financial review.

On behalf of the committee, she presented three budget alternatives and recommended approval of the second option which included the Staff Support recommendations on compensation. It was **MSP** to approve the second version for presentation to the Presbytery in September (first reading) and for approval in November (second reading).

Moderator West led the Council in reviewing the 2020 actual contributions of congregations by levels of First Fruits in comparison to expected amounts. Various members of the Council volunteered to follow up with specific congregations in conjunction with the annual stewardship letter and materials that will be distributed in early September.

Addictions Ministry Network

Lynn Mance reported that there is an anticipated meeting in September.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

Brenda Barnes noted that she is trying to establish a regular monthly meeting time/day with an initial proposal for September. 1.

Healing and Prayer Ministry Network

There was no report.

Presbyterian Women

Susan Nesti noted current PW activity in the Presbytery and the upcoming Synod PW meeting that will take place at Antiochian Village in September.

Executive Presbyter

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various activities and pastoral searches that are ongoing within Redstone Presbytery. He also noted that Ken Foust has retired (effective August 22) and will be honored at the September gathering. The September meeting will also include a focus on our 240-year history.

He requested approval of study leave dates in the following: 4 days total--afternoons – 10/19, 21,26, 28, 11/2, 4, 9, 11. This is to participate in additional Coaching Training for possible consideration of certification. It was **MSP** to approve this request.

June 22, 2021 Meeting

Chuck West, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom). Moderator West called upon Bobbi Jo Huebner who led the group in a short devotional, discussion, and an opening prayer.

Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. That agenda was approved **by consent**.

Moderator West solicited whether there were any additions or revisions to the minutes of the April meeting which had been submitted by email. Hearing none, it was **MSP** to approve the minutes as submitted.

Moderator Report

There were no items approved by consent since the last meeting.

Stated Clerk Report

Rev. Noftzger noted that the most recent correspondence log provided was up to the present and inquired whether there were any questions.

Reviewing the upcoming Presbytery schedule, Rev. Noftzger acknowledged that while he did not have “official” word, he had received notice that Washington Presbytery would not be joining us for the September Presbytery meeting at Pine Springs Camp.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report which was reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dickson offered insight on the levels of giving in May which remain behind our desirable targets for annual cash flow in contributions. The Payroll Protection loan has been certified as forgiven. He encouraged those who were to be contacting pastors and sessions about their First Fruits giving to continue to do so.

Pine Springs Camp

There was no report from Pine Springs Camp. Summer camping season has begun with a reduced capacity and under health and safety protocols.

Boswell Administrative Commission

Belinda Lambie presented an update on the progress of the Administrative Commission for the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Boswell. She noted that the AC is exploring options regarding the property and have commissioned a title search.

Subcommittees/Networks

Communications

While there was no report, we are looking for new participants in this task force. Meanwhile, Skip Noftzger solicited volunteers for future Enews articles.

Mission Committee

Rev. Havrisko reported on behalf of the mission subcommittee. Specifically, he requested on behalf the group that the Council approve designating the September meeting to include a mission fair with time on the docket for an accompanying activity. It was **MSP** to approve this request and to reserve time on the agenda for the September Presbytery meeting. Future programming on possible poverty simulations are still being explored..

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Chuck West provided the report from the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee. On behalf of the

committee, he recommended approval of the request from Westmont Presbyterian Church concerning the capital improvements and renovations of the manse. The request was **MSP** as recommended by the committee.

The committee has reviewed the current lease agreement for the copier and a proposal for renewal with a new copier from the same company. After reviewing the proposal, it was recommended that it be accepted for a five-year lease agreement. Upon receiving the recommendation, it was **MSP** to enter into the agreement. He noted the committee will also be evaluating any needed repairs at the Presbytery Center, including the roof, but will also be considering its future use as a facility.

He encouraged those who were following up on First Fruits pledges to continue to follow up. The committee has received the draft of the 2020 audit conducted by our outside auditor and has reviewed its contents. He noted that a representative of the auditing firm would be invited to the next Council meeting with the final version of the audit and for responding to any inquiries.

Addictions Ministry Network

Lynn Mance reported the latest activity on behalf of the Addictions Ministry Network which has begun to meet again.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

Brenda Barnes has agreed to begin convening the Racial Justice and Reconciliation network but the work on possible activities will not begin until the fall.

Healing and Prayer Ministry Network

There was no report.

Executive Presbyter

Reminding the Council of our commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative, Rev. Noftzger solicited whether others knew of any other sessions considering joining in the PMA program. Various Bible studies and resources are available for use by congregations interested in participating.

The following proposed dates for vacation and study leave were submitted for approval.

- June 27-July 1 (vacation)
- August 30-September 2 (study leave-1 out of 4 (accumulated))
- October 17-22 (vacation)

Upon request, it was **MSP** as approved by the Council.

Rev. Noftzger provided updates on various activities and pastoral searches that are ongoing within Redstone Presbytery. He also noted some of the possible items anticipated to be included in the September gathering, including a history celebration, PSC emphasis, the mission fair (approved above) and the retirement of Rev. Ken Foust.

Committee on Ministry

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry recommends approval of the required 2022 minimum terms of call for installed pastors and certified Christian Educators as proposed (no change from 2021). (See Appendix D)
- The Committee on Ministry recommends endorsement of a 3.5% raise in effective salary for continuing pastors.
- The Committee on Ministry wants to introduce Rev. Ben Nti who was examined and approved at the Called meeting in July. The installation service for Rev. Nti will be conducted on September 26 at the Westmont Presbyterian Church. (See Appendix E for Rev. Nti's Bio)
- The Committee on Ministry recommends the designation of Rev. Ken Foust as an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery of Redstone. (See Appendix F for Rev. Foust's Bio)

September 2, 2021 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was MSP to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Minutes Review Not Completed List
- MSP to recommend change of status of Rev. Ken Foust from active to Honorably Retired at the September 21, 2021 Presbytery meeting.

Report of the Moderator

- Moderator appointment for First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore - Wendy Keys.
- Updated Information:
 - Moderator appointment for Fort Burd Presbyterian Church - Aleda Menchyk.
 - Moderator appointment for Calvin United Presbyterian of Brownsville - Josh Scully.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Rev. Ed Gray is the mentor for Rev. Ben Nti.
 - Examination of Regina Schrecengost to be considered for pulpit supply.
- Action Items
 - MSP to approve Regina Schrecengost (seminary student) to be added to the pulpit supply roster.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Email Attachment)
 - Review of the Minimum terms of Call for 2022 for presentation to COM on September 2 and Presbytery on September 21, 2021.
 - Joint PNC from Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian are working on study and MIF preparation.
- Action Items
 - **MSP** approval of the MIF for the Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian Churches, Brownsville, PA.
 - **MSP** of the recommendation on required 2022 minimum terms of call for installed pastors and Certified Christian Educators to remain at the 2021 minimum terms.
 - **MSP** of the approval of a recommendation for a Presbytery recommendation to congregations on a salary increase of 3.5% for experienced and continuing pastors.
 - **MSP** approval of the installation commission for Rev. Ben Nti as pastor of the Westmont Presbyterian Church tentatively set for September 26, 2021.

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Intro to Reformed Theology.
- Fall Workshops
 - 9/11---Sermons from the Ground Up – Dan Merry, Interim Pastor, Church of the Covenant (former Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian)
 - 10/9---American “Holy” Days – How to Think Theologically about Secular Culture; James Calvin Davis; Professor Religion and Liberal Arts, Middlebury College; author of American Liturgy: Finding Theological Meaning in the Holy Days of U.S. Culture
 - 11/13---Diseases of Despair; Michele Snyder; Crows Feet Consulting
 - 12/11---More than a Rule Book; Faith Foundations of Presbyterian Polity; Skip Nofztger, EP and Stated Clerk, Redstone Presbytery
- Board of Pensions
 - Employer Agreements should be completed between now and mid-October.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Sewickley Administrative Commission Report
- LIAISON REMINDERS
 - Mission fair – September Presbytery meeting (in person at Pine Spring). Participate by bringing a poster board of your mission programs/projects.
 - Continuing education for pastors
 - Fall activities
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Praises for joint meetings of Elders and Deacons, for Rally Days, Kick off Sunday School Days, and for recognizing volunteers.
 - Prayers for members not returning to return. Prayers for those recovering from surgery; for those with cancer and other health issues; and for those that lost family members.
 - Prayers for search committees for guidance in finding the right person.
 - Praises for Sewickley United Presbyterian church in looking forward to a 250th anniversary in 2022.
 - Prayers for those in Afghanistan, for hurricane Ida victims, and for congregations to remain strong and faithful.
 - Prayers for raising up new volunteers for fall especially for children and youth activities and for parents to recommit.
 - Praises for baptisms and weddings; for developing partnerships; and for new service

- opportunities.
- Prayers for PNCs to work through the process without feeling frustrated and overwhelmed and for PNCs progressing with in-person interviews.
- Prayers for all the goodbyes during a retirement celebration and for all the hellos to new roads ahead.
- Praises for those who know church is a wonderful place and God loves everyone.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Ed Gray, Molly Hall, Glenn Hart, Donna Havrisko, James Hepler, Doug Holben, Alex Jalso, Peter Keith, Clark Kerr, Wendy Keys.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
First Presbyterian Church, Jeannette; Bethany Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; Springhill Furnace Presbyterian Church, Lake Lynn; Latrobe Presbyterian Church; United Presbyterian Church, Latrobe; Leisenring Presbyterian Church; Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Ligonier.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to bring to this meeting.

- A reminder was provided for mission displays at the September 21st Presbytery Meeting at Pine Springs Camp in the Sports Pavilion.

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August 5, 2021 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of June 3, 2021, and July 20, 2021.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Minutes Review Not Completed List
- **MSP** to approve the dismissal of Rev. Rene Whitaker to Presbytery of Great Rivers.
- **MSP** to approve the dismissal of Rev. Jane Johnson to Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Report of the Moderator

- Appointment of Rev. Molly Hall to serve as Moderator of the Third Presbyterian Church.
- Looking for a Moderator for First Presbyterian Church of Avonmore.
- Looking for a Moderator for Fort Burd Presbyterian Church and Calvin United Presbyterian of Brownsville.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Mentor for Rev. Ben Nti (who is starting in September).

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Email Attachment)

- Review of the Minimum terms of Call for 2022 for presentation to COM on September 2 and Presbytery on September 21.
- Joint PNC from Fort Burd and Calvin Presbyterian are working on study and MIF preparation.
- Action Items
 - **MSP** approval of the Interim Pastor agreement between Rev. Doug Marshall and Grace Community Presbyterian Church, Lower Burrell.
 - **MSP** approval of the MIF for the Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville, PA.
 - **MSP** approval of the MIF for the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA.
 - The approval of a recommendation for a Presbytery recommendation to congregations on salary increases for experienced and continuing pastors has been tabled until September COM meeting to allow time to review the information.

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Intro to Reformed Theology (first class session – August 21).
- Fall Workshops
 - 8/21---Seasonal Lections from Hebrews – Craig Kephart, EP; Washington Presbytery
 - 9/11---Sermons from the Ground Up – Dan Merry, Interim Pastor, Church of the Covenant (former Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian)
 - 10/9---American “Holy” Days – How to Think Theologically about Secular Culture; James Calvin Davis; Professor Religion and Liberal Arts, Middlebury College; author of American Liturgy: Finding Theological Meaning in the Holy Days of U.S. Culture
 - 11/13---Diseases of Despair; Michele Snyder; Crows Feet Consulting
 - 12/11---More than a Rule Book; Faith Foundations of Presbyterian Polity; Skip Noftzger, EP and Stated Clerk, Redstone Presbytery
- Board of Pensions Update
 - Rev. Doug Portz, Board of Pension Liaison, provided a presentation on the changes and update in the Board of Pension. Rev. Portz stated that it was good for members of the COM to have a fundamental understanding of the benefit plans that are available. Rev. Portz’s presentation discussed the full array of benefits for pastors and lay people employed at churches. The goal of the Board of Pensions is provide quality benefits while remaining cost effective. For example, the dues for the Pastor Participation comprehensive package has remained at 37% for the fourth year. By holding the line, churches are able to develop their budgets. The new Temporary Disability Plan provides a financial protection benefit to employees equal to 60 percent of effective salary and can be offered by the church to any employee that works 20 hrs or more. Medicare supplement will include vision coverage in 2022.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Sewickley Administrative Commission Report
- LIAISON REMINDERS
 - Minutes Review – individual follow up
 - Mission fair – September Presbytery meeting (in person at Pine Spring). Participate by bringing a poster board of your mission programs/projects.
 - Continuing education for pastors
 - Fall activities
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Prayers for communication across district, across congregations, and across the presbytery.
 - Prayers for the changes that are coming in response to increases in COVID-19 cases. Prayers to being responsive and getting ahead of the curveball and not behind it.

- Praises for technology, practices, and resources already in place.
- Prayers for dialog, consideration, and respect.
- Praises for church opportunities, VBS, bible study, and gatherings.
- Prayers for those individuals needing healing, for relatives, members, friends of congregations, and entire communities that have need of Your touch and healing.
- Prayers for the opportunity for learning and growing through classes offered.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Ronald Durika, Jim Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, James Gear, James Giesey, Donald Glunt, Mary Kay Glunt, Pete Goetschius, Donald Graff.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
First Presbyterian Church, Ebensburg; First Presbyterian Church, Fairchance; Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church, Farmington; First Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; Little Redstone Presbyterian Church, Fayette City; First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg; First Presbyterian Church, Irwin; West Hempfield Presbyterian Church, Irwin.

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July 20, 2021 Meeting

The Committee on Ministry held a called meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in person at the First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg and through remote access using Zoom video conferencing. Rev. Pete Goetschius called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Action Item

MSP to approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Ron Johnson and Third Presbyterian, Uniontown.

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June 3, 2021 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Minutes Review Not Completed List
- **MSP** to approve the request for Rev. Karen Webster to engage in validated ministry “Healthy Seminarians, Healthy Churches” within Redstone Presbytery.

Report of the Moderator

- Appointment of Rev. Skip Noftzger to serve as Moderator of the McClellandtown Presbyterian Church.
- Appointment of Rev. Molly Hall to serve as Moderator of the Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - No additional examinations since last meeting.

- Action Items
 - **MSP** to approve the addition of Rev. Karen Webster (Trinity Presbytery) to the pulpit supply roster of Redstone Presbytery.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Email Attachment)
 - McClellandtown session has decided with the transition that they will search for the next pastor separate from the prior shared relationship with Grace Chapel.
 - Reminder of the special Presbytery meeting and possible special COM meeting on July 20, 2021 to examine and approve a candidate. The meeting will be held in person at 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Greensburg with an option to attend using Zoom.

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Recruiting new students for the IPLF program. These are ruling elders who are interested in growing in their faith, considering the possibility of greater service to the church through preaching or other forms of pastoral ministry. The course in the fall will be Intro to Reformed Theology with Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum. Workshops to be determined.

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Praises as the spirit continues to work as churches move forward with VBS, welcoming new members on Pentecost, and resuming more normal worship services.
 - Prayers for those dealing health issues and treatments.
 - Prayers for times of transition and with discernment of how God is speaking to us in this new reality.
 - Prayers in looking for someone for record keeping and the position of clerk. Prayers for pastors serving more than one church. Praises and gratefulness for the benefit of a regular pastor, continued life for the year, and having hope.
 - Prayers for VBS and potential programs this summer and the pastors, teachers, elders, and volunteers that make these programs happen. Prayers for all wonderful programs and returning to regular service with flexibility. Praises for preaching outside in the parks, new kids, and baptism.
 - Prayers and praises to Laurel Hill for looking forward to commemorating its 250th anniversary in 2022.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time: Bruce Cadenhead, Cynthia Cadenhead, Robert Cahn, Sylvia Carlson, Terry Carnahan, Anthony Catullo, Carole Isley Corey, Daniel Chow, Gene Degitz, Lisa Dormire.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time: Calvin Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Ft. Burd Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Brownsville; Colver Presbyterian Church; Cresson Presbyterian Church; Tyrone Presbyterian Church, Dawson; Delmont Presbyterian Church; Derry Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar; Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunbar.

Report of the Executive Presbyter

As a Committee on Ministry member, we must have diligence to continue to reach out and be a pastor, counselor, and encourager. In light of June 11 Feast Day of St Barnabas, it is from the Book of Acts that identifies Joseph as Barnabas which means son of encouragement. In the same way that Barnabas, a good man full of holy spirit and full of faith, was sent forth, we are sent out to see what God is doing in various places.

Barnabas discovers not what is expected or anticipated and finds that God is there at work. It may surprise us that God is still working in ways not under control as we see that the hand of the Lord is within these places.

Action Items

- **Having enrolled two inquirers in the spring Zoom meetings, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry wants to take this opportunity to introduce Danielle Kendig(Westmont) and James Vlosich (Trinity, Uniontown) to the Presbytery.**

Information Items

September 7, 2021 Meeting

Opening prayer by Geoff

MSP - Apr. 6 minutes were approved as presented

Meet with Inquirer Danielle Kendig:

- Danielle is currently taking four classes at Pittsburgh Seminary; with start of fall semester, moved from part-time status to full-time
- She continues to serve at Westmont as DCE, as she has for the last ten years; she has feels she has the support of both the pastor and the congregation to she balances family life, work, and education
- She will become a “middler” at the end of Dec. 2021; plans to finish Seminary by Dec. 2023
- Skip explained that Redstone Presbytery requires two field ed. experiences, and that one is typically a unit of CPE
- As of now, Danielle is potentially interested in gaining some chaplaincy experience, in addition to congregational experience
- She is growing in her faith as she finds freedom in “giving up control” and she has noticed she’s more comfortable now preaching on more challenging Scripture passages
- She will be introduced at the Sept. Presbytery meeting

MSP - CPM desires that Danielle proceed with taking the PPI Assessment (or one similar if that one is unavailable)

MSP - Scholarship money in the amount of \$1500 will be given to both Seminary students under care of CPM (Danielle Kendig and James Vlosich)

Overseeing Authorized Preachers and Commissioned Pastors

- The current group of combined CPM and COM members that currently offers oversight may be dissolved; if so, CPM will oversee the training and prep time for those pursuing authorization and/or commissioning
- There currently are 15-16 commissioned pastors serving Redstone Presbytery

Other Business:

- CPM is scheduled to meet with James Vlosich at our Oct. 5 meeting
- Dawn Sherwood has requested to be removed as his liaison due to future commitments; Geoff Rach will be his new liaison
- Candidate Cynthia Bellina will not be returning to Seminary until Jan. semester

Action Items

- **The Nominating Committee nominates Rev. Dawn Sherwood to serve as Vice Moderator, 2022 for the Presbytery of Redstone**
(any other nominations from the floor should be made at this meeting (September). This office will be elected at the November stated meeting, Manual 2.1201).
- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons to serve as commissioners from the Presbytery of Redstone to the 2022 General Assembly.**
---Rev. Brenda Barnes; Teaching Elder Commissioner, New Hope
---Rev. Dawn Sherwood; Teaching Elder Commissioner, Jeannette
---Audrey Cottle; Ruling Elder Commissioner, Little Redstone
---Judy Carl; Ruling Elder Commissioner, Ebensburg
- **The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:**

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:

- Belinda Lambie; Colver; Chair (2022)
- Tim D’Aurora; Congruity; (2024)
- Rev. Cliff Foster; Congruity; (2024)
- Jim Stenge; First, Murrysville (2024)
- Pam Walter; Latrobe; (2024)
- Rev. Laura Blank; Pleasant View (2024)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

- Helen Toms; West Hempfield (2024)
- Jill Gaetano; First, Greensburg (2024)
- Rev. Donna Havrisko, HR (2024)
- Bill Weightman; Belle Vernon (2024)
- Martha Patullo; First, Irwin (2024)
- Jeff Smith; Rehoboth (2024)
- Charnet Koch; First, Johnstown (2024)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

- Jim Sunseri, Patton (2024)
- Rev. John Manon, West Newton (2024)
- Jackie Eckenrode, Westminstser (2024)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP:

- Rev. Ron Durika; Latrobe (2024)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

- Rev. Wendy Keys, New Kensington (2024)

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

- Leonard Morgan; Delmont; (2027)
- Rev. Jay Lewis; HR (2027)

Information Items

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

From the Covenant Boswell Administrative Commission

Upon completing all other matters related to the dissolution of the Covenant congregation, the Boswell Administrative Commission has diligently pursued the future of the Covenant Presbyterian Church property in Boswell, Pennsylvania over the last several weeks. This process involved multiple steps, commission consideration and discussion, and several periods of discernment. During that time, we had a title search conducted and began meeting with groups of different kinds who had expressed interest and touring the facility. As part of this discernment process, the commitment of the AC was to sell (rather than rent) the property to a church or non-profit group. Our preference, based upon the history and mission of the congregation, was to identify a church that would continue to have worship and ministry

On Monday, August 23, 2021, the Boswell Administrative Commission gathered with representatives of the New Life Full Gospel Church in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania, including Pastor Cletus Leasure, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church property. The New Life Congregation (Full Gospel) had previously expressed interest in acquiring the property in Boswell as a new place of worship for their congregation, which currently means at a private residence in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania.

As a congregation, they have worshiped together since 1997 and were eager for the opportunities the property presented to their congregation and mission. Yet, as a small congregation, their resources are limited. Their offer for the purchase was \$15000 with the promise of continuing to be stewards of the building for worship and ministry. After a period of fellowship, prayer, and discussion, which included the communication of the expectations of the Boswell Administrative Commission to the representatives of the New Life Full Gospel congregation, the representatives from New Life Full Gospel expressed a desire to continue to pursue the property.

The Boswell Administrative Commission expressed the following expectations to the New Life Full Gospel representatives that would be prerequisite to any possible sale: that an area of the church serve as a "historical display" of various artifacts from the life of the two Presbyterian congregations that worshiped on that property; that a reversionary clause would be recorded in the sales agreement and deed that states clearly that if the New Life Full Gospel congregation cease worshipping at that location the property will revert to the Presbytery of Redstone; that the building would be sold "as is" in order to permit its continued function as a house for worship (if any furniture or fixtures would no longer be needed by New Life congregation, they would be offered first back to the Presbytery), that certain supplies and materials related to the Presbyterian heritage or Covenant history would remain with the Presbytery; any anticipated legal expenses associated with a possible transaction and recording of the deed would be split between the two parties. The New Life Full Gospel congregation also became aware of certain concerns shared by a property neighbor regarding trees and a tank located on the church property. Pastor Cletus Leasure assured us that he was aware and that "we will be a good neighbor to him".

Those present from the Boswell Administrative Commission remained on the church property to discuss this gathering after the departure of the New Life Full Gospel representatives and also checked the church property for any furnishings or dedicated property that should remain with the Presbytery (or appear in the planned historical display). Upon discussion and discernment, the Boswell Administrative Commission believed firmly that the continued service of that property as a place of worship, mission, hope, and love was significant to the Boswell community, especially given the very close proximity of the property to the nearby public high school (which is directly across the street from the church property). Granted the authority by the Presbytery to dispose of all matters related to the dissolution of the congregation, including the sale of the property, it was **MSP** to sell the facility to the New Life Center based upon the above conditions.

From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Proceedings:

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Karen Kifer

Bible Reading from Psalm 145:1-13

Review of Agenda of the meeting

Review of previous meeting minutes:

MOTION to approve the Administrative Commission Meeting minutes from May 12, 2021, and the General Operating Committee Meeting minutes from July 22, 2021; MSP

Reports:

Report of the Chair - Rev. Ed Gray

Report of the Treasurer - Amanda Albright

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's report from July 2021; MSP

Report of the Pastor - Karen Kifer

Donation of new paraments was accepted in Memory of Larry Dawson from his family. Donation was approved by the General Operating Committee at the July 22, 2021, meeting.

MOTION to dedicate the new paraments during the service on August 22, 2021, with light refreshments to follow; MSP.

Question: What do we do with the old paraments? They are in poor condition. Discussed options for respectfully disposing of the old paraments.

MOTION to de-commission the old paraments during the service on August 22, 2021, service followed by cremation under the direction of Hart's Funeral Home; MSP.

Letter was sent to Mr. Ray Rupp, head of the MilBell Cemetery Board. Arlene Stock contacted the church for permission to remove or have removed an overgrown shrub which is solely on the cemetery property.

Building Projects update:

The interior of the kitchen door was painted.

Future thoughts: Investigate the purchase of a new sign closer to the road.

Administrative

Discussed the classification of Pastor Karen Kifer's participation in a baptism at First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville on August 8, 2021, according to the Commission Pastor's contract.

MOTION to classify August 8, 2021, as one day of study leave for Paster Karen Kifer; MSP.

Pastor Karen Kifer requests to use her last day of study leave.

MOTION to approve Pastor Karen Kifer's study leave on August 21, 2021, to attend a lecture on Hebrews given by Rev. Craig Kephart and sponsored by the Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation; MSP.

Discussion of Pastor Karen Kifer's vacation (4 days, including one Sunday) in September or October 2021 contingent on obtaining pulpit supply.

Worship:

Pastor Lynn Mance led service on August 8, 2021 while Pastor Karen Kifer was assisting at First Presbyterian Church in Murrysville.

Communion will be serviced on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

Discussed appropriate fees for various services, such as baptism, funerals, and weddings, which could be held at Sewickley Presbyterian Church in the future. Discussion tabled until example fee schedules can be obtained.

New Business:

A Bible Study began on Wednesday, August 5, 2021. Thirteen people were present.

First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville will be having their 50th Annual Tag Sale on September 25, 2021. This is an opportunity for Sewickley Presbyterian Church to help their partner church in preparing for the sale.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ed Gray.

Next Administrative Commission Meeting will be October 20, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

May 12, 2021 (1:00 p.m. at Sewickley Presbyterian Church)

Proceedings:

Meeting opened with prayer

Bible Reading (Psalm 93)

¹The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

²Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

³The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea –
the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

Review of Agenda of the meeting

Review of Administrative Commission Meeting minutes from April 27, 2021; MSP.

Reports:

Report of the Chair – Rev. Ed Gray

Karen L. Kifer was recommended by the Committee on Ministry to be the Commissioned Pastor for Sewickley Presbyterian church and will be Commissioned at the Redstone Presbytery Meeting held on May 25 at 6:00 pm.

Report of the Treasurer - Amanda Albright; MSP approved.

Report of the Pastor

Water damage to ceiling tile in the kitchen was observed. Connie Keefer called the roofing contractor who inspected the roof and resealed around the pipes. He also removed a pipe cap, cleaned it, and reinstalled with fresh sealant. We will continue to monitor the area.

Building Projects update:

Gravel for parking area –Amanda Albright arranged for the delivery of a load of gravel. The gravel will be inspected when the weather dries to determine if more is needed.

Hot water is now available in the restrooms; however, due to the distance from the kitchen it does take time for the water to get hot.

Building Notes Book has been started and currently includes a drawing of the church's water system and maintenance notes. More information will be added as appropriate.

Brighten up the interior of the entry ways – not started.

General cleanup of leaves and debris around the grounds – not started.

Future thoughts: replace or move sign board.

Administrative

Worship

New Business:

Rick Pry to approve pastor's expense vouchers; MSP.

Rick Pry appointed as contact to committee on Ministry; MSP.

Upcoming Events:

June 27, 2021 at 2:00pm – service to celebrate the new pastor including communion.

Doughnuts will be available before and after the service. Invitations will be sent.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Next Administrative Commission Meeting August 11, 1:00 pm.

April 27, 2021 (1:00 p.m. at Sewickley Presbyterian Church)

Proceedings:

Meeting opened with prayer

Bible Reading (2 Chronicles 7:14)

¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Review of Agenda of the meeting

Review of Session Meeting minutes from March 11, 2021

Reports:

Report of the Chair – Rev. Ed Gray appointed a General Operating Committee consisting of Amanda Albright, Connie Keefer, and Karen Kifer to run the day-to-day affairs of the church; MSP

Approve the Commissioned Pastor's contract with Karen Kifer from May 1 through December 31, 2021; MSP

Request the Commissioned Pastor provide office space in her home as necessary to perform the job requirements of a Commissioned Pastor for Sewickley Presbyterian Church because the church building does not include an office; MSP

June 27, 2021 at 2:00pm – service to celebrate the new pastor including communion; MSP

Report of the Clerk – approve Session meeting minutes from March 11, 2021; MSP

Report of the Treasurer by Amanda Albright

Offerings, Pledges, and rent for March was \$5,783.00, including \$1,665.00 received in February and recorded in March. Total expenses for March were \$1,896.04. Ending balance was \$22,484.89

Report of the Pastor

Worship – Maundy Thursday service was held on April 1, 2021, 3:00 p.m.; Communion was served to 13 participants.

Church website – request approval to build a website for the church; 20220 Specialties, LLC has offered to pay for the web hosting fee for 1 year. Check with Mike Givler – Synod of the Trinity – there may be some grant funds available; MSP for the development of a website.

Redstone Presbytery approved the church's request to appoint an Administrative Commission with members: Rev. Gray, Dr. Rick Pry, Amanda Albright, Connie Keefer, and Karen Kifer.

Building Project thoughts for 2021:

Gravel for parking area – more gravel needed due to snow plowing of the road and settling over the winter; Amanda Albright will handle.

Brighten up the interior of the entry ways.

Can we get hot water in the bathrooms so guests can have hot water to wash their hands? Preliminary investigation only – If this becomes a major expense, we will drop the idea.

General cleanup of leaves and debris around the grounds.

Future thoughts: replace or move sign board.

Administrative

Waiver of Elder rotation – will not be needed.

New Business:

Commissioned Pastor Contract

Upcoming Events:

June 27, 2021 at 2:00pm – service to celebrate the new pastor including communion

Meeting adjourned with prayer

Next Administrative Commission Meeting will be on May 12, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.