

The Council of Homestead Presbytery met at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska on January 23, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the moderator, teaching elder Leanne Masters.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Dave Barnhouse -- P	Scott Eveland -- E	Maggie Horak -- P
Julie Hopp -- P	Brian Johnson -- E	Leanne Masters -- P
Andrew McDonald -- P	Raymond Meester -- P	Kylie Meter -- P
Duncan Miller -- P	Steve Piper -- P	Steve Pointon -- P
Cheryl Rennick -- P	Kathleen Splitt -- E	Katie Todd -- P
Richard Wyatt -- P		

Teaching elder Richard Wyatt led opening prayer and worship.

Ruling elder Kris Peterson (Congregational Resource Coordinator) reviewed the presbytery's mission statement.

Ruling elder Cheryl Rennick shared the 2017 budget and budget request forms. She led an orientation on how to access the forms on the presbytery website and the process to follow.

Teaching elder Raymond Meester requested that all motions made at presbytery meetings be in written form to assist the stated clerk and the presbytery moderator.

Teaching elder Richard Wyatt oriented Council to the geography of the presbytery, resources on the presbytery website, and the forms for committee reports and motion sheets used for presbytery meetings.

Teaching elder Leanne Masters, moderator of the council, convened the business meeting at 1:03 P.M., and opened with prayer.

Members of council introduced themselves.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting of council, and of the November 17, 2016 stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery, were approved.

The responsibilities of Council were reviewed.

Teaching elder Raymond Meester, stated clerk, had no report

Ruling elder Cheryl Rennick, treasurer, had no report.

Teaching elder Richard Wyatt, executive presbyter, had no report.

Ruling elder Steve Pointon, moderator of presbytery, had no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business and Finance Committee: Ruling elder Cheryl Rennick reported that the Committee recommends paying Kris Peterson extra for the additional time she works whenever the presbytery office is absent a secretary. It was **approved** that the presbytery compensate Kris Peterson for the time she fills in for the communication person for her additional work, retroactive to 2016. It was **approved** that the details of her compensation be referred to the Personnel Committee. The 2015 audit was completed and will be included in the February 18, 2017, minutes of Homestead Presbytery.

Committee on Ministry: Teaching elder Steve Piper reported. COM needs to work on assigning liaisons to all the churches.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: No report.

New Worshipping Communities and Church Redevelopment: Kyle Meter reported. She shared her frustration about the difficulty of finding members for the committee.

Nominating Committee: Teaching elder Duncan Miller shared the docket for the committee's January 25, 2017 meeting.

Personnel Committee: Teaching elder Andrew McDonald reported.

Presbyterian Women: Ruling elder Maggie Horak reported there will be 3 spring meetings of Presbyterian Women of Homestead Presbytery. She recently attended training for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and would like to train others concerning PDA.

Programs and Grants: Teaching elder Katie Todd reported. The committee will review validations for renewals, and hopes to work on streamlining the application process.

Kris Peterson reported on "Presbytery 101" for the Presbytery Quad Consortium. Council was reminded that in 2016 the council made a commitment to the Quad Consortium.

Teaching elder Leanne Master will be contacting the Council via email to schedule the 2017 Council Meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 P.M., with prayer by teaching elder Leanne Masters.

Raymond Meester, Stated Clerk