February 18, 2023 Presbyterian Church of Fremont, Fremont NE

Moderator – Steven Piper

**CALL TO ORDER**

The stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Steven Piper, at 10:00 a.m., on February 18, 2023. The moderator was in the chair and the stated clerk was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Steven Piper. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved as amended.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and showed the following members present or excused with cause: (Attendance Key: A, Absent; P, Present; E, Excused; R, Retired; M, Military Service; VM, Validated Ministry)

**MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (TEACHING ELDERS)**

E - Jon Ashley

R/E - Sue Babovec

P - Teresa Bartlett

E - Darin Bentzinger R/E - Steve Breazier P - Alan Brehm

R/E - Stephen J. Brownlee R/E - Ronald L. Bump R/E - Robert Burdett

E - Sue Coller R/E - Gail Cross R/E - Ellen Davis

R/E - Noel DeKalb

P - Owen Derrick

R/P - John Duling

P - Thomas Dummermuth P - Stephen Earl

P - Michael Eickhoff

R/E - Lonnie Eschliman R/P - Carl Eskridge

E - Sarah Gengler R/E - James Goble

VM/E - Kara Hillhouse

P - Jane Holtzclaw

M/E - Dennis E. Hysom

R/E - Robert W. Jeamby

P - Brian Johnson

P - Melodie Jones Pointon R/E - Burton A. Knudsen

A - Sungjae Lee

E - Leanne Masters

R/E - Timothy McClain

R/E-Nancy McCurley

R/P - James K. McNeal

R/E - Raymond Meester

P – Michele Monroe-Clark

E - Karen Moritz

R/E - Juventino Naranjo

R/E - Gail M. Neal

P - Erica Nelson

R/E - Jon Noble

R/E- Tom Osborne

A - Jock Tut Paleak

E - Chris Peters

E - Lauren Peters

P - Steve Piper

P - Charity Potter

R/E - Harold Rainey

A - Laura Rasmussen

R/E - Jimmy Shelbourn

R/E - Robert Snell

R/E - Jim Splitt

R/E- Kathleen Splitt

R/E – Roxie Sullivan

R/E - Gary A. Thomson

R/E - Richard Tiggelaar

R/E - Nanette Tomlinson - Knoell

P – Sara Tonje

R/E - Earl Underwood Jr.

E – Ron Wakeman

A - Jeff Warrick

R/E - Duane Westing

A - Zac Wolfe

R/E - Richard Wyatt

P- Seung Edward Yang

**Temporary Members**

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| E - Gregg Gahan (Evangelical Free) | P – Diane Morgan (DOC) |  |

**Commissioned Pastors**

P - Lana Likens P - John Nellessen P - Steve Pointon

**Certified Christian Educator**

E - Kris Brammer, Lincoln, First

**Elders**

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| **Churches** | **Elders** | **Churches** | **Elders** |
| Akron | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Fourth | No Commissioner |
| Alexander | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Good Shepherd | No Commissioner |
| Auburn | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Heritage | Leanne Miller |
| Bancroft, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Korean | No Commissioner |
| Beatrice, First | Suzanne Byler | Lincoln, S. Heights | Mary Bell |
| Belden, Union | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster | Glenna Haller |
| Cedar Bluffs, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster (2) | Kathy Rowhedder |
| Clarkson, New Zion | Patricia Dusatko | Lincoln, Westminster (3) | Margaret Sprude |
| Clarkson, New Zion (2) | Barb Kudera | Lyons, First | No Commissioner |
| Columbus, Federated | Brenda Sand | Nebraska City, First | Julie Hopp |
| Craig, First | No Commissioner | Niobrara-Verdel | Wanda DeKay |
| Dunbar | No Commissioner | Norfolk, First | No Commissioner |
| Fairbury, First | Marsha Baumfalk | North Bend, United | Sam Dolezal |
| Falls City, First | John Martin | Palmyra | Glenda Beckman |
| Fremont | Marcia Fouraker | Panama | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (2) | Sherisse Wilkie | Pawnee City | Karen Richardson |
| Fremont (3) | No Commissioner | Pender | No Commissioner |
| Gresham | Wendy Wait | Primrose | No Commissioner |
| Hebron, First | Vicki Fleming | Schuyler, First | No Commissioner |
| Hickman | Bruce Kuster | Steele City | No Commissioner |
| Hickman (2) | No Commissioner | Tekamah, First | Harriet Shafer |
| Humboldt | No Commissioner | Thurston, John Huss | No Commissioner |
| Laurel, United | No Commissioner | Wahoo, Czech | Michael Sabatka |
| Liberty, Mission Creek | No Commissioner | Wahoo, First | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge | No Commissioner | Wakefield | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (2) | No Commissioner | Wayne | John Fuelberth |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (3) | No Commissioner | Wymore, United | Donna Rae Graham |
| Lincoln, First | Joan Berglund | York | Gale Barnhill |
| Lincoln, First (2) | Cindy Lloyd |  |  |

**OFFICERS, COUNCIL, AND STAFF**

Moderator P – Steven Piper

Vice Moderator P – Brian Johnson (Continuing Member)

Council Moderator P – Terri Sherman (Continuing Member)

Stated Clerk P – Erica Nelson (Continuing Member)

Interim Executive Presbyter P - Stephen Earl (Continuing Member)

Treasurer P – Ed McClymont

Moderator, Commission on Ministry P – Charity Potter (Continuing Member) Moderator, Nominating Committee – Vacant (Continuing Member) Committee on Preparation for Ministry P – Jane Holtzclaw (Continuing Member)

Moderator, Administration and Finance P – Joyce Douglas and Carl Eskridge

Moderator, Program and Grants P – Owen Derrick

Moderator, Presbyterian Women P – Joan Berglund

Moderator, Committee on New Worshiping Communities, Church Development, and Church Redevelopment Vacant

Moderator, Disaster Response and Beyond E – Chris Peters (Continuing Member)

Member at Large of Council P – Joan Berglund

Member at Large of Council P - Steve Pointon

Member at Large of Council E – Teri Wendel

By virtue of being invited to speak to the presbytery, Audrey Richert and Craig Huffman were seated as corresponding members.

First-time commissioners and new Ministers of Word and Sacrament were introduced and welcomed.

Worship was led by Stephen Earl and the Lord’s Supper was celebrated led by Stephen Earl, Steve Piper, and Erica Nelson. Offerings collected during worship will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, for Ukrainian Relief and Disaster Relief for the Turkey-Syria earthquake. Following worship, Elona Street-Stewart, Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, led the education portion of the meeting.

**CELEBRATIONS**

The floor was opened for any celebrations brought forward.

**PROGRAM**

The Strategy Team presented the second reading of the new Strategic Plan and opened the floor for discussion.

It was moved by the Strategy Team to adopt and implement the new Strategic Plan and Staffing Model. The motion passed unanimously.

A 100 day plan was presented as to how the new Strategic Plan would be implemented.

The Implementation Team appointed by Council was commissioned.

**OFFICERS AND STAFF**

The moderator of council reported. Council determined that the May Presbytery meeting would be hosted at Beatrice Presbyterian Church and the August Presbytery meeting will be hosted at Camp Calvin Crest. Council approved the recommendation to appoint three individuals to engage in conversations with the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley and Central Nebraska Presbytery to evaluate areas of common interest to serve the needs of Nebraska congregations. The three recommended are: Carl Eskridge, Wendy Wait, and Erica Nelson.

With successful adoption of the Strategic Plan and Staffing Model, it was moved to dismiss the Strategy Team with thanks from the presbytery for their hard work. The motion passed unanimously.

Council moved to appoint a Leadership Team to serve in the temporary handling of the regular business of the Presbytery after March 1, 2023. The Leadership Team will report to Council and would include the following persons: Presbytery Moderator, Council Moderator, one at-large member of council, Moderator of COM, Moderators of Administration and Finance, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer, Ed McClymont reported. A report on Per Capita giving and Mission giving throughout the presbytery was presented. A Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Activities for 2022 were also presented. These are included as Attachment A.

Stated Clerk Erica Nelson reported. The minutes of the November 17, 2022 presbytery meeting, October 18, 2022 stated Council meeting and December 15, 2022 called Council meeting were approved as printed at its January 17, 2022 meeting. A plan has been approved by council and presented to presbytery to discuss and vote on the Book of Order amendments at the May presbytery meeting. The necrology report is included as Attachment B. The roster of Presbytery Membership for 2022 is included as Attachment C.

The members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired in the last six years are: Ruling Elder Marti Barnhouse, Ruling Elder Trev Peterson, Ruling Elder Avis Andrews, Teaching Elder Noel Dekalb, Teaching Elder James McNeal, Teaching Elder Duane Westing.

The Interim Executive Presbytery Stephen Earl reported.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Charity Potter reported.

The Interim contracts for both Ron Wakeman and Stephen Earl are ending so both will be moved to Member-at-large status at the conclusion of their respective terms. Rev. Ray Meester was appointed to moderate a congregational meeting for Lincoln Korean. Rev. Craig Holstedt was given permission to labor within the bounds of Homestead Presbytery for a funeral.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Jane Holtzclaw provided a written report. There is currently one individual on the ordination track (inquirer status) and one individual on the commissioned pastor track. The annual consultation for Moses Bilew (CP Tract) was conducted on January 13, 2023. It is anticipated that he will have completed his training program by fall 2023.

**PROGRAM AND GRANT COMMITTEE**

Owen Derrick provided a written report, with the totals from grants provided in 2022. Jane Holtzclaw gave an update on the grant provided for Mental and Spiritual Retreat spending.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Teresa Bartlett reported. Following an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following people were elected:

**Calvin Crest Board**

Karen Hoffman – Westminster/Lincoln – class of 2025, 1st term

Max Porter – Columbus Federated – Class of 2023, 1st term – filling the

unexpired term of Rev. Heidi Wallace.

**Synod Commissioner**

Duane Westing – Teaching Elder, HR – Class of 2025, 2nd term

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved as presented.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Joan Berglund provided a written report.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The moderators of the Administration and Finance Committee reported. The committee is beginning to have conversations around Per Capita alternatives. The committee will develop a staff agreement between Administrative Assistant Sheryl Wieneke, Homestead Presbytery, and Wahoo First on her shared service to the congregation and presbytery. The committee will present a proposal at the May presbytery meeting to transfer ownership of the camp property to Calvin Crest, Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Inc, with action taken at the August presbytery meeting. The committee is going to develop a formal relationship and agreement with Mr. Trev Peterson to serve as Legal Counsel, to assist the presbytery on legal matters, as necessary.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

There was no continuing business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were 19 ministers and 31 ruling elders, for a total of 50 ruling elders and minister members in attendance. These included 28 ruling elder commissioners, 18 Ministers of Word and Sacrament, 1 temporary members of presbytery, 3 commissioned lay pastor, 1 certified Christian educator, and 13 members of Council. 23 of forty-eight churches had ruling elder commissioners enrolled. (The total of the groups will be greater than the total in attendance as some have more than one role.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with prayer by Steve Piper.

NEXT STATED MEETING

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY

MAY 18th, 2023

10:00 AM

LOCATION – BEATRICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Erica Nelson, Stated Clerk Date Approved: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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