

MINUTES OF COUNCIL
HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY
January 23, 2020

The Council of Homestead Presbytery met via Zoom call (due to wintry weather) on January 23, 2020, convening at 5:15 PM.

Roll call:

P – Sue Babovec	P – Kristi Hill	P – Steve Pointon
P – Joan Berglund	P – Michael Hill	E – Cheryl Rennick
P – Sue Coller	P – Julie Hopp	A – Terri Sherman
P – Stephen Earl	A – Brian Johnson	E – Kathleen Splitt
P – Carl Eskridge	E – Jim McNeal	P – Wendy Wait
E – Scott Eveland	P – Raymond Meester	P – Zac Wolfe

Members were invited to introduce themselves and to share something for which they were grateful since the beginning of the year.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sue Coller.

The agenda for this meeting was approved as amended by unanimous consent.

Sue Coller led a discussion of the current responsibilities of the council, inviting each member of council to share their thoughts about the work of the Council. Council will be continuing this conversation.

The October 24, 2019, Council minutes were approved as printed.

The November 21, 2019, Presbytery minutes were approved as printed.

Council will pay more attention to the attendance at presbytery meetings.

OFFICER AND STAFF REPORTS

Council moderator, Sue Coller reported.

Joan Berglund, synod commissioner, reported that she is the moderator of a new synod committee,

Raymond Meester, stated clerk, gave a printed report.

Council moved to recommend to the presbytery for their action the following motion:

That Homestead Presbytery direct the Stated Clerk of the presbytery to request before March 31, 2020, an adjustment of a loss of 891 members, resulting in a decrease of the presbytery's payment for the General Assembly per capita by \$7,974.45.

Stephen Earl, Interim Presbytery Executive, reported. Bookkeeping will be transferred to the synod, hopefully by the first of March. An Administration Commission is working with the Walthill congregation to dissolve the church and work is being done to clean the church following the floods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business and Finance: The preliminary end of year 2019 financials were included in the Council packet.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: There was a printed report.

Disaster Preparation Response Team and Beyond: Sue Babovec presented a printed report. Gary Haller has resigned as moderator.

New Worshiping Communities and Church Development: Zac Wolfe presented a printed report. The Committee is focusing on a vital congregations program. They received a \$10,000 grant from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. Council approved the committee leading the educational hour on vital congregations at the May 2020 presbytery meeting.

Presbyterian Women: Terri Sherman presented a printed reported.

TASK FORCE AND OTHER REPORTS

Homestead Presbytery and Missouri River Presbytery Conversation: Stephen, Sue, and Wendy met via Zoom meeting with representatives of Missouri River Valley Presbytery concerning sharing of resources, staff, etc.

Manual of Operations Revision: Leanne Masters is the lead, and will be working with Joan Berglund and Raymond Meester.

FEBRUARY 15, 2020 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

Council approved that the offering received at the February 15, 2020 meeting of Homestead Presbytery be designated for Homestead Presbytery's Disaster relief.

Worship Planning Team: Nancy Field, Jane Holtzclaw, and Scott Minks have been assigned to design the worship for the February 15, 2020 presbytery meeting.

General Assembly staff, Kerry Rice and Rosemary Mitchell, will be leading the education hour. Stephen Earl and Raymond Meester will be working with them in planning the educational hour. The topic will be mission and per capita funding.

Committees and staff requested the following times slots for the February 15, 2020 presbytery meeting:

- Presbyterian Women – 5
- Committee on Ministry – 5
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry --?
- Disaster Relief Team – 15
- New Worshiping Communities – 10
- Personnel – 5
- Nominating – 2
- Programs and Grants – 15
- Walthill Administrative Commission – 5

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategy Team: Stephen Earl reported on the progress for a Strategy Team for the presbytery that will work closely with the Council.

Nominating Committee: Joan Berglund and Sue Babovec were assigned to recruit nominees for the three vacancies on the Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Council tabled the motion to recommend to the presbytery that presbytery amend the bylaws to add a Bills and Overture Committee, based on the current wording in the current bylaws, Article 5, Section 1.C.5., including the responsibility to review requests received from other presbyteries for concurrence with overtures. Raymond Meester will draft the amendment.

Stephen Earl and Stephen Pointon volunteered to work on recommending a possible different pattern of electing the presbytery moderator and council moderator.

Council moved to recommend to the presbytery that we suspend the bylaws to change the November 19, 2020, to November 12, 2020. Ray will include this recommendation in his report to the presbytery.

Sue Collier will use Doodle to schedule the 2020 Council meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM, with prayer by Wendy Wait.