

The Council of Homestead Presbytery, meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska was called to order on Thursday 10:10 a.m. Ruling Elder Roger Shoemaker opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Council members present were:

Ruling Elder Dave Barnhouse-at large member
Ruling Elder Cheryl Rennick-treasurer; excused early
Ruling Elder Roger Shoemaker-council moderator
Ruling Elder Jeannie Giles-Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Teaching Elder Cathy Allen-Committee on Ministry
Teaching Elder Raymond Meester-stated clerk
Teaching Elder Jim McNeal-presbytery moderator
Ruling Elder Joie Taylor-Presbyterian Women
Teaching Elder Richard Wyatt-executive presbyter
Teaching Elder Richard Tiggelaar-Business & Finance

Council members excused were:

Ruling Elder Nancy Leavitt-Personnel
Ruling Elder Pat Brownawell- at large member
Teaching Elder Neal Allen-Nominating Committee

Council members absent:

Ruling Elder Vicki Fleming-at large member

A quorum was declared.

Teaching elder Richard Wyatt led in devotions and prayer.

The amended agenda was adopted.

Minutes of the July 2014 Council meeting were approved.

Minutes of the August 2014 Presbytery meeting were approved.

The stated clerk teaching elder Raymond Meester shared correspondence that had been received.

The executive presbytery teaching elder Richard Wyatt gave a report.

The ad hoc committee for the Robert Jones Outstanding Homesteader Award reported that a person has been chosen. The concern is that this year's winner probably cannot attend the presbytery meeting. It was decided to present the person with the award in a local setting. It will be recorded and shown at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.

Teaching elder Cathy Allen reported for the Committee on Ministry. The committee would like to ask questions of candidates for ministerial positions if the COM has already examined and approved the call, without it being a formal examination, so that the Presbytery can come to know this person. There was concern that commissioners might be confused about the examination of pastors as a required part of the approval of a call. There will be a motion for

Rev. Harold Ross to be examined to be approved for membership in the PCUSA. The committee will also move to adopt a child abuse prevention policy.

Teaching elder Richard Tiggelaar presented the report of the Business and Finance Committee. The Committee will report the presbytery's insurance coverage and is working on getting bids for insurance for the presbytery and its churches. The audits of 2012 and 2013 are nearing a conclusion.

Teaching elder Neal Allen was not present due to illness. The report was given via a printed report.

Ruling elder Jeannie Giles reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She reported on the ordination of Katie Jasa, who was a candidate in Homestead Presbytery and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln.

Programs and Grants, ruling elder Cheryl Rennick. Westminster has been broadcasting worship services on the radio and will be including advertising for the Presbyterian churches in the area.

The GA commissioners are requesting an hour for their presentation.

Ruling elder Joie Taylor reported on behalf of Homestead Presbyterian Women. They recently had their fall gathering at Wahoo.

Old Business

There has been a question about child meals at Presbytery meetings, since we charge the same for children as well as adults. We will be asking the parents to bring meals for their children if parents do not want pay for an adult meal.

The GA moderator will not be available for the joint August 2015 meeting with Missouri Valley Presbytery. Homestead Presbytery is responsible for recruiting the speaker for this meeting and all were encouraged to make suggestions of people.

Council adjourned with prayer by ruling elder Roger Shoemaker at 12:10 p.m.