

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL (CALLED) MEETING
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA**

First Presbyterian Church
Iowa City, Iowa

10:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The Special (Called) Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Mary Atwood, with prayer. The Moderator expressed thanks to First Presbyterian Church for hosting this special (called) meeting of the Presbytery, and invited those present to greet one another and pass the peace as sisters and brothers in Christ.

QUORUM

The Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair, declared a quorum to be present including representation from ten churches with the roll to be established from the registration forms. She noted that only the business stated in the call for the meeting would be in order.

TEACHING ELDER MEMBERS—present at the September 13, 2014 special meeting:

Mike Andrew	N	Beth Hilkerbaumer	N	Duane Olsen	N
Noelle Andrew	N	Robert Hill, HR	E	Melody Oltmann	N
Mary Arnold	N	Pamela Hoogheem	N	Kyle Otterbein	P
Teresa Bartlett	N	John Hougen	N	Kristy Parker	N
Karen Downey Beals	P	Beverly Hovenkamp	N	Kurt Pasko	N
Diane Bishop, HR	E	Sue Howes, HR	E	Lori Patton	N
George Bishop, HR	E	Kristin Hutson	N	Matt Paul	P
Jim Bonewald	P	Herb Isenberg, HR	E	Joseph Phipps	N
Robert Bouton, HR	E	Will Jackson, HR	E	Elizabeth Platt, HR	E
Gary Burnett, HR	E	William Jamison, HR	E	Al Polito	N
Maurice Campbell, HR	E	Jennifer Jennings	N	Mary Pugh	P
David Castrodale, HR	E	R. Dixon Jennings, HR	E	Nancy Redman, HR	E
Howard Chapman	N	David Jurgens, HR	E	Peter Reynan	N
Stan Coller	N	Thomas Kalshoven, HR	E	Gerald Rife, HR	E
Jason Collier	N	Robin Kash, HR	E	Carl Riggs, HR	E
Jessica Crane-Munoz	P	Lucille King, HR	E	Lori Robinson	N
Robert David	N	Debra Kinney	N	Lisa Ross Thedens	N
Elizabeth Dickey	N	Sonda Kirsteatter	N	Pam Saturnia	N
Tim Dyck	P	Wade Kirsteatter	N	George Saunders, HR	E
Robert Dykstra	N	Kerin Lang	N	Julie Schuett	N
Jack Edmisson	N	Jim Langley	N	Linda Shatzer	P
John Elliott, HR	E	Willis Longer, HR	E	Paul Skelley, HR	E
Barry Ensign-George	N	Michael Manaugh	N	David Snyder	N
Jon Evans	N	Mark Martin, HR	E	Colette Soult	N
Matthew Froeschle	N	Samuel Massey	P	Emory VanGerpen, HR	E

James Fyfe, HR	E	Charles McCracken, HR	E	Dick Wallarab, HR	E
Emory Gillespie	P	Richard Miller	P	Bill Warhover	N
Aimee Goldmeyer	P	Ted Miller, HR	E	Nathan Williams	N
Mildred Grubbs, HR	E	Charles Mills, HR	E	Bill Willis	N
Dottie Halverson	P	Anni Mingin	N	Troy Winder	N
Pat Halverson	N	Scott Minteer	N	Jean Wollenberg	P
Ken Harden, HR	E	Diane Monger	N	Robert Wollenberg	N
William Harnish, HR	E	Kenneth (Kip) Murphy	N	Lorene Wunder	P
Heather Hayes	N	Scott Nesbitt	N		
Patricia Henderson	N	Thomas C. Oak	N		
Randi Henderson	N	Nancy Oehler Love	P		

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS—present at the September 13, 2014 special meeting:

Ainsworth, Ainsworth Community	A
Ainsworth, Bethel	A
Argyle, Argyle PC	A
Atkins, Pleasant Hill	A
Bettendorf, Bettendorf PC	A
Birmingham, First	A
Blairstown, First	A
Blue Grass, Blue Grass PC	A
Bonaparte, Bonaparte United	A
Brighton, Brighton United	A
Burlington, First	Ed Whitmore
Cascade, Community	Robert Ganfield
Cedar Rapids, Calvin Sinclair	A
Cedar Rapids, Christ Church	Ann Luedtka
Cedar Rapids, Echo Hill	A
Cedar Rapids, First	A, A
Cedar Rapids, Hus Memorial	A
Cedar Rapids, Knox	A
Cedar Rapids, Olivet	A
Cedar Rapids, Westminster	Jan Kosouski

Center Jct., First	A
Clinton, First United	A
Coggon, Zion	A
Columbus Jct., Cotter	A
Columbus Jct., Salem Welsh	A
Columbus Jct., United	A
Crawfordsville, United	A
Davenport, First	Lousie Hales, Chad Carr
Davenport, Newcomb	A
Davenport, New Hope	Karen Bartel
Ely, First	A
Fairfield, First	A
Farmington, Sharon	A
Ft. Madison, Union	A
Hazleton, First	A
Independence, First	A
Iowa City, First	Lara Marsh, Judy Whitford
Iowa City, St. Andrew	Lora M. Dunham, Aaron Shileny
Keokuk, United	A
Keota, United	A
LeClaire, First	A
LeClaire, Our Savior	A
Lone Tree, United	A
Lost Nation, Union	A
Manchester, First	A
Marengo, First	A
Marion, First	A
Mechanicsville, First	Dorothy Russell
Mediapolis, First United	A
Middletown, First	A
Miles, First	A
Monticello, First	A
Montrose, Montrose PC	A
Morning Sun, First United	A
Mt. Pleasant, First	A
Mt. Vernon, First	A
Mt. Vernon, Linn Grove	Anne Kuntz
Muscatine, First	M. Tripp
New London, New London PC	A
Newhall, Central	A
Onslow, First	A

Princeton, Princeton PC	
Rowley, First	
Scotch Grove, Scotch Grove PC	A
Shellsburg, First	A
Springville, Springville PC	A
Stanwood, Union	A
Vinton, Vinton PC	A
Wapello, First	Jeff Lease
Washington, United	A
West Liberty, First United	A
West Point, West Point PC	A
Williamsburg, First	A
Wilton, First	Jim Voss
Wilton, Sugar Creek	A
Winfield, First	A

MODERATOR (eligible to vote)

Ruling Elder Mary Atwood

VICE-MODERATOR (eligible to vote)

Teaching Elder Kyle Otterbein (listed in TE above)

STATED CLERK (eligible to vote)

Ruling Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair

TREASURER (eligible to vote)

Vacant

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS (eligible to vote)

Phil Leipold

COMMITTEE MODERATOR/PCC RULING ELDERS (eligible to vote)

Ann Luedtka

G.A. COMMISSIONER RULING ELDERS (eligible to vote)

None

FORMER PRESBYTERY MODERATOR RULING ELDERS (eligible to vote)

Harry Hoyt

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

None

CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS

None

VISITORS

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Teaching Elder Members (eligible to vote)	25
Ruling Elder Commissioners (eligible to vote)	19
Vice-Moderator (Elder-eligible to vote)	1
Stated Clerk (Elder-eligible to vote)	1
Treasurer (Elder-eligible to vote)	1
Commissioned Ruling Elders (eligible to vote)	1
Other Elders (eligible to vote)	2
Total Eligible to Vote	50
Corresponding Members	0
Candidates and Inquirers	0
Visitors	5
TOTAL PRESENT	55

Moderator Mary Atwood called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. She reminded the body present that only items docketed in the call for the meeting were in order to be discussed and acted upon. The Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Rebecca Blair, affirmed that a quorum, including representative presbyters from 10 churches, were present.

Moderator Atwood noted that four items had been docketed for this meeting.

The first item, brought by Ruling Elder Ann Luedtka, moderator of the Committee on Ministry, on behalf of the committee, **recommended that Teaching Elder Emory Gillespie be installed as Pastor of Cedar Rapids, Westminster, effective 13 September 2014, with the following terms of call:**

Salary	\$63,000
Housing	\$15,000
Five (5) weeks paid annual vacation	
Two (2) weeks annual continuing education, cumulative to four (4) weeks	
Six (6) weeks paid maternity/paternity leave per occurrence	
Full BOP pension, medical, disability and death benefit coverage	
Mileage expense reimbursed per voucher for miles driven	
Continuing education expenses	\$2,000 cumulative to two (2) years
Professional ministry expenses	\$2,000
Church agrees to PEIA Sabbatical Leave Policy	
No participation in New Pastor Development Program	

It was necessary for the body to take this action because the current presbytery guidelines for ministerial preparation, ordination, certification call and installation processes, adopted originally in October, 2007 at the 144th stated meeting and affirmed again in October of 2011 at the 156th stated meeting, follow the definitions and boundaries set by language in Chapter 14 of the 2005-2007 *Book of Order*.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously. The installation service is tentatively set for October 14, 2014 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, starting at 10:00 a.m. Congratulations to Emory Gillespie and the entire Westminster church community. May God richly bless you as this new chapter in your ministry together begins.

With profound gratitude laced with sadness, the Committee on Ministry **recommended the second docket item, the dissolution of Knox Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids with the following motion:**

The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of East Iowa approve the dissolution of Knox Presbyterian Church, retroactive to 29 June 2014 and that, on behalf of the Presbytery, the COM Subcommittee to Close Churches take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Knox Presbyterian Church, consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the Knox Presbyterian Church, and from the date of the Presbytery action, in consultation with the PEIA

Trustees, to arrange for the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the Presbytery, and lastly, to assert the claim of the presbytery to any property of the Knox Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to the Knox Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

Rationale: At a duly constituted congregational meeting on 18 May 2014, the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church voted affirmatively to request the Presbytery of East Iowa to close the church, effective 29 June 2014. Since all property of the Knox Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), per the PEIA Manual of Operations, the COM Subcommittee to Close Churches has been working with the church through this process. The Presbytery of East Iowa celebrates the mission and ministry of Knox Presbyterian Church from 1956 to the present.

After a **unanimous vote to approve the dissolution**, Teaching Elder Tim Dyck, Knox's most recent moderator, praised the church session for handling this dissolution process with grace and integrity, stewarding the financial and material resources wisely with a deep understanding that they were not simply acting for themselves, but were acting in trust for the larger presbytery community, the denomination, and most importantly, Christ's ministry in this place. Teaching Elder Jim Bonewald, Knox's last installed pastor, echoed Mr. Dyck's thoughts, urging the Presbytery to consider keeping the building as a site and opportunity for further ministry within this neighborhood in the future.

The Presbytery Coordinating Council brought the third business item, a **recommendation that the Presbytery of East Iowa immediately end its relationship with Premier Technology, current IT services provider for the Presbytery office, and engage Iowa Solutions as the IT services provider for a period of one year to provide the IT services listed in their proposal to the Presbytery of East Iowa (see attachment) with the intention that this relationship continue after one year if Iowa Solutions provides satisfactory service.**

Rationale: Iowa Solutions is an IT company that specializes in providing support services to non-profit organizations affordably. The total proposed cost for this service is \$683 per month, approximately \$100 per month less than the current cost for fewer services from Premier.

The body APPROVED this motion unanimously. The body then **seconded and APPROVED a motion to direct the Stated Clerk to effect the transfer of service in coordination with Presbytery office staff.**

The last docketed item concerned a **recommendation from the Trustees that the Presbytery concur with a request from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City to affirm the following motion, approved by the congregation:**

To authorize the Session, on behalf of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, to obtain a construction loan for up to \$8.5 million and a long-term loan not to exceed \$6 million, from a lender to be identified later, for the purpose of constructing a new church campus at the Camp Cardinal site.

St. Andrew Associate Pastor Kyle Otterbein, currently serving as Presbytery Vice-Moderator and moderator of the Trustees, presented the recommendation on behalf of the Trustees, but noted in response to a question that he had not directly participated in the Trustee discussion and would recuse himself if it were necessary in future as this project progresses.

The lengthy discussion involved particular questions from the body concerning how the Presbytery as the agent of fiduciary trust would be involved with or encumbered by these loans and the real estate property, how the church planned to finance this project (specific lender, interest rate, and loan length) as well as what capital campaigns have occurred or are envisioned, and how the sale of the current property and the move to the Camp Cardinal site would help the mission and ministry of the church to move forward. Teaching Elder Matt Paul, Pastor of St. Andrew, and Ruling Elder Dr. Dan Fick, Church Treasurer, responded to these questions, prompting further consideration of the process as well as how the Presbytery could support this ministry while ensuring accountability and responsible stewardship of resources.

To achieve such an outcome, **a motion to amend the main motion to read as follows was seconded and APPROVED:** ***To authorize the Session, on behalf of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, to obtain a construction loan for up to \$8.5 million and a long-term loan not to exceed \$6 million, from a lender to be identified later, for the purpose of constructing a new church campus at the Camp Cardinal site, subject to final approval of the Presbytery of East Iowa and to empower the Trustees to act on behalf of the Presbytery of East Iowa for this issue only.***

The main motion as amended was then APPROVED.

There being no more docketed business, Moderator Atwood asked if there was a motion to adjourn. **A motion to adjourn was seconded and APPROVED.** The meeting adjourned with prayer at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruling Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair
Stated Clerk