

Presbytery Coordinating Commission Minutes

24 September 2015

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Present: Mary Atwood (Immediate Past Moderator), Karen Bartel (Treasurer), Rebecca Blair (Stated Clerk), Anita Burnett (CPM), Kevin Cullum (Camp Wyoming), Harry Hoyt (COM Associate), Ann Luedtka (COM), Sam Massey (COM), Richard Miller (Personnel), Al Polito (Nominating), Pam Saturnia (Vice-Moderator)

Moderator Kyle Otterbein called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer. Ruling Elder Mary Atwood offered the devotions. The Moderator called upon Stated Clerk Rebecca Blair, who affirmed that a quorum was present. **A motion to approve the minutes of the 20 August 2015 meeting was seconded and APPROVED unanimously.**

Moderator's Report

Moderator Otterbein engaged the PCC in discussion of strategic planning issues.

Stated Clerk's Report

Stated Clerk Rebecca Blair shared that she had received correspondence from a law firm representing the Brighton Church, containing a request on behalf of the church council to leave both the United Methodist and Presbyterian Church U.S.A. denominations. She indicated that further research is necessary to ascertain ownership of the real estate involved. She will report further at the October meeting.

In researching this issue, the Stated Clerk also determined that the Presbytery needs to update the disaffiliation policy. For the October PCC meeting, she will prepare a draft in keeping with the constitutional and GAPJC rulings on the matter to present for recommendation to the November stated meeting.

Commission on Ministry Report

Ruling Elder Ann Luedtka, committee moderator, reported that COM will continue to discuss the pastoral succession policy items and bring recommendations to the November stated meeting. She also noted that Harry Hoyt continues to consult with a number of churches.

Trustees Report

Vice-Moderator Pam Saturnia, moderator of the Trustees, reported that the Trustees are starting the budgeting process. Commission and committee moderators are requested to submit need-based budget requests to the Trustees. The Trustees will bring a recommended 2016 budget to PCC with the intention to recommend the budget at the November stated meeting.

Personnel Committee Report

Committee moderator Richard Miller announced that the committee has conducted interviews for the administrative assistant position and will be hiring an individual soon. He also communicated a request from Pastor to Pastor Warren Jensen to receive travel funding of \$550 to attend the Pastoral Care Network Conference in Kansas City, MO on October 25 – 27, 2015. **A motion to fund the Reverend Warren Jensen's attendance at the Pastoral Care Network Conference in Kansas City, MO on October 25-27, 2015 was seconded and APPROVED.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Karen Bartel reviewed the financial report of account balances, noting that she continues to update accounts with the aim of bringing great clarity and transparency to the report. More review and adjustment will be necessary. **A motion to receive the report was seconded and APPROVED.**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Committee member Anita Burnett noted that members of the committee will be meeting on September 29 with Dr. Bradley Longfield, Academic Dean at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, to discuss ways in which CPM may better partner with the seminary to ensure the best preparation possible for seminarians under our care. A recent case of a Candidate who had graduated with an M.Div. from Dubuque, yet who could not pass the gateway Bible examination to the other ordination exams prompted concern on the part of CPM since they had heard of similar instances and concerns in other presbyteries.

Camp Wyoming

Executive Director Kevin Cullum reported that the Camp has just completed a busy, successful camping season. He is working with the Trustees and Treasurer to arrange the timely disbursement of Presbytery funding in the Camp's financial cycle.

Nominating Committee Report

Al Polito, committee moderator, announced that the deadline for selection of General Assembly commissioners has been moved to December, an earlier date than has been the case in past years. The committee will be presenting nominations for G.A. Commissioners and YAAD at the September stated meeting. Nominations to fill vacancies in Presbytery commissions and committees will be made at the November stated meeting.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and APPROVED. Moderator Saturnia adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. **THE NEXT PCC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22 AT 10 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Ruling Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair
Stated Clerk