**Homestead Presbytery Special Council Meeting**

**January 25, 2022**

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Council moderator Sue Coller.

In Attendance:

Stephen Earl Jane Holtzclaw

Ed McClymont Chris Peters

Terri Sherman Steve Piper

Chris Brammer Sue Coller

Sue Babovec Steve Pointon

Teresa Bartlett Joan Berglund

Guests were members of the Strategy Task force:

Thomas Dummermuth

Charity Potter

John McPhail

Wendy Wait

Suzie Harder

The January Council meeting was called to order with prayer by Sue Coller and introductions were made. Motion was made to give voice to nominated council members Leanne Masters, Kris Brammer, Terri Wendel and nominated clerk Erica Nelson for the meeting and to Strategy Team members for the opening devotions and the duration of their report.

Opening devotion about ‘Changes’ was presented by the Strategy Team.

Docket was approved.

Sue Coller gave an orientation on the work of a council.

Council Minutes from October 19, 2021 were approved.

Minutes from the special Council meeting of November 9, 2021 were approved

Presbytery Minutes from November 11, 2021 were approved

**Discussion Topics**

* Strategy Task Force presented their report of the progress of their work thus far.
* Lines of Communication with churches was discussed. It was decided that we will divide the congregations up with between the council members. The council members will contact their churches and report back to their COM liaison with what they heard.
* Nominating Committee asked that members of council provide 3 names of possible people to be a part of Presbytery committees. This to be to Sue by Feb 10th. Teresa Bartlett committee chair presented the following motion that was approved: the Nominating Committee presents the following candidates/moderators for committees of Homestead Presbytery:
  + Calvin Crest Board – Elder Linda steel, Norfolk – class of 2024
  + Administration & Finance – Rev. LeAnn Masters – 2nd term – class of 2024, moderator; Rev. Mike Eickhoff – 2nd term – class of 2024; Kirtis Waechter – class of 2024
  + Council at large – Elder Terri Wendel – Norfolk – class of 2024
  + COM – rev. Edward Yang – Columbus – class of 2024
  + Program & Grants Committee – Elder Kris Bubba Brammer – Moderator – class of 2022
  + Committee on Preparation – Reb. Kara Hillhouse – Class of 2024
* We set future council dates as: April 26th, July 19 and Oct 18 all in person at 3:00. Location to be determined.

**Staff, Officer and Commissioner Reports received and accepted:**

* Presbytery Moderator (no report)
* Council Moderator (no report)
* Synod Commissioner (no report)
* Treasurer, Ed McClymont presented the financial statement, minutes from the Finance and Administration Team meeting on January 4th, and handed out a list of church’s, their per capita owed and what was paid in 2021
* Temporary Stated clerk, Ray Meester presented his report that included a Minter Listing by Occupation.
* Interim Executive Presbyter, Stephen Earl presented his report. He announced that Owen Derrick has stepped up to be the Triennium registrar. He told about initial plans for residency and pastor gatherings around the presbytery.
  + Northern region (based out of Norfolk) March 13-16
  + Southern region (based out of Beatrice) April 3-6
  + Platte Valley region (based out of Columbus) May 22-25
  + Lincoln/Lancaster County Region (based out of Lincoln) June 19-22

**Committee & Organization reports were received and accepted:**

* Administration and Finance, Leanne Masters gave a short verbal report.
* Commission on Ministry moderator Sue Babovec presented printed report.
* Committee on Preparation Response Team Jane Holtzclaw presented printed report.
* New Worship Communities and church Vitality Development (no report)
* Nominating report was given by Teresa Bartlett. She presented the following motion that was approved: the Nominating Committee presents the following candidates/moderators for committees of Homestead Presbytery:
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  + Presbyterian Women (no report)
  + Programs and Grants (no report)

**Task Force and other reports**

* Stated clerk Search Task force reported that they found a candidate and were pleased to nominate Erica Nelson to fill the role of Stated Clerk for Homestead Presbytery for 2022. Motion received and approved.

**February 19 Presbytery meeting**

* We reviewed the agenda and how much time committees will need.
* Education time will be presented by the Strategy task force.

**New business**

* Motion was made to have the Administrative and Finance committee look at the website and clean up all old, outdated information.
* Reviewed timing of packet deadlines

Packet sent Addendum sent

Feb Feb 4 Feb 15

May May 3 May 12

Aug July 28 Aug 5

Nov Nov 1 Nov 10

Meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Sue Coller.

Terri Sherman

Clerk of Session pro-tem /s/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_