

Presbytery of Redstone May 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began with a Gathering Video "Spirit Wind" (Work of the People). The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was called to order by Belinda Lambie, Moderator, and convened at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, via ZOOM video conferencing. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator Belinda Lambie.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

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

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
	Susan Blank, MAL	
	Donna Havrisko, HR	
	Chuck MacPerson, HR	
	Aleda Menchyk, HR	
	John Michael, NRHR	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, NRHR	
	Marnie Silbert, HR	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run	Pete Goetschius	Valerie Hansen
Avonmore, First	Caroline Vickery, TS	
Belle Vernon, First	Mary Kay Glunt	Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	
Belle Vernon, Marion		Debbie Matthias
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth	Donald Glunt	Dalton Smith
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CP	
Brownsville, Calvin	Jane Johnson, CovP	Diane Chuboy
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Jane Johnson, CovP	Julie Angelilli
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	
Cresson		
Dawson, Tyrone	Anthony Marciano, CP	
Delmont	Anthony Catullo, IP	David Holm
Derry		
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Laura McGill
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		
Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, Little Redstone	Josh Scully, CP	Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First	Martin Ankrum	Robin Jennings Kathleen Baird Pam Slater
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit

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Greensburg, Westminster	Bill Youmans, IP	
Irwin, First	Ron Wakeman	Phyllis Neral Ray Edelman
Irwin, West Hempfield		
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Lucille Bittner
Johnstown, Bethany		
Johnstown, First	Alice Tondora	Charnet Koch
Johnstown, Second		
Johnstown, Westmont		Bernice Adams
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe		Susannah Calvo
Latrobe, United	John Simpson, IP	
Leisenring	Anthony Marciano, CP	
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace	Ken Foust	Cathy Vitari Glenn Nordmark
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	Debbie Artman Jenn McKay
Masontown		
McClellandtown	Lee McDermott	
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Russ Baird, CP	Jeannette Lindsay
Murrysville, First	Edward Gray	
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Travis Webster, AP	Susan Long Rich Beard
Murrysville, Union	Sue Washburn, IP	
New Alexandria, Community		
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CP	Barry Poglein
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United		
New Salem		Roxanne Gmutza
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Bill Siebert
Patton		Cindy Hammel
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel	Lee McDermott	Cindy Keener
Smock, Pleasant View	Laura Blank	Pam Higinbotham
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	Jack Battenhouse Cheryl Rhea
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third	Ron Johnson	
Uniontown, Trinity		Francis Squires
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		

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West Newton, Sewickley	Karen Kifer, CP	Amanda Albright
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United		
Notation:	(*) = pastor other denomination (**) = pastor/CP serving more than one church (#) = pastor another presbytery	AP = Associate Pastor; CovP = Covenant Pastor; CP = Commissioned Pastor; HR = Honorably Retired; IP = Interim Pastor; MAL = Member at Large

By Virtue of Office: Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; John Dickson, Treasurer; Ellie Johns-Kelley, Presbyterian Foundation; Belinda Lambie, Moderator; Lynn Mance, Presbytery Council; Chuck West, Presbytery Council; Sue Wonderland, Synod of the Trinity

Visitors: Bob Gilson, Jeannette, First; Bobbie Martin, Presbytery Staff; Scott Suki, Greensburg, First

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Buell; Cahn; Carlson; Carnahan; Degitz; Farrer; Giesey; Graff; Hepler; Hess; Hickok; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Kerr; Keys; King; Klein; Lewis; Lighthall; Lloyd; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Morrow; Murphy; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Sharp, W.; Simpson; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; VanWyk; Whitaker

Teaching Elders Absent: Bash; Bass-Riley; Dormire; Durika; Gear; Maiman; Manon; Russell; Siddle; Wirt

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: NONE

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: Glisan; McElroy; Morgan; O'Hara; Prinkey; Smith; Todero; Weightman; Wiegand; Yauger

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator called for the adoption of the Docket which was approved *by consent*.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, reported that to be seated as Corresponding members were Rev. Sue Wonderland, Synod of the Trinity Transitional Executive, member of Philadelphia Presbytery and Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly, Ministerial Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation, member of Lake Erie Presbytery. It was **MSP** to seat these individuals as Corresponding Members.

ARRANGEMENTS

The Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter gave several introductory remarks about the Zoom meeting and provided some instructions on how the meeting would proceed; voting will be done either by a poll that will pop up on each screen or by raising/waving of hands. Any items of new business are to be sent privately to Cliff Foster, Associate Stated Clerk via the chat option, by the end of the Executive Presbyters report.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Report of the Stated Clerk:

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1. Correspondence Log:
 - a. During the period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response to the appropriate entity of Presbytery.
2. The 2020 minutes for Redstone Presbytery were reviewed via email by the Carla Campbell of Pittsburgh Presbytery and were approved with no exceptions and no delinquencies.
3. Committee on Representation report:

On behalf of the Committee on Representation, the Stated Clerk noted the report and areas that may still need to be addressed by the Nominating Committee for future years.
4. It was reported that there will be a special meeting of the Presbytery on July 20, 2021, at 6PM at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, for the purpose of examining and receiving a candidate and for the approval of a call at Westmont Presbyterian Church.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Associate Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Rev. Cliff Foster, presented the Consent Agenda, and it was **MSP** to approve the following items **by consent**:

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 March 23, 2021, be approved.

From the Council

1. Council **recommended** that the Financial Reports presented to the Council and the Presbytery be received and filed for audit.
2. Council **recommended** that any reports of the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Pine Springs Camp, Mission, and Synod Commissioner presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommended** that any of the reports of all subcommittees, networks, and task forces of the Council that are presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.

From the Committee on Ministry

From the Committee on Representation

- I. Committee on Representation **recommended** that the annual report on representation be received, filed, and directed to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly brought greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation. She began with a brief history of the Presbyterian Foundation. She is willing to work with congregations in nurturing an atmosphere of generosity and is available to help congregations with an online giving service, which makes gift-giving easier; stewardship programs; and planned giving. Ellie highlighted stewardshipkaleidoscope.org, the Stewardship Navigator, the Planned Giving Module, and the Church Financial Leadership Academy (passcode is PCUSA), and the upcoming conference September 13-15 in Cincinnati, Ohio, both as an in-person and virtual event. More information is available on the website. There are also grants available for pastoral leaders through the Presbyterian Foundation. Ellie also provided her contact

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information with the Presbytery on the chat feature of Zoom. The presentation concluded with a video called Church Financial Leadership: Introduction by Tom Taylor.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Skip Noftzger called attention to his written report highlighting the four priorities of engage, equip, enable, and empower while being open and responsive to the Spirit as we just celebrated Pentecost. Over the past 14 months during the pandemic, we have had to do things differently while relying on the wind of the Spirit as it was blowing in and around and through us and even through computer screens. The Spirit blew through church leaders even in the midst of difficult decisions. We have seen the effects of that wind blowing. We will rely on the Spirit as we enter a new season.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery worshiped under the leaders of Michelle Kardos, organist; Robin Jennings, soloist and hymn leader; Bobbi Jo Huebner, Call to Worship; Josh Scully, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon; Rev. Sue Wonderland who preached the sermon entitled "One More Time" based on John 15:9-17; and Rev. Martin Ankrum who officiated at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Presbytery then went into Breakout Rooms for a time of Prayer and Intercession. The video "Behold" was played as the Presbytery re-gathered from the Breakout Rooms.

ACTION AGENDA

COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Chuck West, Chair of Presbytery Council, presented the following report and action items. Mr. West highlighted that the New Salem Church has become a Matthew 25 congregation and that Appendix A has more information about the Matthew 25 Initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Dickson, Treasurer, referenced his written report highlighting several items. The information shared is from the month of April.

Action Items

Mr. Joshua Scully reported from the Boswell Administrative Commission stating that there was a final worship service at the Boswell Church with several former members in attendance. They had received a letter from a former member, who is now in ministry, about the impact of that congregation in his life. At present, a title search is underway for the property. The Commission is searching for ways for future use of the building to the glory of God.

Information Items (as published)

April 27, 2021 Meeting

Chuck West, Moderator called the meeting to order by videoconferencing (Zoom). Skip Noftzger introduced Susan Nesti as the newest member of the Council. Moderator West called upon Len Morgan who led the group in a short devotional, discussion, and an opening prayer.

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

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

Moderator Report

Moderator West reviewed two items that had been submitted to the Council since the last meeting for approval by consent. Without objection, both items listed below were reported as approved by consent.

- Permission for First Presbyterian, Greensburg for the sale of 3rd street property.
- Permission for Latrobe Presbyterian, Latrobe for the sale of oil/gas rights property in WV.

Staff Support Subcommittee

Rev. Martin Ankrum, having provided the written report ahead of time, offered a motion recommending the approval of reinstating an additional four hours weekly and associated compensation effective May 1, 2021 for the Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. After discussion, it was MSP to approve this recommendation as submitted.

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 affirmed our intention to hold the May meeting to be conducted at the host site of First Presbyterian, Greensburg, but primarily offered through Zoom. The Council reviewed and affirmed the desire to conduct the September meeting alongside Washington Presbytery in person at Pine Springs Camp subject to changing conditions that will be reviewed at the June and August Council meetings.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report which was reviewed by the Council. Mr. Dickson offered insight on the increased giving in March which was desirable but may more accurately reflect "front loading" of annual giving by a few congregations as well as the traditional first quarter giving. He encouraged those who were to be contacting pastors and sessions about their First Fruits giving to continue to do so.

Pine Springs Camp

Executive Director Greg Davis had submitted a written report. He also reviewed orally the status of the upcoming summer camping ministry including the particular needs resulting of continuing to move forward with offering a camping ministry during this pandemic season. He also noted some anticipated retreat experiences as single day events, including the "Redd Up" day.

May Presbytery Gathering

Rev. Noftzger reviewed the proposed agenda for the upcoming Presbytery gathering by Zoom. The agenda includes the commissioning of Karen Kifer and Tony Marciano to particular pastoral service, the honorable retirement of Rev. Lee McDermott, with Rev. Sue Wonderland preaching, and opportunity for small group prayer breakout sessions. Since the meeting will be

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conducted by Zoom, we will use a similar format. It was MSP to approve the proposed May Presbytery agenda as submitted.

Boswell Administrative Commission

Belinda Lambie presented an update on the progress of the Administrative Commission for the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Boswell. She highlighted the closing service of celebration that was conducted. She described the festive atmosphere, the participation of former pastors, and the great music. She noted the primary current task is to conduct a title search on the property.

Delmont Session Follow Up

Rev. Noftzger introduced the topic of summarizing the concerns and conclusions of the Delmont Session in response to actions of the General Assembly and the Presbytery regarding statements on racism. He represented the viewpoints that Council members heard from these Session members and summarized the statement that was subsequently shared by the Session in the Delmont congregation on the following Sunday. Other participants, Rev. Curtis Paul, Rev. Donna Havrisko, and Moderator Belinda Lambie offered their understanding of what they heard from the Session and their observations of the conversation. Rev. Noftzger reaffirmed that the purpose for requesting the meeting was not to convince one another of the validity of either position but to keep communication open and reinforce our connection together as churches in this Presbytery.

Subcommittees/Networks

Communications

There was no report. Rev. Don Glunt has been out sick with COVID.

Mission Committee

Rev. Havrisko noted the written mission report, highlighting the letter from Rev. Philip Akway Obang. She emphasized the Mission Committee continues to want to hear from congregations on their mission endeavors. Rev. Noftzger noted Rev. Owar Ojulu will be traveling to Ethiopia and South Sudan for the month of June. As a Council, we should consider what type of gift we might send with him to our partners with South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She also reported on congregational vitality and that the Mission group is looking for opportunities to address issues of poverty not only for individual congregations, but in shared commitments.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

There was no report other than to reaffirm the current status of investment assets which had reported earlier in the written report of the Treasurer.

Addictions Ministry Network

Lynn Mance reported that there had been an additional session on assembling the written curriculum available to churches. She highlighted that the curriculum was available in the Presbytery Center through a variety of media, including hard copy on DVD or on a jump drive. She also reported on the progress of the video curriculum which is undergoing final editing by Rev. McDermott.

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Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

The network had not met since the last meeting.

Healing and Prayer Ministry Network

There was no report.

Executive Presbyter

Reminding the Council of our commitment to the Matthew 25 initiative, he noted that the New Salem Church has also endorsed the project as reflecting their mission commitment. Rev. Noftzger talked about the greater purpose of God's kingdom and our labor by God's grace within it; not to sustain churches as organizations, but to be faithful in participation of God's renewal in "making all things new." He then showed the video "Behold," produced by the "Work of the People" website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for action, but a few questions were asked.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

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

Action Items

- It was **MSP** to approve that the Rev. Lee McDermott be designated as "Honorably Retired" status effective July 1. Rev. Sue Washburn shared some highlights of Lee's ministry. He was active in the Addiction Network and helped develop the curriculum that is available to congregations. Sue made mention of how Lee lived into his motto: "It's a God-thing". Lee was ordained by Shenango Presbytery. Prior to serving in Redstone Presbytery, Lee served in West Virginia and Virginia. Lee is a great storyteller. He is also an Addictions Counselor.
- Elder Belinda Lambie led the Presbytery in the liturgy for retiring Ministers being conferred as Honorably Retired and in prayer for Rev. Lee McDermott and his family.
- The Committee on Ministry presented Karen Kifer (Sewickley Presbyterian) and Anthony Marciano (Leisenring Presbyterian) for commissioning. (*Both of these temporary pastoral relationships were approved by the Committee on Ministry (Presbytery Manual)*). The Moderator Belinda Lambie led the Presbytery in the Commissioning service for Karen Kifer and Anthony Marciano as Commissioned Pastors for these two congregations.

Information Items (as published)

May 6, 2021 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

It was **MSP** to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021.

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Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Email Attachment)
- Minutes Review Dates (checklist will be sent out with instructions)
 - May 11, 2021---Presbytery Center
 - May 25, 2021---Pre-Presbytery
- **MSP** to approve the recommendation to the Presbytery at the May 25 meeting to designate Rev. McDermott Honorably Retired on July 1.
- **MSP** to request having a special Presbytery meeting July 20, 2021, Tuesday at 6pm at First Greensburg and for a COM meeting same time and date for purpose of examining and receiving a candidate and for the approval of a call at Westmont Presbyterian Church.

Report of the Moderator

- Approval by consent since the last meeting for permission for the Westminster Presbyterian Church to form the Pastor Nominating Committee.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - No additional examinations since last meeting.
- Action Items
 - **MSP** to approve the eligibility of Karen Kifer to serve as a Commissioned Pastor, who has completed the IPLF program and been examined by the committee.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Transition Chart (Email Attachment)
- Action Items
 - **MSP** to approve the Commissioned Pastor agreement between Karen Kifer and Administrative Commission serving as council for Sewickley Presbyterian Church. (Karen will be commissioned to this particular pastoral service at the May Presbytery meeting).
 - **MSP** to approve the Commissioned Pastor agreement between Anthony Marciano and Leisenring Presbyterian Church. (Anthony will be additionally commissioned to this service at the May Presbytery meeting).

AP/CP Subcommittee (COM/CPM)

- Since our last meeting, the subcommittee has re-authorized several of the preachers listed on the pulpit supply roster.
- Upcoming workshops
 - May 15 - "Shared Leadership-TE/RE"; Rev. Jason Hefner/RE Meg Steele.
- 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

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Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Liaison Reminders
 - Minutes Review
 - Board of Pensions "talking points"
 - Continuing education for pastors
- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
 - Prayers for churches returning to in-person worship and steps moving forward with safety and understanding in mind. Praises as the numbers of those returning to church are increasing.
 - Prayers for PNCs as they start the journey towards discerning their next pastor. Praises for those with candidates as they complete the final steps.
 - Prayers for fund raising efforts for major repairs, for searching for Directors of Christian Education, and for finding musicians to accompany worship services. Praises for those connecting with members out-of-state through CDs of worship services, looking forward to a wedding, and initiating small local mission projects. Praises for Second Sunday Suppers, strawberry festivals, spaghetti dinners, and chicken pies.
 - Healing prayers for those with COVID, for sustaining health, and health problems. Prayers of comfort to those who have lost loved ones.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
 - William Youmans, Martin Ankrum, Larry Armstrong, Russ Baird, Brenda Barnes, Ross Bash, Lori Bass-Riley, Laura Blank, Susan Blank, Cliff Buell.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
 - Sewickley United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; United Presbyterian Church, West Newton; Palmer Community Presbyterian Church, Adah; Poke Run Presbyterian Church, Apollo; First Presbyterian Church, Avonmore; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Harmony Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Marion Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Belle Vernon; Bolivar United Presbyterian Church.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to bring to this meeting.

New Business

There was no new business to bring to this meeting.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Geoff Rach reported on the following action and information items that were included in the packet. He highlighted a bulletin insert, Appendix "C" in the packet, about Christian Education alternatives.

Action Items

Information Items (as published)

April 1, 2021 Meeting

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- I. **MSP - March 4 minutes approved.**
- II. Introduced Cheryl Rhea, Certified Christian Educator. Cheryl discussed the nature and role of Certified Christian Educators not only within the life of local congregations, but within the Presbytery. She presented material on the revisions in opportunities for both CCE and Associate roles. She requested permission to have information about these new opportunities for continuing education and formation for those involved in Christian Education either professionally or as a volunteer. It was **MSP to authorize distribution of the materials through the use of a bulletin insert.**
- III. Skip Noftzger provided updates on James Vlosich and Danielle Kendig. James has enrolled in Fuller Seminary and is currently taking two or three courses. Danielle continues in her seminary coursework at Pittsburgh Seminary. He noted that he had not heard further from Cynthia Bellina. It was agreed that we would try to arrange a conversation/check in with Cynthia at the scheduled May meeting.

Ordination Examination readers---Explaining that each Presbytery nominates ordination exam readers. Redstone Presbytery readers participate in the fall and will need to be nominated at the May Presbytery meeting. **MSP to recommend Rev. Rick Sweeney and RE Robin Jennings and RE Karen Kifer (alternate) to the Nominating Committee for nomination at the Presbytery meeting.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Aleda Menchyk presented the following report of the Nominating Committee.

Action Items

- It was **MSP** to elect the following people to serve as ordination exam readers. The floor was opened for further nominations and there not being any, the motion was passed to elect the following persons as ordination exam readers:
 - Robin Jennings (RE)
 - Rev. Rick Sweeney (TE)
 - Karen Kifer (RE) -alternate

Aleda also asked for any possible candidates for the various committees to contact her or Skip Noftzger.

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 Aleda Menchyk, Nominating Committee Chair.

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PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Greg Davis, Executive Director, reported that today is the first day of leadership training for the summer staff and shared some of the summer plans. The annual Golf Outing was held yesterday; there were 6 major sponsors and more Amen corner sponsors than before, and more golfers than ever. Four scholarships and over \$53,000 was raised. Greg also highlighted the "Encourage a Summer Staffer" program, a flyer was included in the meeting packet. 648 campers are signed up and they hope to have 750 campers. A second welcome packet has been sent out to the campers with the Covid 19 protocols to ensure the safety of everyone. They are still in need of a couple of male counselors and a lifeguard.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Donna Havrisko called attention to the written Mission Committee Report and highlighted that the offering from the meeting is for the South Sudan. She drew attention to Rev. Owar Ojulu who is traveling to Ethiopia in June with his daughter. Ethiopia is the second largest nation in Africa. Owar shared with the Presbytery a video presentation about Ethiopia, and he shared the meanings of his names. Owar a baby born at night and Ojulu second born baby boy. He showed us where Ethiopia is located on a map of Africa. It is the home of the African Union. There are diverse cultures in Ethiopia.

Rev. Donna Havrisko led the Presbytery in a commissioning service for Owar for this upcoming trip and led the Presbytery in prayer for Owar's trip.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 35 Teaching Elders and 6 Commissioned Pastors, 35 Ruling Elders, 0 Christian Educators, 7 by Virtue of Office, and 3 visitors for a total of 86. There were 28 churches represented and 39 congregations without representation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

The Announcement Loop was shared with the Presbytery highlighting many of the events taking place in our congregations during the next few months and other larger events taking place.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Rev. Mary Kay Glunt offered a Resolution of Thanks and a time of prayer for all that has happened during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn with prayer at 8: 22 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Moderator Belinda Lambie closed the meeting with a benediction prayer.

There will be a special called meeting of the Presbytery on July 20 to examine and approve the

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call of a candidate as Pastor of Westmont Presbyterian Church. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on September 22, 2021 at Pine Springs Camp.

Belinda Lambie, Moderator

Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk