



Presbytery of Des Moines



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TO: Commissioners to the Special Meeting (December 14, 2019)

FROM: Rev. Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk

SUBJECT: Minutes

You will find the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines held on December 14, 2019 at Ankeny Presbyterian Church in Ankeny, Iowa following this letter. The Minutes may also be downloaded from the Presbytery website: <http://bit.ly/PofDMStatedMeetings>. If you see additions, deletions, or corrections that need to be made, please send them to me Stated Clerk Kristin Pike at the Presbytery office – 515-276-4991 or by email: kpike@dmpresbytery.org.

The Presbytery of Des Moines of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Called Meeting of the Presbytery at Ankeny Presbyterian Church in Ankeny, Iowa on December 14, 2019. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator RE Sandy Wagener at 10:00 a.m.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The following commissioners and members were registered for this meeting (Present, Absent, Excused):

CHURCH	MINISTER	P/A/E	COMMISSIONER
Adair, First	Bob Zirkelbach	P	A
Allerton, United	Melanie Halferty	E	A
Ankeny	Eric Pasanchin	P	Kathy Brown
Ankeny (PA)	Sue Tomlinson	P	-----
Atlantic, First United	Rachelle McCalla	P	Lloyd Reeder
Audubon, First	Kelley Pedersen	P	A
Bedford, United	Vacant	-	A
Brooklyn, First	Bernard (Ben) Nti	E	A
Carlisle, Scotch Ridge	Christopher (Kip) Harris	E	A
Centerville, First	R.D. Blount	E	Lora Ashby
Chariton, First	Vacant	-	A
Clive, Heartland	P. Alex Thornburg	E	A
Clive, Heartland (PA)	Robert Houser	E	-----
Corning, First	Jessica Paulsen	P	Ken Pangburn
Creston, First	Cynthia Ripperger	E	A
Creston, Platte Center	Dolores Doench	P	Chuck Erickson
Dallas Center, First	Judy Winkelpleck	P	Barb Britson
Deep River, United	Michelle Williamson	A	A
Des Moines, Central (2)	Wallace Bubar	P	David Boyd
Des Moines, Central	-----	-----	Susan Stroope
Des Moines, Douglas Avenue	Vacant	-	A
Des Moines, First	Ken Stuber	E	Kathy Smith
Des Moines, First Arabic	Ekram Kachu	P	A
Des Moines, Fort Des Moines	Vacant	-	A
Des Moines, Park Avenue	John W. Gilmore	E	Jeanne Burnett
Des Moines, Union Park	Don Elly	E	Joyce Rash
Des Moines, Westminster (3)	Scott Paczkowski	A	Pam Nagel
Des Moines, Westminster	William Ekhardt	A	Christine Jensen
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Jan Scott	E	Tom Daft
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Ken Arentson	E	-----
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Dick Kiefer	E	-----
Dexter, First	David Kincaide	P	A
Diagonal, United	Gwen Trullinger	A	A
Earlham, First	Robert Waldron	P	Frank Smith
Gibson, First	Bob Elgin, moderator	A	A
Greenfield, First	David Kincaide	P	Pam Kincaide
Grimes, First	Jessica Wietzke	A	A
Grinnell, First	Kirsten Klepfer	P	Char Ewan
Guthrie Center, First	Vacant	-	A
Hartford, Community United	Kristin Pike	P	Ann Polito

CHURCH	MINISTER	P/A/E	COMMISSIONER
Indianola, Trinity United	David Endriss	P	Joel Herr
Johnston, St. Paul	Bill O'Connell	P	Eldon Young
Knoxville, First	Ann Johnson	P	A
Lenox, United	Tim Maxa	E	A
LeRoy, First (United Trinity Parish)	Donna Murphy-Ceradsky	E	A
Lucas, First	Vacant	-	A
Malcom, First United	Bernard (Ben) Nti	E	A
Monroe	Ann Johnson	P	A
Mount Ayr, United	Mike Maddy	A	A
Newton, First	Meghan Davis	P	A
Newton, First (PA)	Linda Curtis-Stolper	P	-----
Newton, United	Donald Freeman	P	A
Oskaloosa, First	Craig Palmer	P	A
Ottumwa, First	William Hornback	A	A
Ottumwa, Westminster	Vacant	-	A
Perry, First	Lynne Hanna	P	A
Sharpsburg	Tim Maxa	E	A
Sigourney, First	Vacant	-	A
West Des Moines, Covenant	Nathan Williams	P	A
West Des Moines, Covenant (PA)	Marcy Campbell	E	-----
Windsor Heights, Windsor	Shamaine Chambers King	P	Ron Grohe
Winterset, First United	Randal Lubbers	E	A

OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY (MINISTERS)

Present: Robert Burnett (HR); Maricarmen Campos Castro (At-Large); Jack DePond (HR); Sarai Schnucker Rice (At-Large); Kenneth Rummer (HR); Greg Smith (HR); and Barbara Tooker Todd (HR); and Roger Todd (HR).

Excused: Kim Alten (HR); Philip Barrett (HR); Jay Basler (HR); John Beran (HR); Tom Conrey (HR); Carl Cooper (HR); Donald Elly (HR); Ane Fitzgerald (At-Large); Barbara Gaddis (HR); Bruce Giese (HR); Nancy Gorsuch (HR); Hans Cornelder (HR); (HR); Jim Howland (At-Large); Calvin Hsu (HR); Claude Jones (HR); David Klanderma (HR); Elizabeth Knott (HR); James Koopman (At-Large); Aaron Koskamp (HR); William LeMosy (HR); Dawn Linder (At-Large); John McElroy (Australia); Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy (Madrid, St. Paul's UCC and Des Moines, Plymouth UCC); Jane Martinez (At-Large); Jeffrey Means (DMPCC); Barbara Nish (HR); Dale O'Connell (HR); Linda O'Connell (HR); Sara Speer Palmer (HR); Marvin Potter (HR); Nancy Profit (HR); John Reynolds, Jr. (HR); Elizabeth Sandy (HR); Patricia Summers (HR); Ron Van Heukelom (HR); Erasmo Vélez (HR); Lynn Williams (HR); and Francis Younkin (HR).

Absent: Pete Brantner (At-Large); Michelle Leaverton (At-Large); and Ray McCalla (Atlantic, First Baptist).

LAY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present: Amgad Beblawi (Interim Executive Presbyter); Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster); Midge Slater (Des Moines, First) and Sandy Wagener (Ankeny).

VISITORS

David Musaro, Sue Musaro, Nancy-Grace Musaro and Gary Owens (Ankeny); Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson (Des Moines, Park Avenue); Dwight Tomes (Windsor Heights, Windsor); Za Thawng Lian (Mizo Church); Nancy Lister-Settle, hunger action advocate (Dallas Center, First) and Betty Dyer, office manager (Indianola, Trinity United).

MINISTERS (96 on roll)

Present: 31
Excused: 55
Absent: 10

ELDER COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS

Present: 30
Excused: 0
Absent: 35

WELCOME BY HOST CHURCH

TE Eric Pasanchin, Pastor of Ankeny Presbyterian Church of Ankeny, Iowa, welcomed the Presbytery to the church.

QUORUM STATEMENT

A quorum was present and declared so by the Moderator.

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The Presbytery VOTED to adopt the Proposed Docket distributed in the Call to this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Moderator RE Sandy Wagener appointed Stated Clerk TE Kristin Pike as Parliamentarian for this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING CLERK

RE Ann Polito, Clerk of Session of Community United Presbyterian Church of Hartford, IA, was appointed as Recording Clerk for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

The Presbytery VOTED to grant excused absences to those requesting them.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

There were no corresponding members.

WORSHIP

The meeting continued with a short prayer service with music led by Sandy Wagener.

The business meeting continued at 10:20 am

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Moderator Midge Slater presented the report:

Leadership Council recommends the following:

- that Presbytery approve the 2020 budget – Motion to approve – seconded – approved
- that Presbytery approve the 2020 per capita remain at \$45 – Motion to approve – seconded - approved
- that Presbytery approve that Property Committee list the Highland Park building with a realtor and be empowered to accept the best offer and execute the transaction – Motion to approve – seconded - approved

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator RE Ann Polito presented the following persons to be elected to the positions noted:

SHARED STAFF SEARCH COMMITTEE

TE Lynne Hanna (Perry, First)

TE Ken Rummer (HR)

RE Mickey Van Baale (Newton, First)

No further nominations were received. Motion to elect – approved

COMMITTEE ON COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE

2022

RE Jean Caster (West Des Moines, Covenant)

COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

2021

TE Eric Pasanchin (Ankeny)

No further nominations were received. Motion to elect - approved

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Commission on Ministry has reviewed and accepted the reports for those Ministers of Word and Sacrament in validated ministries or members at-large for 2019.

The Committee on Budget & Finance met with representatives of the Lee Agency to review our presbytery liability, property, and workers compensation insurance for 2020, as well as the group policy that 27 of our churches participate in. A few minor changes were made and discussion was had about checking into other options for 2021.

The Stated Clerk is required to provide the plan for parity for ministers and elder commissioners each year to the Presbytery. We currently have 62 participating ministers – that number will go down to 60 on January 1, 2020. We also have 58 ruling elders with voice and vote. With numbers at 60 and 58, there is no need for an alteration of our formula at this time, so no change is recommended for 2020.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

There being no further business, Presbytery VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. The meeting was then adjourned with prayer by Moderator Sandy Wagener.

Respectfully Submitted,
TE Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk