

Presbytery of Redstone September 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The ecclesiastical and corporate meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at Westmont Presbyterian Church, Johnstown and via Zoom. The meeting was convened at 6:05 p.m. and opened with prayer by Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator of Redstone Presbytery. He announced that items of new business must be presented to the Associate Stated Clerk of Redstone Presbytery by the end of worship either in person or via the chat feature on Zoom.

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>
	Sylvia Carlson, HR	
	Carole Isley Corey, HR	
	James Farrer, HR	
	Donna Havrisko, HR	
	Lee McDermott, HR	
	Lynn Mance, CP	
	Skip Noftzger, EP	
	Michael Shepard, NRHR	
	Sue Washburn, MAL	
Adah, Palmer Community		
Apollo, Poke Run		
Avonmore, First		
Belle Vernon, First		Bobbi Jo Huebner
Belle Vernon, Harmony	Glenn Hart, CP	Susan Nesti
Belle Vernon, Marion		
Belle Vernon, Rehoboth		Ed Moore
Bolivar, United	James Sunseri, CP	
Brownsville, Calvin	Kristen Emrick, CovP	
Brownsville, Ft. Burd	Kristen Emrick, CovP	Lynne Rankin
Brownsville, Hopewell		
Colver	Owar Ojulu	Jared Lambie
Cresson	Alice Tondora	Craig Cavalet
Dawson, Tyrone		
Delmont		
Derry	Marnie Abraham Russell	
Dunbar, First		
Dunbar, Laurel Hill		
Ebensburg, First	Owar Ojulu	Judy Carl
Fairchance		
Farmington, Mt. Washington		

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Fayette City, First		
Fayette City, L Redstone	Joshua Scully, CP	Audrey Cottle
Greensburg, First		Robin Jennings David McMunn
Greensburg, Maplewood	Steve LaSor	Robert Bereit
Greensburg, Westminster	William Youmans, IP	Duffy Greba
Irwin, First	Doug Rehberg, IP	
Irwin, West Hempfield		Rachael Pritz
Jeannette	Dawn Sherwood	Ed Martinella
Johnstown, Bethany	Denise Todero, CP	
Johnstown, First		Sheila Farrer
Johnstown, Second		Mark Wissinger
Johnstown, Westmont	Ben Nti	Carrie Curry Bernice Adams Barb Lauf
Lake Lynn, Springhill	Molly Hall, CovP	
Latrobe	Derek Campbell	
Latrobe, United		
Leisenring		
Ligonier, Pleasant Grove		
Lower Burrell, Grace		Cathy Vitari
Lower Burrell, Puckety	Brian Kilbert	Deb Artman Jolene Kostelansky
Masontown		
McClellandtown		David Bork
Merrittstown, Dunlap's Creek		
Mt. Pleasant, Reunion	Russ Baird, CP	
Murrysville, First		
Murrysville, Newlonsburg	Curtis Paul Travis Webster, AP	
Murrysville, Union		
New Alexandria, Community	Len Morgan, CP	
New Alexandria, Congruity	Cliff Foster	Kathy Hamilton
New Florence, Bethel	James Sunseri, CP	Barry Poglein
New Florence, Trinity		
New Kensington, United		Marie Davis
New Salem		Megan Radolec
North Huntingdon, New Hope	Brenda Barnes	Donna Van Allen
Patton	Alice Tondora	Cindy Hammel
Revloc		
Scottdale, Calvin		
Smithfield, Grace Chapel		

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Smock, Pleasant View		
Trafford, Level Green	Geoff Rach	
Uniontown, Tent		
Uniontown, Third		
Uniontown, Trinity		
Vanderbilt, E. Liberty		
West Newton, Sewickley		
West Newton, Sewickley U.	Glenn Hart, CP	
West Newton, United		
Notation:	(*) = pastor from another denomination (#) = pastor from another presbytery	(**) = pastor or CRE serving more than one church

By Virtue of Office: John Dickson, Presbytery Treasurer; Belinda Lambie, Presbytery Council

Visitors: Greg Davis, Pine Springs Camp; Becky Moore, Belle Vernon, Rehoboth; Frannie Freeman, Johnstown, Second; Art Moffat, Johnstown, Second; Jackie Eckenrod, Greensburg, Westminster; Mike Travis, Greensburg, Westminster; Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Washington Presbytery; Gary Lichtenfels, Johnstown, Westmont; Bobbie Shaffor, Presbytery Staff; Catherine Weiss, Murrysville, Newlonsburg; Dennis Yates, Greensburg, Westminster; Jay Cramer, Greensburg, Westminster; Danielle Kendig, Johnstown, Westmont; Darcy Sabol, Greensburg, Westminster; Jean Livingston, Johnstown, Westmont

Teaching Elders Excused: Armstrong; Bash; Blank, S.; Buell; Cadenhead, B.; Cadenhead, C.; Carnahan; Catullo; Degitz; Giesey; Glunt, D.; Glunt, M.; Graff; Hepler; Hess; Holben; Jalso; Keith; Keys; Klein; Lewis; Lighthall; Lloyd; Macaleer; MacPherson; Marshall; Mason; Maxwell; McClure; Menchyk; Morrow; Murphy; Murray; Orr; Pressler; Sharp; Simpson; Stevens; Stobaugh; Sweeney; Upton; Van Wyk; Wirt; Youmans

Teaching Elders Absent: Ankrum; Bass-Riley; Blank, L.; Dormire; Durika; Gear; Goetschius; Gray; Maiman; Manon; Siddle

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused: Kifer

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

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

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

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS AND INTRODUCTION OF OTHER VISITORS

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that the Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs, Washington

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Presbytery, be seated as a Corresponding Member of Redstone Presbytery for this meeting. It was **MSP** to approve this motion *by consent*. The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster, moved that the following persons be given voice for this meeting: Daniel Kendig, Westmont, Johnstown; Mike Travis, PNC Chair Westminster, Greensburg; and Darcy Sabol, Clerk of Session, Westminster, Greensburg. It was **MSP** to approve this motion *by consent*.

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

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.
2. The list of proposed presbytery meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year approved by the Council are presented below. We welcome invitations to serve as meeting host for any of these meetings.
 - a. January 28 – Greensburg, Westminster (Hybrid-In person/ Zoom)
 - b. March 28 – West Hempfield, Irwin (Hybrid-In person/ Zoom)
 - c. May 23 – (Hybrid-In person/ Zoom) – *open for requests*
 - d. September 26 – Latrobe (Main Street), Latrobe (Hybrid-In person/ Zoom)
 - e. November 18 – First Presbyterian, Jeannette (Hybrid-In person/ Zoom)
3. There remain a number of churches who still need to have reviewed their session minutes and church register for 2021 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 meeting of the May 24, 2022, be

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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 the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, Mission, and Pine Springs Camp reports presented to the Presbytery be received and filed.
3. Council **recommended** that the written reports of all committees, networks and task forces be received and filed.
4. Council **recommended** the adoption of the proposed 2023 Budget 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.*)
5. Council **recommended** the approval by omnibus motion of each of the revisions to the Presbytery manual as presented in the meeting packet.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry **recommended** that Presbytery grant the request from the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown to waive the rotation of terms of service for Darlene Trosis, Ruling Elders.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

From the Nominating Committee

From the Committee on Representation

From the Sewickley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

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

It was **MSP** to approve the Consent Agenda **by consent**.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Rev. Skip Noftzger, Executive Presbyter, provided the EP Report that was included in the meeting packet. Skip mentioned that the Presbytery is still looking for a host church for the May 2023 meeting.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Elder John Dickson, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's Report that was included in the meeting packet. John highlighted a couple of the items in the report. The next pledge level is October which is 75% of the year. The year-to-date receipts have exceeded the 67% mark for the year, they are presently at 73% income level.

WORSHIP

Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator introduced Rev. Ben Nti, pastor of Westmont Church who welcomed the Presbytery. During the Processional Hymn, members of the Presbytery were invited to bring objects that represent their congregation's mission and ministry. These objects were placed in the front of the sanctuary. The Presbytery worshiped under the leadership of the following persons: the Organist and choir of Westmont, Johnstown; Gary Lichtenfels who led the Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer; Rev. Alice Tondora who led the Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon; Rev. Skip Noftzger who led the Prayer for Illumination and introduced "Dwelling in the Word"; Rev. Molly Hall, Glenn Hart, and Rev. Skip Noftzger who read Scripture; Cindy Hammel, Patton; Jean Livingston, Westmont; and Rev. Sylvia Carlson, who shared stories of Calling, Ministry and Mission; Rev. Owar Ojulu who led the Prayer of Dedication for the Offering, the offering will go for relief to the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church; Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator, led the Commissioning of the Presbytery; Rev Ben Nti and Rev. Carole Isley Corey led a Blessing of the Hands; Rev. Ben Nti led the Charge to the Congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS LOOP

The announcements loop was provided highlighting many of the upcoming events within our Presbytery over the next several months. The Announcement Loop will be available on the Presbytery website.

ACTION AGENDA

Council

Elder Belinda Lambie, called attention to the report of the Council in the meeting packet. She presented the following report and action items of Presbytery Council:

Action Items

- The Council notes the first reading of the 2023 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 2023 budget is included in the appendices of the Presbytery packet.
- The Council reports on the 2021 Financial Review completed by our external auditor and **recommended** that it be received and filed. This was approved *by consent*.
- The Council encourages sessions of all Redstone Presbytery congregations to consider increases to their First Fruits pledge for 2023.
- The Council presents the commissioners to the 2022 General Assembly for a report

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to the Presbytery.

GA COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Elder Judy Carl reported that she served on the committee Addressing Violence in the USA at this year's General Assembly. She talked about 2 resolutions: 1) 2022-2032 the decade to reduce gun violence and mental health programs. 2) Revise and reorganize the Office of General Assembly and the General Assembly Mission Council into one entity to be efficient in its work. She thanked the Presbytery for the opportunity to serve as a commissioner.

Elder Audrey Cottle reported that most of her thoughts had been shared in a recent issue of the Presbytery Enews. She reflected that this is our church, and we are responsible to be involved in the work of the Church. She served on the Immigration Committee. She encouraged everyone to serve when asked to be a Commissioner.

Rev. Dawn Sherwood reported and thanked the Presbytery to be part of a historical General Assembly. There was a lot of training leading up to the committee meetings and General Assembly. She served on the Finance Resource Committee. There was respect in discussion even when there was disagreement. She referenced the concept of Equity Primed card which were to be kept in mind as decisions were made.

Council Information Items (as published)

August 23, 2022 Meeting

Belinda Lambie, Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Moderator Lambie welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. Some members were present in person at the Presbytery Center, and some were present through Zoom videoconferencing.

Rev. Dawn Sherwood led the devotions based on a reading from the sixth chapter of the gospel of John

- Moderator requested that the agenda as submitted be considered. The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network report was added to the agenda. With that addition, the agenda was approved **by consent**.
- The minutes of the June 28, 2022, meeting were approved by **MSP**.
- Barbara Terek, from the firm of Horner, Wible & Terek was introduced. This firm has completed and presented the financial review for the 2021 fiscal year. Ms. Terek reviewed the management letter, the balance sheet and changes in net assets along with the accompanying notes. She also reviewed the schedule of budgeted to actual of revenues and expenditures. Members of the Council inquired of various components of the audit. Upon hearing the report, it was **MSP** to receive the financial review and file it for availability within the presbytery.

Moderator Report

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

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Stated Clerk Report

The Council reviewed the meeting dates and a possible host for 2023 which were the following:

- January 28 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom) – Westminster, Greensburg-confirmed
- March 28---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)--- West Hempfield, Irwin-
- May 23---(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)---Latrobe, Main Street-requested
- September 26 – (Hybrid-In person/Zoom)
- November 18 – First Presbyterian, Jeannette-(Hybrid-In person/Zoom)

- It was **MSP** to approve the request of Latrobe Presbyterian Church (Main Street) to serve as host site for the September meeting and the First Presbyterian Church of Jeannette to host the November meeting.

- Rev. Noftzger presented the “unofficial” General Assembly amendments. Each of these will require a vote by each presbytery and will need a majority prior to ratification. Possible inclusion of the Redstone Presbytery agenda might be for November 2022; January 2023 or March 2023. He solicited volunteers from Council to review the amendments, propose scheduling on the agenda and deciding on relevant presbytery committees/structures that recommendations might be solicited. Martin Ankrum, Cliff Foster, Dawn Sherwood, and Brenda Barnes volunteered to serve on this task force on behalf of Council. It was **MSP** to authorize them to act on behalf of the Council in that regard.

- Rev. Noftzger highlighted the upcoming Council meeting schedule and reminded members that all members of the Council (Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder) are designated by office members of the Presbytery with voice and vote.
October 25
December 6

- Rev. Noftzger provided a list of possible dates for 2023 Council meetings. Upon review, it was **MSP** to approve the following dates as proposed.
January 10
February 28
April 25
June 27
August 29
October 24
November 28

- As the result of reviewing our First Commonwealth bank accounts for a name change of one of the signatures, we discovered that in addition to the name change, there were several that were out of date or no longer relevant. Consequently, the Council, acting as Trustees of Redstone Presbytery, **MSP** to authorize the following actions:
 1. Removal of Gary G. Close and Cheryl A. Croushore from the list of signatories.
 2. Authorize the following four people to be listed as the approved signatories on all Redstone Presbytery accounts with First Commonwealth Bank.
 - a. Richard L. Noftzger Jr. – Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk
 - b. John R. Dickson IV – Treasurer
 - c. Gerald L. Cumer – Assistant Treasurer
 - d. Robert R. Shaffor (formerly Roberta Martin) – Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper

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Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of July 2022. He noted that Church Commitments receipted for the month of June and July, fell short of the monthly goal. The Presbytery hopes at a minimum, to record \$26,667 and each month the Presbytery fell short by between 4-6,000 dollars.

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

There was no report.

Committees/Networks

Staff Support

A written report was submitted. The committee is making recommendations on staff members compensation to the Finance committee for consideration in preparing the 2023 budget.

The committee proposed additional revision in the Presbytery manual regarding notice requirements for the Stated Clerk, Associate Stated Clerk, and Recording Clerk positions. It was **MSP** to recommend these changes to the Presbytery and to include in the consent agenda.

Communications

A preview of another one of the "One the Road with Redstone" videos was shown to the Council. There is a need for additional technological support for our hybrid Presbytery meetings. If you know of anyone willing to volunteer, please let Skip know.

Mission

The written Mission subcommittee report for July was reviewed. There was a meeting in August, but the report was not yet available. The committee has solicited the Westmont and Patton congregations to offer "minutes for mission" at the September Presbytery Meeting. At that meeting as well, Rev. Carlson and Rev. Noftzger will provide an update on the recent annual gathering of the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network Meeting held in Nebraska.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Bobbi Jo Huebner reported on progress of the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee concerning assessment of the use and purpose of the building, including meeting with Maplewood representatives.

The committee met in August to prepare a recommended budget for consideration by Council. Having reviewed the recommendations from Staff Support as well as trend lines in income and expenses, a proposed budget was recommended to the Council. It was **MSP** to approve recommending the proposed budget to the Presbytery for a first reading in September and second reading/vote in November.

On behalf of the Finance committee, it was recommended that our relationship with Horner, Wible & Terek be continued for the financial review. It was **MSP** to approve contracting with Horner, Wible & Terek to conduct the 2022 financial review of the Presbytery and to provide a report to the Council of their findings.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation network provided a written report of their last meeting

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The network request approval of setting up a table at the September Presbytery meeting for distribution of the "Baptism Promises" book by Carol Wehrheim. It was **MSP** to approve this distribution.

It was requested to invite members of the Valley View Presbyterian Church to come to the November Presbytery meeting (Newlonsburg) to talk about their experience installing solar panels. It was **MSP** to grant the request.

Consideration was given to inviting Asa Lee or Ralph Lowe to preach to a future presbytery meeting. Rev. Noftzger noted that he and Laura Blank were already moving forward with inviting Asa Lee to a meeting in 2023.

Consideration given to the worship team to invite Owar Ojulu or Ben Nti to give a testimonial about their experiences in coming to the US in the heart of a future worship time at Presbytery.

Addictions Ministry Network

There was no report.

Healing and Prayer Ministry

No report.

Presbyterian Women

No report.

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Noftzger provide updates on various things going on in the Presbytery. On behalf of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, he presented a series of revisions in the Presbytery manual for greater clarification and codifying existing practices of those two standing committees under their designated responsibilities. It was **MSP** to recommend approval of these revisions and present to the Presbytery on the consent agenda.

As a follow up to our previous discussions and as a means to continue to keep our priorities before us, Rev. Noftzger presented a "dashboard" of possible one-year and ninety objectives correlated with each of the four priorities. Council members were encouraged to review and offer feedback going forward.

September Presbytery Agenda

A draft of the agenda for the September Presbytery meeting was presented and reviewed. Upon review, it was **MSP** to approve subject to any necessary late revisions.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business for action.

PRAYERS FOR EACH AND OUR COMMUNITIES

Prayer requests were solicited, then lifted up in intercession by various members of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned by MSP with an acclamation by all members of the Council at 8:30 p.m.

June 28, 2022 Meeting

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

The minutes of the February 22, 2022 and April 26 meetings were approved by MSP.

Moderator Report

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

Stated Clerk Report

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It was MSP to approve the requests of Westminster and West Hempfield to serve as host sites for the January and March meetings, respectively.

Rev. Noftzger highlighted the upcoming Council meeting schedule and reminded members that all members of the Council (Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder) are designated by office members of the Presbytery with voice and vote.

August 23

October 25

December 6

Treasurer Report

Treasurer John Dickson had submitted a written report based upon the end of the month of May 2022. He noted that Church Commitments receipted for the month of May, fell short of the monthly goal by \$5,773. The Presbytery hopes at a minimum, to record \$26,667 and this month \$20,894 was recognized. However YTD, Church Commitments received are ahead of budget by \$10,253.

Total income for the month of May, is also below budget expectation by \$7,357, but YTD ahead of budget totaling \$33,937. Attributing to the positive YTD income; are funds released from Temporarily Restricted and Miscellaneous Income accounts (funds generated through preaching/consulting by Rev. Noftzger as well as grants he has obtained). For the month ending May, monthly expenses exceed income (-\$8,865) and YTD income is positive (\$16,381).

On investments and holdings, the Ameriprise Statement ending May, reports another negative change in value at -\$4,234, which is less than previous months. Accumulated investment losses YTD, total -\$93,656. Total ending account value equals \$603,604. Other Assets & Holdings including First Commonwealth (\$164,198), PILP (\$10,000), New Covenant (\$344,154), & Petty Cash (\$250) total \$518,602. Total Investments & Holdings = \$1,122,206

Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp

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There was no report.

Committees/Networks

Staff Support

A written report was submitted. The committee is making recommendations on staff member compensation to the Finance committee for consideration in preparing the 2023 budget.

The committee proposed a revision in the “terms of service” Executive Presbyter section of the Presbytery Manual. It was MSP to recommend these changed to the Presbytery and to include in the consent agenda.

The question was raised whether similar consideration should be given to the language in the Stated Clerk, Associate Clerk and Recording Clerk as well. The Staff Support committee agreed to review and present any recommendations at the next meeting.

Communications

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Mission

The written Mission subcommittee report was reviewed. The committee will continue to engage congregations by having two churches at each presbytery meeting discuss what they are doing in mission. The committee announced that the Sudan/South Mission Network meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on August 2-4. Rev. Sylvia Carlson and Rev. Skip Noftzger are planning on participating.

Budget, Finance and Stewardship

Bobbi Jo Huebner reported that the Budget, Finance and Stewardship committee task group will meet with representatives from Maplewood about the building agreement and any limitations on future options. The committee will be meeting in August to prepare a recommended budget for consideration by Council at the August meeting.

Racial Justice and Reconciliation Network

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation network provided a written report of their last meeting

Addictions Ministry Network

Written report submitted.

Healing and Prayer Ministry

No report.

Presbyterian Women

No report.

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Noftzger presented some material on organizational life cycles and discernment as we move forward as a presbytery. He initiated a discussion on the article by Susan Beaumont on “strategic thinking” and the six habits to cultivate. Additionally, the Council broke into small groups to brainstorm

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- What we have learned about presbytery ministry and mission during the pandemic?
- How have the last few years refined or revised what God has called us to be and do together?
- What ministry practices should be changed or modified?
- What new ministries have or are emerging?
- What ministries or practices have either stopped or should be discontinued?

Each of the groups shared some of their discussion and collective wisdom. Rev. Noftzger noted that the discussion would continue at the next meeting in August as well.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

There was no new business for action.

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HEALING AND PRAYER MINISTRY NETWORK

Rev. Jim Farrer called attention to the last page of the Presbytery packet about the \$1000 free gift offer and the Timothy Track seminar which precedes the upcoming Wee Kirk Conference at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Jim pointed out the several members of our Presbytery will be leading workshops at the Wee Kirk Conference.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP REPORT

Greg Davis, Executive Director, reported that he and his wife completed their 16th season at Pine Springs Camp. He also presented a Power Point video about the 2022 Summer Camp. Greg thanked the Presbytery for the partnership in providing encounters with Christ for the campers. There was an 18% increase from 2021. Due to Covid concerns 32 campers canceled. This was the first year of a Traveling Day Camp in Murrysville and in cooperation with First Presbyterian and Newlonsburg churches in Murrysville. There were 34 campers. They were able to provide many of the activities/events that are typically part of what happens at the camp. He also pointed out some upcoming retreat events: Women in the Woods first weekend in October, Big 1 Retreat on October 21-23, and the Friends Dinner on November 20 at Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College. Next year 2023 will be the 75th anniversary of the camp.

ON THE ROAD WITH REDSTONE

The Presbytery viewed the latest video in the "On the Road with Redstone" done by Rev. Don Glunt highlighting Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg.

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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Elder Josh Scully presented the following report and action items for the Committee on Ministry:

The COM will be conducting ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training events in various locations throughout the Presbytery. More information will be forthcoming.

Action Items

- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** endorsement of a 4% raise in effective salary for continuing pastors. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** approval of the required 2023 minimum terms of call for installed pastors and certified Christian Educators (80% of MWS Pastors) as proposed. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.
- The Committee on Ministry **recommended** examination of Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs to be received into membership of the Presbytery of Redstone and approval of the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Frayer-Griggs and the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.

Representatives from the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Elder Mike Travis, PNC chair and Elder Darcy Sabol, Clerk of Session gave a brief overview of the process that led them to calling Jennifer Frayer-Griggs to be their next called and installed pastor.

The Presbytery examined Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs and she responded to several questions asked of her Statement of Faith. Jennifer told the Presbytery that she thought she would be involved in urban ministry, her first call was to Peters Creek a non-urban setting and now she has been called to Westminster church. She was asked about her understanding of the Kingdom of God. She was asked about her self-care and care of her family. It was **MSP** to arrest the examination. It was **MSP** to receive Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs into membership of Redstone Presbytery and approve the call to an installed pastoral relationship between Rev. Frayer-Griggs and the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Moderator Curtis Paul offered a prayer for Rev. Frayer-Griggs and the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Committee on Ministry Information Items (as published)

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Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of August 4, 2022.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents)
- Minutes Review
 - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)

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- Proposed Manual revisions recommended in August have been approved to be recommended to the Presbytery for approval in September meeting (consent agenda).

Report of the Moderator

- Moderator appointments
 - ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training may be available Presbytery wide by certified instructor Rev. Ed Gray. This 2 -3 hr training of defined curriculum for houses of worship will be in the evening with one training session planned for each of the four district (one church within each district will be the host site).
 - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown moderator will remain Rev. Chuck MacPherson.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Examinations and Membership

- Information Items
 - Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs was extended a call contingent upon Presbytery approval to serve as the next installed pastor.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Orientation for Grace Community Church will take place on September 7.
 - The Trinity, New Florence PNC is in the process of producing the Ministry Information Form.
 - First Presbyterian, Johnstown has posted their Ministry Information Form and begun searching.
 - Latrobe United and McClellandtown continue their search processes. Latrobe United has begun advertising online and in various sources. McClellandtown is conducting interviews.
 - Union is taking a break during the summer.
 - Transition Chart (handout)
 - Initial draft of possible options for “Minimum Terms of Call” for 2023.
- Action Items
 - **MP** of the approval of a 2% increase in effective salary for the 2023 minimum terms of call for installed pastors. It was noted in the discussion that effective January 1, 2023, medical dues will increase 2%, from 27% to 29%, bringing the total Board of Pension (BOP) dues to 39% of effective salary, up from 37%.
 - **MP** of the approval of a recommendation for a Presbytery recommendation to congregations of a 4% effective salary increase for continuing pastors. The recommendation to congregations is to include that alternative types of compensation such as extra vacation and/or continuing education time may be explored if congregations budgetary constraints prohibit the full 4% effective salary increase.
 - **MP** of the approval of the installation commission for Rev. Travis Webster, Newlonsburg on September 25th at 3:00 p.m.
 - Rev. Curtis Paul
 - Rev. Skip Noftzger
 - Rev. Becca Siddle
 - Susan Keaney
 - Dave Washburn

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- Connie Cauvel

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Articles for review
 - 4 Ways to Discover and Activate Servant Leadership
 - Christian Formation Celebration Week
 - Churches should act more like philanthropies
 - Dealing with depression when you’re the Pastor
 - New Beginnings, New Challenges; Recognizing Excitement, Anxiety
 - What Small Church Pastors Wish Others Knew
 - Churchgoers Working on Sunday Could Spark Outreach Opportunities”
- Resources within Presbytery
 - Vital Congregations Toolkit
 - Education and Nurture –
 - Wee Kirk Conference – October 10-12
 - IPLF Course – Introduction to New Testament
 - IPLF Workshops –
 - September 10 – Preaching the Psalms
 - October 8 – Preaching Laboratory
 - November 12 – Creative Celebration of Sacraments
 - December 10 – Leading as a Small Church Moderator
 - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:
Prayers for all going back to school. Prayers for churches in transition and PNCs. Prayers for those searching for music directors and youth directors. Prayers for those with health issues, those who are caring for and supporting a loved one while still leading their church, and for those bravely fighting cancer. Prayers for those dealing with grief and loss.
Praises for churches celebrating new beginnings with new pastors. Praises for small churches as they fill Session with church leaders. Praises for Sunday School Rallies and new confirmation classes. Praises for weddings and anticipated new members. Praises for a new accessibility ramp, mission events, and fellowship outings.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:
Kristen Emrick, James Farrer, Cliff Foster, Ken Foust, James Gear, James Giesey, Eric Glisan, Donald Glunt, Mary Kay Glunt, Pete Goetschius.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:
United Presbyterian Church, New Kensington; New Salem Presbyterian Church; New Hope Presbyterian Church, North Huntingdon; Patton Presbyterian Church; Revloc Presbyterian Church; Calvin United Presbyterian Church, Scottdale; Grace Chapel Presbyterian Church, Smithfield; Pleasant View Presbyterian Church, Smock; Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford; Tent Presbyterian Church, Uniontown.

New Business

- Liaisons are asked to encourage people to attend the Wee Kirk conference.

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- Reminder of IPLF workshop Preaching Laboratory in which attendees give mini sermons and receive feedback.
- Recommending for Mission Committees to attend the World Mission Initiative conference "Missional Leadership In a Time of Disruption" held Online via Zoom and in-person at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on October 7th - 8th with keynote speaker Rev. Eugene Cho (Word and Bread Institute) (for more details see the Presbytery e-news).

Adjournment

It was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. with prayer offered by Rev. Ben Nti.

August 4, 2022 Meeting

Approval of Minutes

MSP approval of the minutes of May 5, 2022.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk updated the committee on the following items:

- Correspondence Log (Meeting Documents)
- Minutes Review
 - List of Churches not yet completed (Meeting Documents)
- MSP to approve the recommendation of Waiver of Rotation request from the Dunlaps Creek Presbyterian Church for a waiver of the provisions regarding the limitation on terms of service for Darlene Trosis as a Ruling Elder.
- MSP to approve request from Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church to validate and approve if the way be clear the designation of Rev. Marnie Silbert at Associate Pastor Emerita.
- MSP to approve request from Westmont Presbyterian Church to approve the designation of Rev. Carole Corey (HR) as Parish Associate and to approve this as validated ministry.
- MSP to approve the recommendation of proposed manual revisions in COM responsibilities to be submitted to the Council for recommendation to the Presbytery. (reference Meeting documents).
 - Remove AP/CP subcommittee; reassign responsibilities to COM and CPM
 - Authority to approve Pastor Emeritus
 - Convene a session
 - Convene a congregation

Report of the Moderator

- Consent items authorized and approved between meetings
 - Approval by consent for Rev. Sue Washburn to labor outside the bounds in Kiski Presbytery.
- Moderator appointments
 - ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate) training may be available Presbytery wide by certified instructor Rev. Ed Gray.
 - First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown

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- Correspondence sent from the Associate Stated Clerk to Patrick Ewing on his status and the necessary steps to complete for consideration of restoration.
- Met with the candidate for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg on July 21, 2022.
- Action Items
 - **MP** recommendation of the presentation of Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs to the Presbytery for approval as a Minister of Word and Sacrament member of the Presbytery.

Search and Call

- Information Items
 - Grace Community Church has elected a PNC. The PNC will begin the process of producing the Ministry Information Form.
 - The Trinity, New Florence PNC is in the process of producing the Ministry Information Form.
 - First Presbyterian, Johnstown has submitted their Ministry Information Form for approval.
 - Latrobe United and McClellandtown are in the search process of filtering possible candidates and interviewing. Union is taking a break during the summer.
 - Transition Chart (handout)
 - Initial draft of possible options for “Minimum Terms of Call” for 2023.
- Action Items
 - **MP** of the approval of the call and its terms by Westminster Presbyterian Church to Rev. Jennifer Frayer-Griggs as the next installed pastor effective October 1, 2022.
 - **MP** of the approval of the authorization of the MIF from the PNC of the First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown.
 - **MP** of the approval of the authorization of the MIF from the PNC of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence.

COM Liaison Responsibilities and Resources

- Liaison “Prompts” of Ministry reflections for conversations
 - Articles for review
 - “Attracting and Engaging People”
 - “How to Turn Ministry Difficulty Into Delight”
 - “How to Use Social Media as a Church”
 - “Spend Some Time Alone”
 - Possible Questions for Pastors –
 - Have you made time during the summer for vacation, relaxation or renewal? In what ways, have you found yourself refreshed? In what ways, does it remain a struggle?
 - As we enter into the new season of fall and a new school year, what are your hopes and dreams for ministry for the next year? What will you need from the session, from congregation members, from the presbytery to participate in that vision?
 - How might we (COM) lift up in prayer not only your congregation and its ministry, but you personally?
 - Possible Questions for Clerks –
 - If you have not completed your minutes review, how may I get together with you in order to review your minutes and register?
 - Do you need any assistance and support in order to feel effective in fulfilling the responsibilities of the clerk?
 - Are you wrestling with the impact of inflation upon the compensation of your current pastor?

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- Possible Questions for Others –
 - What are your hopes and dreams for this upcoming fall?
 - What is one thing that you are excited about because you have seen God working in and through your congregation?
 - What will be the main priorities for you and other members of the congregation in the upcoming months?
- Resources within Presbytery
 - Vital Congregations Toolkit
 - Education and Nurture –
 - Wee Kirk Conference – October 10-12
 - IPLF Course---Introduction to New Testament
 - IPLF Workshops –
 - August 13-Tech for Today's Church
 - September 10-Preaching the Psalms
 - October 8-Preaching Laboratory
 - November 12-Creative Celebration of Sacraments
 - December 10-Leading as a Small Church Moderator
 - Ministry strategy consultation – Rev. Skip Noftzger

Care of Congregations and Congregational Leaders

- Prayers were lifted in answer to requests that had been received for:

Prayers for those dealing with COVID. Healing prayers for those suffering from cancer. Prayers for those recovering from cataract surgery and knee replacement surgery. Prayers for those affected by gun violence and prayers for the situation in Ukraine. Prayers for safe travels. Prayers for smaller churches, churches with open offices (no Clerk and no Treasurer), and prayers for solutions for tenant issues. Prayers for PNCs working on their MIF forms. Praises for anniversary celebrations, for dinner celebrations, and peach festivals. Praises for youth ministry, Pine Spring Camp, and well attended VBS. Praises for successful mission projects and restored basement.
- The following Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors were prayed for during this time:

Cynthia Cadenhead, Robert Cahn, Sylvia Carlson, Terry Carnahan, Anthony Catullo, Carole Isley Corey, Daniel Chow, Gene Degitz, Lisa Dormire, Ronald Durika.
- The following churches were prayed for during this time:

McClellandtown Presbyterian Church; Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church, Merrittstown; Reunion Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant; First Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Union Presbyterian Church, Murrysville; Community United Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Congruity Presbyterian Church, New Alexandria; Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence; Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Florence.

Adjournment

It was **MSP** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. with prayer offered by Rev. Donna Havrisko.

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COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Geoff Rach presented the following action item.

- Rev. Rach introduced Danielle Kendig from the Westmont church to the Presbytery and asked her about her call to ministry. Danielle has been the Director of Christian Education at Westmont for 10 years. She is active in the community, and she serves on a couple of boards. The Presbytery then asked questions of Danielle in regard to her calling and experiences.
- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry **recommended** that Danielle Kendig (Inquirer, Westmont) be designated as a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of Redstone Presbytery. It was **MSP** to approve this motion.

Danielle was joined by her family and Rev. Curtis Paul, Moderator, led the Presbytery in a liturgy celebrating Danielle becoming a candidate.

Committee on Preparation Information Items (as published)

September 6, 2022 Meeting

1. Opening in Prayer by Geoff Rach.
2. Approval of minutes of July 26, 2022, as corrected; **MSP**.
3. Tammy Noss joined the meeting in person.
 - a. Tammy Noss is nearly completed with the IPLF program. She has to finish the last 2 practicums, which she is currently working on.
 - b. She has been preaching with some regularity at Avonmore.
 - c. Skip Noftzger asked what are you working on now?
 - i. Tammy Noss is preaching at Avonmore church - 2-3 Sundays a month.
 - ii. She has preached at Union Church in Murrysville. It was a bit difficult because the church broadcasts it live.
 - iii. Tammy Noss also preached at Congruity Church.
 - d. Skip Noftzger asked, "What has been the best sermon?"
 - i. At Congruity Church, the congregation was impressed that it was the first time she was preaching.
 - ii. At Avonmore Church, one person asked for the title and author of a book she referenced in the sermon
 - e. Tammy Noss uses an outline, which she fills in as she reads, prays, and prepares for the sermon.
 - i. She uses a manuscript form and is working to reduce her dependence on it.
 - ii. Her biggest challenge in the IPLF program was Skip Noftzger's New Testament class
 1. Tammy Noss also finds it hard going into a new place you have never been.
 2. She finds Children's sermons hard.
 3. Skip Noftzger remarked that Children's sermons are hard to do so that the children will understand,
 4. John Manon suggested selecting one word out of the passage and explaining it.

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5. Dawn Sherwood suggested having something for the children to hold in their hands.
 - iii. Practicums
 1. Cliff Foster was very informative in the Pastoral Care and Preaching Practicums.
 2. John Simpson is her mentor for Church Administration and Worship and Sacraments Practicums.
 3. Tammy Noss is working on memorizing a Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.
 - iv. IPLF – Tammy Noss likes the program
 1. She learned a lot about herself during the program.
 2. In 2017, Tammy Noss' mother had a lung transplant.
 3. In 2018, her husband had a liver transplant.
 4. One day, Tammy Noss felt a tap on her shoulder and heard God speaking to her, "I've given you two miracles, and now you need to do something for me"
 5. In October 2019, she had a stroke and has completely recovered.
 - v. Tammy lives in Blairsville
 - vi. Once a church, you, and Presbytery find a good fit,
 1. Then the COM examines the person prior to commissioning
 - f. She would like to be commissioned when she has finished the requirements.
 - i. The CPM's job is to verify that all requirements have been completed and that the individual is eligible to be commissioned.
 - g. Tammy Noss would like to continue at Avonmore.
 - h. Motion to approve Tammy Noss as eligibility for commissioning, "if the way be clear" (successful completion of the remaining requirements); **MSP**.
 - i. Committee members prayed for Tammy Noss.
4. Jackie Eckenrod will begin the IPLF program in Fall 2022.
- a. Jackie Eckenrod has completed the application and is enrolled in the Introduction to the New Testament Class.
 - b. She has experience with music, art, and leading people toward God.
 - c. Jackie Eckenrod was baptized six years ago.
 - d. She started taking classes for her Master's degree in Counseling at Liberty University.
 - i. She didn't realize she needed to declare a concentration at first.
 - ii. Jackie Eckenrod is in the 2nd semester in the Pastoral counseling tract.
 - iii. Westminster Presbyterian Church could use someone to head their youth department.
 - iv. Jackie Eckenrod is interested in developing a youth program.
 - v. She is looking forward to learning more about the Bible and analyzing scripture with a group to understand it more deeply.
 - vi. She previously worked in hospice and has experience in senior care settings.
 - vii. Her classes at Liberty University have led her to behavioral health (counseling 2 young boys with autism through Connellsville Counseling) and as an addiction counselor, which she started last week with RHJ counseling in Hunker.
 - viii. These experiences will help with the practical hours required by her Master's degree program.
 - ix. Jackie Eckenrod is interested in hospice chaplaincy or counseling with older adults.
 - x. She lives in Scottdale
 - xi. Jackie Eckenrod has been endorsed by the Westminster Presbyterian Session, where she is a member.

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- e. Motion to approve Jackie Eckenrod's enrollment in IPLF; **MSP**.
- f. Committee members prayed for Jackie Eckenrod.

5. Liaison reports/Consultation table.

- a. James Vlosich will be invited to the October 4 meeting.
 - i. He finished his Summer courses and will take Hebrew in Fall.
 - ii. James Vlosich needs to take a polity class.
 - iii. He will sign up for the Bible Content exam for February 2023.
- b. Danielle Kendig will be accepted as a Candidate at the Redstone Presbytery September meeting.
- c. Bob Sheehan was examined and commissioned in May 2022.
- d. Rick Zoltak met with the CPM in May and is not interested in being commissioned.
- e. Seth Myers – Skip Noftzger will invite to the CPM November 1 meeting.
- f. Karen Gray met with the CPM in May 2022

6. New business – none.

7. Adjournment/Prayer by Geoff Rach.

8. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. October 4--- James Vlosich
- b. November 1--- Jeff Keilman (?); Seth Myers (?)

December 6---no meeting(?)

July 26, 2022 Meeting

9. Approval of minutes of June 7, 2022, as written; **MSP**.

10. Jackie Eckenrod will enroll in the IPLF program in Fall 2022

- a. She started last fall in the Master's Degree Program in counseling – she has selected the Pastoral counseling tract.
- b. Jackie has experience with music, art, and leading people toward God.
- c. She helps people obtain answers to their problems through prayer.
- d. The Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church needs to endorse Jackie's application.

11. Danielle Kendig joined the meeting via Zoom.

- a. Danielle Kendig took the summer off from classes to spend extra time with her family.
 - i. She was enjoying a camping trip with her family this week.
- b. Discussed the upcoming semester and her move to candidacy at the September Presbytery meeting.
 - i. Danielle Kendig asked what she should prepare for the Presbytery meeting.
 - ii. She will talk about her sense of call to ministry during the meeting.
 - iii. She did register for four classes for the Fall 2022, including the first Field Education, Revelation, Introduction to Caring Ministry, and Christian Theology classes.
 - 1. She is looking forward to this semester.
 - 2. She has not gotten any paperwork for her Field Education work.

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3. She has heard from Rev. Art Moffat (Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown) and they will meet the first week in August.
 4. Danielle Kendig and Rev. Art Moffat will need to fill out a covenant form.
 - iv. Danielle Kendig's husband is now full-time at his own business, which is doing well.
 - v. She is done with all the language requirements.
 - vi. Danielle Kendig will register for the Bible Content Exam.
 - c. The committee approved the field education relationship between Danielle and Rev. Art Moffat from Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown; **MSP**.
 - i. Rev. Art Moffat is a retired Methodist pastor with extensive experience; he is located in Johnstown.
 - ii. Danielle Kendig is very excited to have experience at a smaller church.
 - iii. Rev. Art Moffat is very flexible with Danielle Kendig's schedule.
 - iv. Barbara Rissler believes Danielle Kendig is very caring, open, optimistic, and contributed immensely to the VBS.
 - v. The Session is completely onboard with Danielle's transitioning into Field Education at Second Presbyterian at Johnstown.
 - vi. Rev. Skip Noftzger reminded Danielle Kendig and Barbara Rissler that the Westmont Presbyterian Church needs to know Danielle is transitioning into her Field Education.
 1. The Westmont Presbyterian Church Session knows and is onboard, and so is the Personnel Committee, but the congregation needs to be aware also.
 2. The move to Candidacy means Danielle Kendig is moving to a stage where she is being assisted in preparing for ministry
 3. When Danielle Kendig has passed her exams, she will remain a candidate; however, she can fill out a PIF and begin the process of searching for a church.
 - d. CPM Committee members prayed for Danielle Kendig.
12. Rich Zoltak joined the meeting.
 - a. Rich Zoltak has completed the IPLF program and wishes to continue with the requirements to be commissioned as a pastor.
 - b. Rich Zoltak had completed the classwork and workshops of the IPLF program and is on the supply pastor list.
 - c. Rev. Brenda Barnes originally asked Rich Zoltak if he was interested in the IPLF program; Rich started in the Fall of 2016.
 - d. She assisted Rich Zoltak as he had questions
 - i. Rich Zoltak took some time off due to family health problems.
 - ii. He was an electrical engineer for 30 years at US Steel, then retired to become an independent contractor for 15 years.
 - iii. Rich Zoltak has since completed the practicums: Church Administration, Pastoral Care, Preaching, and Worship and Sacraments.
 - iv. He met with Rev. Brenda Barnes about every 2 weeks.
 - v. Rev. Brenda Barnes has helped Rich through the different skills.
 - vi. Rev. Brenda Barnes provided many practical suggestions.
 - vii. Rich Zoltak has finished all the requirements.
 - e. Skip Noftzger asked if anything changed for Rich Zoltak as he went through the program.
 - i. Rich Zoltak replied that he learned what is needed to become the pastor of a church.
 - ii. He enjoys being on the pastor supply list.
 - iii. Rich Zoltak has preached 10 messages this year to date.

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- f. Skip Noftzger asked if Rich Zoltak is interested in being more available for pulpit supply.
 - i. Rich said, no because he is now an active Elder again and involved in the chaplain ministry for Redstone Highlands (N. Huntingdon).
 - ii. Rev. Brenda Barnes, and New Hope Church, has been contracted as the chaplain for the Sunday afternoon worship services at Redstone Highlands (N. Huntingdon)
 - iii. Rich Zoltak has preached at Connellsville, Herminie, Middle, New Hope and, Sewickley United.
 - iv. Rich Zoltak is not interested in being a commissioned pastor at this time.
- g. Rich is thankful for all the support he has experienced along the way.
- h. CPM Committee members prayed for Rich Zoltak.

13. Liaison reports/Consultation table.

- a. Bob Sheehan will be filling in for Jim Sunseri.
- b. Jeff Keilman – Jim Sunseri will reach out to him again

14. New business – none.

15. Adjournment/Prayer by John Manon.

16. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. September 6---James Vlosich (?) Laurie Davison(?) Jeff Keilman(?)
- b. October 4---Danielle Kendig
- c. November 1---James Vlosich
- d. December 6---no meeting(?)

June 7, 2022 Meeting

17. Approval of minutes of May 3, 2022, as amended; MSP.

18. Karen Gray joined the meeting.

- a. Karen Gray has completed the IPLF courses and the workshops, but still needs to complete the practicums.
- b. She started the IPFL classes as a personal challenge.
- c. She has been a Presbytery treasurer and served on the Presbyterian Foundation Board. As a result of this experience, she knows how desperately small churches need leadership.
- d. Geoff Rach mentioned Karen Gray can be approved to be on the pulpit supply roster since she has completed the coursework.
 - i. Karen Gray plans on retiring next year and will have more time to devote to church work.
 - ii. She is interested in being added to the Pulpit Supply List in the future.
- e. Cliff Foster agreed to be her mentor.
 - i. Karen Gray will work with him to complete the practicums.
 - ii. She desires to be commissioned to a church in the future.
- f. Dawn Sherwood asked what intrigued you about the workshops?
 - i. Karen Gray believes smaller church leadership is her calling.
 - ii. Karen Gray has experience helping churches from a financial planning perspective.
 - 1. Her passion is financial planning.
 - 2. Sometimes churches need help looking at the issues in a different way.

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3. She wants to help a church move forward when they are stuck – especially in the financial area.
- iii. Karen Gray has very good customer service skills which she has developed in her current job that includes dispatching functions for a limousine company.
 1. She is very comfortable working with and listening to people.
 2. Karen Gray's major responsibility was in accounting prior to the company's need for dispatchers.
- iv. Dawn Sherwood noted that being involved in small churches means being involved in everything.
- g. Karen Gray is very open to getting advice when she doesn't know an answer to a question.
- h. Karen Gray has experience teaching Sunday school.
- i. CPM members prayed for Karen Gray.

19. Bill Poninsky joined the meeting.

- a. Bill Poninsky has completed two courses and several workshops.
- b. He has been in the IPLF for one year.
- c. Bill Poninsky's home church is 3rd Presbyterian Church in Uniontown, where he has served as a deacon, elder, and on the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- d. Bill Poninsky preaches twice a month at 3rd Presbyterian Church.
- e. 3rd Presbyterian Church has pulpit supply coming in to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- f. Bill Poninsky desires to grow closer to the Lord and develop the gifts that God has given him. He wants to help others in their faith walk.
- g. He retired in 2017 from the YMCA where he worked as a program director for 34 years.
- h. Currently, Bill Poninsky works part-time.
- i. Geoff Rach asked what have you found out about yourself in the IPLF program?
 - i. Bill Poninsky believes the classes have been a great resource for learning about the worship service and all that is involved in preparing the service.
- j. He appreciates all the resources that are available to help with preparation of a worship service.
- k. Recently, Bill Poninsky spoke at a men's non-denominational Bible study.
- l. Bill Poninsky's sermons are based on scripture because God's word is perfect.
- m. Bill Poninsky is not currently serving on Session.
 - i. 3rd Presbyterian Church is dealing with financial issues.
 - ii. Currently, the church doesn't have a lead pastor, which reduces the pastoral leadership expenses.
 - iii. 3rd Presbyterian Church is an older congregation.
 - iv. The church is a large building that requires significant funds to maintain.
 - v. The Session is considering if they should rent out part of the space?
 - vi. The Session continues to pray for God's guidance and as they prepare for a new Pastor.
 - vii. Geoff Rach asked how have you been encouraged in a discouraging time?
 1. Bill Poninsky joined a Mission team that has taken trips in and out of the US.
 2. Bill Poninsky noted there are a lot of good, committed Christians in the congregation of 3rd Presbyterian Church. Many congregation members are helping outside the church as well
 3. The church does not have many youth.
 4. Bill Poninsky remarked it is sometimes difficult when you see the problem as a mountain. Focusing on the problem and not on God, we can be discouraged.

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5. God is greater than any problem.
6. Session and members have stepped up and are more involved in the church without the pastor.
- viii. Jim Sunseri asked do you post your service on Facebook? Yes, he does.
- ix. Bill Poninsky has to finish 2 more classes – New Testament and Old Testament.
- n. Geoff Rach asked do you see yourself seeking a commission?
 - i. Bill Poninsky is still discerning if he wishes to remain as pulpit supply pastor or be commissioned to a specific congregation.
 - ii. Bill Poninsky has had to deal with conflict resolution through his job as the YMCA but doesn't prefer conflict.
 - iii. He believes God's strength is shown in our weakness.
- o. Do you want to be added to the Pulpit Supply List?
 - i. Yes, Bill Poninsky would like to be on the Pulpit Supply List with the understanding that he already preaches twice a month at 3rd Presbyterian Church.
 - ii. He also has family responsibilities, helping his mother and his mother-in-law.
- p. Motion to add Bill to the Presbytery Pulpit Supply roster; **MSP**.
- q. John Manon is Bill Poninsky's CPM liaison.
- r. CPM members prayed with Bill Poninsky.

20. Liaison reports/Consultation table.

- a. James Vlosich was contacted by Geoff Rach
 - i. Geoff Rach encouraged him to look into Field Education opportunities and to enroll in Bible Content Exam.
 - ii. James Vlosich finished Greek in the Spring 2022 Term. He is taking Practical Theology and Revelation in the Summer 2022 Term and will take Hebrew in the Fall 2022 Term.
- b. Jeff's Keilman was contacted by Jim Sunseri in the past month.
 - i. Jeff Keilman's wife passed away recently.
 - ii. Jeff Keilman will call Jim Sunseri when he is ready to talk.
- c. Danielle Kendig
 - i. Danielle Kendig will move to Candidacy at the September 2022 Presbytery Meeting which is at Westmont. Approved in the May meeting.
 - ii. The meeting with the Redstone Presbytery is not an examination of her qualifications.
 1. The Redstone Presbytery can ask question about Danielle Kendig's call to ministry.
 2. The Redstone Presbytery will not examine Danielle Kendig's statement of faith at this time.
 3. Reverend Art Moffat (Second Presbyterian Church, Johnstown) will serve as a supervisor for Danielle Kendig's field education starting in the Fall 2022. CPM will approve this relationship at our next meeting when we meet with Danielle Kendig.

21. Jim Sunseri closed meeting in prayer.

22. Future meeting schedule/consultations

- a. July 5---no meeting
- b. July 26 (July/August meeting)---Danielle Kendig; certified Christian educators
- c. September 6---James Vlosich (?) Laurie Davison(?) Jeff Keilman(?)

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- d. October 4---Danielle Kendig
- e. November 1---James Vlosich
- f. December 6---no meeting(?)

New business - none.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Glenn Hart presented the following report and action items of the Nominating Committee:

- The Nominating Committee nominates Len Morgan to serve as Vice-Moderator 2023, for the Presbytery of Redstone. The floor was opened for any other nominations. The election will take place at the November stated meeting as stated in the Presbytery Manual (2.1201).
- The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for the Offices/Classes indicated:

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL:

- Rev. Curtis Paul; Newlonsburg; Council; Chair (2023)
- Audrey Cottle; (2025)
- Rev. Alice Tondora; Cresson/Patton; (2025)
- Rev. Brenda Barnes, New Hope (2025)
- Rev. Don Glunt, Rehoboth (2025)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

- Rev. Travis Webster, Newlonsburg (2025)
- Marsha Stallings, Community, New Alex (2025)
- Sally Nicholls, Rehoboth (2025)
- Rev. Ben Nti, Westmont (2025)
- Russ Baird, Reunion (2025)
- Joshua Scully, Laurel Hill (2025)
- Rev. Molly Hall, Springhill Furnace (2025)
- Rev. Jim Farrer, HR (2025)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

- Rev. Kristen Emrick, Fort Burd/Calvin (2025)
- Robin Jennings, First, Greensburg (2025)
- Seth Myers, First, Dunbar (2025)

PINE SPRINGS CAMP:

- Chuck West, Puckety (2024) – President
- Tricia Betz, Trinity, NF (2025)
- Laurie Martin, Poke Run (2025)

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COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

- Susan Nesti, Harmony (2025)

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- Rev. Cliff Foster, Congruity (2025)

There were no other nominations from the floor. It was **MSP** to approve this slate of nominations. The vote was unanimous.

FROM THE SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The AC meets in person, quarterly. The last meeting we had was on June 15, with all commission members present (Amanda Albright, Rev. Ed Gray, Connie Keefer, Karen Kifer, and Dr. Richard Pry).

We opened with a prayer for the church and a request for the presence of the Holy Spirit. General maintenance needs of the church were discussed including purchasing heating oil, contacting the cemetery board about a fallen tree, purchasing a leaf blower, spraying weeds in the parking lot, and minor maintenance for the parking lot.

Sadly, two of our regular attendees have passed away – they are greatly missed.

Arrangements were approved for pulpit supply for two Sundays in July while Karen Kifer had a minor medical procedure.

A Thank You card was sent to the renter of the manse for his help in keeping the sidewalks clear over the winter.

The AC reviewed the financial records. Sewickley church continues to average more income than expenses each month, allowing the church to build a small emergency fund for building repairs. Sewickley has been able to cover the current increases in utilities, insurance, and heating oil. We will look at the finances closely at our next meeting as prices have continued to rise over the summer.

The church made donations to the Westmoreland County Food Bank and Samaritan's Purse. Karen Kifer will contact Mendon Elementary School at the beginning of the school year to find out how the church can help them this school year.

We discussed the 250th Anniversary celebration for September 18.

Communion was served on June 19. Regular attendance remains at 11-14 per Sunday. Personally, I find it encouraging that those who attend have brought visiting guests, family, and friends. To me, this means our congregation wants to share our service.

Some information to be presented at the AC meeting scheduled for September 20:

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1. Connie and Rich Keefer cut the grass, weed-wacked, and cleaned the bank in preparation for the 250th anniversary celebration.
2. Landscaping mulch was touched up.
3. PennDot was contacted about the holes which keep appearing on the shoulder of the road by the parking lot. Karen talked to the crew on September 13 - the holes are not "re-appearing" after the church keeps filling them with gravel, but the side of the road is deteriorating due to the water that naturally lays in that area. PennDot will do remedial work as their schedule permits. Hopefully, this fall before the Asphalt plants close for the year.
4. We are thankful for the very generous people who contributed to the 250th Celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Cliff Foster, Associate Stated Clerk reported that there was no new business for the Presbytery at this time.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Associate Stated Clerk, Rev. Cliff Foster gave the attendance report. He reported that there were 26 clergy, 7 Commissioned Pastors, 29 elders (representing 25 congregations), 0 Christian Educators, 2 by virtue of office, 1 corresponding member, and 14 visitors for a total of 79. There also were 42 congregations without elder representation.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Elder Belinda Lambie offered the Resolution of Thanks for this Presbytery Meeting.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

Rev. Skip Noftzger led the Presbytery in the Soli Deo Gloria.

AJOURNMENT

It was MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Ben Nti closed the meeting with a benediction prayer.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Redstone will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, Murrysville.

Curtis Paul, Moderator

Cliff Foster, Recording Clerk