

MINUTES OF COUNCIL  
HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY  
October 22, 2020

The regular meeting of the Council of Homestead Presbytery was called to order, on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 5:33 PM via Zoom call (due to Covid-19 pandemic). The moderator was in the chair and the stated clerk was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Stephen Earl. The agenda was approved as amended by unanimous consent.

The motion that the recording of Council meetings not be shared with anyone outside of staff was approved as amended and with debate.

The minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting of Council were approved and the minutes of the August 15, 2020 meeting of Homestead Presbytery were approved, both by unanimous consent.

Roll call:

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

Scott Eveland, reporting for the Budget and Finance Committee, shared changes made to the proposed 2021 budget to be presented at the November stated presbytery meeting, in response to the debate about the budget at the August stated presbytery meeting.

**Officer and Staff Reports**

Stated clerk Raymond Meester, presented a printed report; and Joan Berglund, synod commissioner, reported.

**Task Force Reports**

Stephen Earl, on behalf of the Strategy Team, Wendy Wait, on behalf of the Manual of Operations team, and Raymond Meester, on behalf of the Bylaws Revision team, reported.

By unanimous consent, the Council approved the motion that the stated clerk send by email to all permanent members and to the clerk of each session the draft of the proposed bylaws revision, with information about the process of considering the revision seriatim, or as a whole; the correspondence will also request that the commissioners read the revision before the meeting, to contact the stated clerk before the presbytery meeting if they have any questions, and, if they will be proposing any amendments, to send them to the stated clerk before the meeting, if at all possible, so that the amendments can be shared on the Zoom call.

**Committee Reports**

Committee on Ministry: Sue Babovec reported

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Brian Johnson reported

New Worshiping Communities and Church Development, Zac Wolfe reported

Nominating Committee, Michael Hill reported

Personnel Committee, Carl Eskridge reported

Presbyterian Women, written report by Terri Sherman

Programs and Grants, written report by Jim McNeal

### **November 12, 2020 Presbytery Meeting**

The motion that the November presbytery meeting convene at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 12, 2020, via Zoom was approved.

Stephen Earl volunteered to recruit pastors for worship for the November stated meeting of presbytery.

Council approved the motion that the offering at the November 12 presbytery meeting be designated for the PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering

Council approved the motion, by unanimous consent, that the strategy team will lead the “education time” during the November stated meeting.

Committees and staff requested the following times slots for the November 12, 2020 presbytery meeting:

- Council – 5
- COM – 10
- Business and Finance – 20
- Disaster Relief Team – 0
- New Worshiping Communities – 10
- Nominating – 5
- Personnel – 10 includes election of stated clerk
- Presbyterian Women – printed report
- Programs and Grants – 0
- Bylaws revision – 10
- Homesteader Award – 5
- CPM – 5

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM, due to Zoom shutting down prematurely.