

Calling Commission Minutes - March 20, 2019

Attending: Wendy Bausman Gray, Bob Freymeyer, Edith Ophardt, Cathy Piekarski, and Ron Walker

Opening Prayer and meditation: Wendy read a reflection from Living Loved by Peter Wallace. She asked, "What if we lived as loved children of God"?

Approval of Minutes: 2/25 /19 approved as written.

CRE Update:

Bonnie Donnelly from Marietta First met with the calling commission for her interview. She has taught Sunday school, Bible studies, and has directed the youth choir. Bonnie indicated that her initial interest in the CRE program is personal spiritual growth as well as a desire to be better equipped for pastoral care. She voiced an openness to additional ways she might use her training. Bonnie has already begun courses at Dubuque Seminary on line. She speaks favorably of the process.

Motion: Bonnie Donnelly will be taken under care pending her psychological evaluation. The motion passed.

Roger Sibert's application has been received by the MVP office. He was unable to attend this meeting. Cathy will contact him and invite him to attend our next Calling Commission meeting for his interview to finalize his application into the MVP CRE program.

Pamela Smith is in the process of completing her psychological evaluation.

Edith and Ron will meet before the next Calling Commission meeting in order to outline the seminars for the cohort that is in the process of forming. The intention is to begin offering seminars by late June. Wendy has offered to assist with presenting the Pastoral Care seminar.

Update for those under care (ministry of word and sacrament):

Kathryn Ophardt - Kathryn continues her work with migrants in Mexico City. She will schedule her psychological evaluation when she returns home in the summer before she begins seminary.

Robin Sharp –Wendy is scheduled to meet with Robin as her liaison. Bob Freymeyer is arranging to coach Robin in the test taking process for her remaining ordination exams.

Justin Warner – Justin reports his studies are going well. He is getting married in May.

Devotions for next meeting: Cathy

Closing Prayer: Ron

Next meeting: 4/16 at 1pm

Respectfully submitted by Edith Ophardt (Christ Church, Canton)