



**NURTURE FAITH – MAKE DISCIPLES – MEET NEEDS**

**Council Minutes**  
**March 18, 2019 @ 1:00 pm**

Members present: Ben George, Tim Schenkel, Frank Walburg, Mark Unrue, Matt Skolnik, Tricia Petraven & JoAnn Watson. Via Zoom: Joan Brode, Wes Jones, Tim Pollock. Excused: Dave DeVries. Absent: Tom Houston. Minutes Recorder - Bev Potts

Moderator, Ben George opened the meeting at 1:00pm with devotions from the Gospel of Mark. Starts with “The beginning of good news about Jesus Christ the Messiah” and ends with “The women were terrified and fled from the empty tomb, and they told no one”. Mark leaves his gospel open-ended. Which begs the question “Who do you say that I am?” Ben closed the devotion with prayer

Relationship Building & Support - Council members shared blessings and prayer concerns. Rev. Tricia Petraven offered prayer for the group

Vision & Planning

- Feedback was given from those who spent February in their assignments on relationship building across the presbytery. Spending time with folks and building relationships.
- Life cycle of church. When growing: Focus is on vision growing. When dying: Focus is on ministry & structure
- Linear Giving: Organization or church is to draw a straight line between money that comes in and money that goes out towards mission and outreach. 100% budget, 115% budget, 125% budget. Incentives for giving. Spiritual leaders as practice of discerning. Model for local churches, not just for the Presbytery. This is a long-term conversation. What is the incentive piece that we want to put in front of our churches? This topic will be discussed further in the future
- Rick Hastings logged on to Zoom and shared with the group the Wild at Heart Men’s Ministry. Ben George let a prayer of thanksgiving

Organizational Business and Action Items

- Stated Clerk, Tim Pollock presented the minutes from the Jan. 21, 2019 Council meeting for approval. **Motion:** To approve the docket. **Motion carried**
- The GA votes are in and there have been enough votes. All were approved except for the one that was voted down at the last presbytery meeting
- Tim will be working on creating the MVP book of minutes for approval in April

### Administration & Finance

- Building - Talked about different meeting places once we move out of the building
- The Financial Report was received by Council
- Matt thanked everyone who came to help clean out papers at the Mission Center office. We will schedule the next "Work Day" at the MVP Mission Center once we find out if there are any books left after the couple from Shreve comes to sort them out
- Matt shared a little about the Cross Cultural Church

**Motion:** To receive Tom Houston's resignation from Council. **Motion carried**

### Information Sharing

- Stated Meeting of MVP – Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Belpre, OH, **Saturday, April 6, 2019**  
Matt will continue to develop lessons around the theme of being strong leaders. April's meeting lesson will be Abraham: Failure as a Gift
- Healthy Boundaries Trainings have begun

The meeting was adjourned by Ben George at 3:14pm. Tricia Petraven closed the meeting in prayer. Matt led a prayer over Tricia and her future.

### **2019 Council Calendar**

May 20 - Council Meeting 1pm

August 19 - Council Meeting 1pm

September 16 - Council Meeting 1pm

November 18 - Council Meeting 1pm

June - Training Focus: Basics Elective

July - Training Focus: Basics Elective

October - Training Focus: Basics Elective

December - Training Focus: Basics Elective