



MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

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NURTURE FAITH – MAKE DISCIPLES – MEET NEEDS

Council Minutes

May 20, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Members present: Moderator-Elect, JoAnn Watson, GP - Matt Skolnik, Tim Schenkel & Joan Brode. Via Zoom: Tim Pollock. Excused: Tricia Petraven, Ben George, Wes Jones, Mark Unrue & Frank Walburg. Absent: Dave DeVries. Minutes Recorder - Bev Potts. Guest: Administration Chair-Elect, Sheila Ellenberger

JoAnn Watson opened the meeting with prayer at 1:10pm and devotions from Acts 16. When Paul heard the Holy Spirit to close a door, and then told him to open a door, he just followed the instructions. Paul didn't need a committee to go forth.

State Clerk, Tim Pollock declared a quorum. **Motion:** To approve the docket. **Motion carried**

- Relationship Building & Support: Council members shared blessings and concerns. Everyone was happy to have Sheila back. Feedback was given from those who spent April on their assignments of relationship building across the Presbytery.

Vision & Planning:

- Mission Budget Communication: Matt Skolnik presented a letter that he would like to send to churches and pastors in the Presbytery. He said he did his best at estimating the expected income and reminded Council of previous motions and actions that created the current fund allocations. Matt requested the Administrative Committee come up with a 5-year plan for future fund allocations.
- Adaptive Change: Primary focus is helping to build community within our churches and around our churches. Incorporating international partnerships (Cross Cultural relationships).
- Matt made a formal request of the Administration Committee and Council to develop a plan for the money received from the sale of the Mission Center property.
- Healthy Boundaries Training: Parish Elders will present a motion to Presbytery in September, clearing up the language for those people required to complete the training.

Organizational Business and Action Items:

- **Motion:** To approve minutes from March 18, 2019 Council Meeting. **Motion carried.**
- Stated Clerk, Tim Pollock reported on Presbytery Minutes Review held at the Synod of the Covenant at the end of April. Few typo's that needed corrected and annual budget added.
- Stated Clerk is currently scheduling dates for MVP's Session Minutes Review for Sept., Oct., Nov.
- Readers for Ordination Exams: by August 31st, 2019, we must send the names of 1 Ruling Elder and 1 Teaching Elder to become Ordination Exam Readers for the Northeast Region. JoAnn Watson (TE) and Joan Brode (RE) both volunteered to do this. Exam week is Oct 7-11, 2019.

Administration & Finance:

- **Motion:** To approve recommendation from the Administration Committee, amendments in the Covenant of Understanding with Rev. Matthew Skolnik and MVP, as per attached copy. The salary for his 2019-2020 FY contract will be at least \$52,500, but may be adjusted up to \$55,000 once the budget is completed. **Motion carried.** This will be presented to Presbytery in September.
- **Motion:** To authorize payment of MVP expenses per the current budget until a new budget is adopted by Presbytery in September. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion:** To approve recommendation from the Administration Committee, in paying the MVP Stated Clerk, a stipend of \$500 per month in addition to the mileage already paid, beginning on July 1, 2019. **Motion carried.** This will be presented to Presbytery in September.
- **Motion:** To authorize the Administration Committee to negotiate terms and conditions in writing for renting space at First Presbyterian Church, Uhrichsville, OH to house the MVP office. **Motion carried.**
- Financial Report was received.
- Joani will contact accountant Keith Willoughby again, to schedule an audit of the MVP books.

Nominating:

- Possibility of nominating Dennis Allison as Treasurer. If Dennis accepts, Council will vote via email to elect Dennis as Treasurer Pro-Tem until confirmed by Presbytery in September.
- **Motion:** To elect Sheila Ellenberger to serve as Chair of Administration Pro-Tem until confirmed by Presbytery in September. **Motion carried.**

GP, Matt Skolnik spoke about the September 13th, 2019 event from 10am to 4pm on the Cross Cultural Church: Reclaiming Pentecost, with several speakers scheduled at Camp Wakonda (the day before our September Stated meeting).

Motion: To adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Moderator-Elect, JoAnne Watson closed the meeting with prayer at 2:58pm.

2019 Council Calendar

August 19 - Council Meeting 1pm

September 16 - Council Meeting 1pm

November 18 - Council Meeting 1pm

July - Training Focus: Building Relationships

October - Training Focus: Building Relationships

December - Training Focus: Building Relationships