

Minutes from the Meeting of the Council of the Presbytery of Nevada  
January 15, 2022 via Zoom

Attendees:

Elaine York, CLP, Chair  
Rev Rebecca Watkins  
Rev Pat Mecham  
Rev Adrian Doll  
Rev Bob Kelley  
Rev Scot Trevithick  
Elder Scott Plummer  
Elder Ron Scovill

Staff: Rev Christy Ramsey, Stated Clerk  
Rev Kate Freeman, Journal Clerk, and Presbytery Pastor  
Elder Vern Manke, Director of Finance

Excused: Brandolyn Thran, CLP

Absent: Rev. Adolph Kumen

Meeting opened in Prayer and Devotion by Chair Elaine York at 11:06 am

Roll established and quorum declared by Rev Christy Ramsey, Stated Clerk

- A. Clerk's Report Attachment A-1, 2
1. Native Lands and Peoples Acknowledgment
  2. Minutes from past meetings of Council. Acknowledgment of Journal Clerk's submission of minutes. **Motion** to approve minutes of 06/12/2021. **Carried.**
  3. Suggestion that approval of Presbytery minutes be done at Presbytery meetings.
  4. Policy Review
    - a. Policies 4, 12, and 15 were reviewed without changes and Policies 2 and 3 were revised on this date
      - a. Policy 2 Study Leave. **Motion:** To remove all words from line items #3 (Study leave should not be used as a vacation, where the purpose is physical and mental refreshment, but as enrichment for ministry) and #5 (The COM at its triennial consultation with the Minister and Session, shall include a discussion on study leave taken and planned.) from Policy 2 and renumber the current item #4 as item #3. **Carried**
      - b. Policy 3 Minimum Salary. **Motion:** to add the words "full time" prior to the word "clergy" in the first line so it now reads: "The minimum compensation package for full time clergy in the Presbytery of Nevada is..." **Carried**
  5. General Assembly (GA)
    - a. We are in need of a GA Commissioner. GA Plenary will meet on Zoom prior to and after the Committees meetings which will be staggered over five days and in-person in Louisville, KY.
    - b. Referred to Brandolyn, as current moderator of Nominating Committee (NomCom). Rev Sue Taylor, past moderator of NomCom is aware.
  6. Congregations Record Review – Graciously performed by Elder Ray Bledsoe (list in Clerk's Report)

7. There was one “email” vote performed by Council since the last meeting.
8. Planning Center is a new online data base which can be used by committees and to post resources which are not on the website which are open to public viewing. For further information contact Christy.
9. Stated clerk raised question concerning influx of “Job opportunities” emails outside of the PC(USA) job center (CLC) and was guided to ignore these.

B. Presbytery Meeting Task Force – Rev Scott Trevithick

Scott reviewed the scope of the Task Force indicating they had met in November, December, January and will meet once more prior to our March Presbytery Meeting in Las Vegas. The hope is to enhance both modes of meeting: online and in person. Worship, relationship building, fellowship, self-care, and recreation are all being discussed. For example, to include afternoon options of relaxation, creative activities, led nature/reflection hikes around the Tahoe Basin. Task Force is considering costs of travel, lodging, meeting space in both the North and South parts of the state. A feedback tool is being developed for our March Presbytery Meeting and the Task Force will present its recommendations at the Fall 2022 meeting.

C. Committee Reports

1. Trustees – Scott Plummer

- a. Elder Scott Plummer was elected Chair for 2022
- b. First Korean Presbyterian Church (FKPC) – removed the time deadline for the grant and renewed the lease with UCC church Abundant Peace Church.
- c. Renting old FKPC building for \$2250./month and negotiating with UCC Abundant Peace Church as regards repairs.
- d. Vern’s financial reports were presented but acknowledged as incomplete. Final ones due at March meeting. **Motion:** to approve budget overruns. **Carried**
- e. KENCO FUND. **Motion:** Trustees and Council authorize forwarding the proceeds of the Kenco Fund for 2022 to First Presbyterian Church of Bishop, CA, with the stipulation that the church provides an accounting of how funds are used in compliance with the agreement with the Presbyterian Foundation. **Carried**

2. Personnel – Scott Trevithick

- a. Scott has sent reflection questions for self-evaluation to the staff of the Presbytery. And hopes to hear from other members of the Personnel Committee. Adrian Doll offered that Diane Schorr is unable to serve at this time.
- b. Christy raised the idea of how Committee chairs are selected. **Motion:** To direct the Stated Clerk to present language changes to Policy 20 in order to allow for the Nominating Committee to select a convener to get committees started. **Carried**

3. Mission Outreach – Pat Mecham

No report

4. Committee on Ministry – Adrian Doll

- a. Raised the question of how committee votes should be handled. **Motion:** to strike the word Committees from Policy 17 as follows: “The Presbytery Council ~~and Committees~~, may take e-mail votes on business items...” **Carried**
- b. Report that Rev Mariano Ordonez (Nonong) of Presbyterian Church of the Living God has agreed to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor to the Henderson Presbyterian Church following Rev Lee Styer’s retirement on Dec 31, 2021. This is seen as a good solution and opportunity for both congregations.

- c. Motion: AS of 01/01/2022 Brandolyn Thran, CLP, will now be serving at Wells Presbyterian Church with the authority to perform the sacraments of communion and baptism. She is not authorized to do weddings. Her CLP relationship with the Elko church has been dissolved.
- d. Report that Rev Dana Pope has been moved to Member-at-Large upon her move to San Antonio, TX.
- e. Report that COM has approved Rev Christy Ramsey's Ministry to Valley Church in Bishop in order to provide funds for his travel and lodging
- f. Report that COM approved Chris Kirschmann of Mountain View Presbyterian Church as a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP). He will be examined on the floor of the Presbytery.
- g. Report that COM approved the term extension of an elder at Virginia City's First Presbyterian Church due to reduced attendance and Covid-10 circumstances.
- 5. Nominating Committee -- Brandolyn Thran (not present)  
No report
- 6. Peace and Social Justice – Rebecca Watkins
  - a. Committee member Marsha Evan's talk at Presbytery in October has received National Recognition. It is hoped that all churches will play the recording for their congregations. Marsha's presentation is the first in PSJ's "Leaning In" series. Our next Presbytery, Annecamo Simonowitz from Presbyterian Church of the Living God will speak.
  - b. PSJ are in communication with Renee Meyers in the hopes that she will come and be apart of the Leaning In series discussing the "difficulties" within our society.
- 7. Equipping – No moderator  
No report

D. Next Meetings

Presbytery: March: Grace in Las Vegas. September: TBA at Zephyr  
Council: Summer June 11, 2022 11 am via Zoom Trustees at 9:30 am via Zoom

E. Additional Business

Update on Grace Presbyterian. Nearing completion of conceptual design for the new building. Closed West Campus and both congregations will now worship together at the main campus. Many Guest pastors are helping. Hoping to provide less stress on Pastor Jim.

Meeting closed in prayer by Elaine York at 1:11 pm

**Motion to Adjourn. Carries**

Minutes Respectfully if incompletely submitted by



Rev Kate Freeman  
Journal Clerk and Pastor to the Presbytery

**Attachement A-1**

**CLERK'S REPORT**

**2022 01 Council Meeting** [actions since Fall presbytery meetings]

ORDINATIONS	NONE
CHARTERED	NONE
INSTALLATIONS	NONE
ENROLLMENTS	NONE
DISMISSALS	NONE
REMOVED	NONE
RENUNCIATED	NONE
RELEASED	NONE
VALIDATED MINISTRY	NONE
STATED SUPPLY	NONE
HONORABLY RETIRED	Rev. Lee Roy Styer, Rev. Bob Kelley
INACTIVE	NONE
LABOR IN BOUNDS	NONE
LABOR OUT OF BOUNDS	NONE
MINISTER AT LARGE	Rev. Dana Pope
CANDIDATE UNDER CARE	NONE

**OTHER PERMISSIONS/APPROVALS**

Conduct Baptism/Communion	NONE
Enter CLP Program	NONE
CLP Commissioning	Elder Brandolyn Thran to Wells Presbyterian Church

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REVIEWS** (*Pt. = Pastor*)

Ministers at Large	NONE
Commissioned Lay Pastors	NONE

**Policy Statements**

Policy 13 directs the council to review policies every 5 years. The policies up for review are listed in full in Attachment A-2. The complete list is in the Manual available on the front page of the website and in the Program Center.

- Policy 2 – Study Leave
- Policy 3 – Minimum Salary
- Policy 4 – Temporary Pastoral Relationships
- Policy 12 – Appointment of Special Disciplinary Investigating Committee
- Policy 15 – When a Pastor Leaves A Call

**General Assembly**

I have registered our elder commissioner, John Harbison before the deadline of December 20, 2021. I didn't register our minister commissioner, Dana Pope, even though she is still a member of the Presbytery. I suspect we will get her transferred before General Assembly.

We are short not only a Minister Commissioner but also a Young Adult Advisory Delegate. By policy, we also send alternate / “elect” Commissioners to General Assembly (the minister and elder commission for the General Assembly following the current one). We do not have them elected for the General Assembly after this one. We also have nowhere to send them since the plenary meetings are online and only the committees are in person in Louisville. I have contacted the current and former nominating committee chairs about this looming? Vacancy in a minister commissioner to GA this summer.

## **RECORDS REVIEW– Elder Ray Bledsoe Assistant Records Review Clerk**

Annual Review, Done online by Elder Ray Bledsoe in October 2021. The following churches were reviewed Elder Bledsoe (except St. John’s which I reviewed):

First Thai-Laotian Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	2020	2021
Henderson Presbyterian Church	Henderson	2020	2021
Christ Presbyterian Church	Gardnerville	2020	2021
Grace Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	None	None
Valley Presbyterian Church	Mesquite	None	None
Reno Korean Presbyterian Church	Sparks	None	None
Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church	Lamoille	2020	2021
Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church	Spanish Springs	None	None
Wells Community Presbyterian Church	Wells	None	None
South Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church	So. Lake Tahoe	2020	2021
Lee Vining Community Presbyterian Church	Lee Vining	None	None
Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	2020	2021
Green Valley Presbyterian Church	Henderson	None	None
Mountain View Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	2020	2021
Elko First Presbyterian Church	Elko	2020	2021
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	None	None
First Korean Presbyterian Church	Las Vegas	None	None
Valley Bishop Presbyterian Church	Bishop	None	None
Virginia City First Presbyterian Church	Virginia City	2020	2021
St. John's Presbyterian Church	Reno	2020	2021
Hawthorne Community Presbyterian Church	Hawthorne	2020	2021
Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church	Truckee	2020	None
Presbyterian Church of The Living God (FFAPC)	Las Vegas	2020	2021

## **COUNCIL EMAIL VOTES** [actions only]

An electronic vote by the Presbytery Council provided by Policy #17 of the Presbytery of Nevada was conducted between 9-18-2021 and 9-22-2021

14 members of the Council of the Presbytery of Nevada were emailed. All voted via an online survey hosted at MailChimp via an individual link sent only to their email and additionally entered their name on the survey. There are 11 voting members. All members opened the email and responded online during the voting period. There were no motions to table the vote.

The motion was:

**“Shall the Presbytery of Nevada approve the addresses and listing of officers and agents (linked here and emailed previously) to be filed as a Religious Non-Profit with the state of California?”**

Of 11 council members, the vote was 11 YES, 0 No, 0 members not voting, 3 non-voting members indicated their receipt of the email vote survey.

The Motion Passed. The registration is approved. A copy is A-3.

### **Planning Center**

The Presbytery has an online database that allows committee moderators to email their members (without being exposed to scammers and spammers or risk being blocked as a mass emailer)

Committee chairs are encouraged to familiarize themselves and use the Planning Center for email primarily, but also for posting materials to keep the email treasure hunts to a minimum. The Stated Clerk can zoom in to give you a tour. A cheat sheet and short video are available with screenshots in the Council Documents post on the website.

Get started by emailing the Stated Clerk that you are ready for the keys (a link) to your committee.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

How does the Presbytery wish to deal with job openings massed emailed to the Presbytery by employment agents that cover the entire country?

01/10/2022

**PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA**  
**Budget Compared w/Actual 2021**

ATTACHMENT C-1

Account #	Account Name	ACTUAL as of 12/31/2021	2021 BUDGET	OVER (UNDER)
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
4.102.101	MISSION SUPPORT INCOME - MPF	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ -
4.136.101	MISSION SUPPORT TRIENNIUM - MPF	3,000	3,000	0
4.111.101	MISSION SUPPORT - MPF	30,000	30,000	0
4.121.101	MISSION SUPPORT - MPF ALLOCATION	20,000	20,000	0
4.145.201	VESTA B. COOLEY ENDOWMENT	1,194	1,000	194
4.131.101	MISSION FUNDING -MPF	2,000	2,000	0
4.131.151	PEACE & JUSTICE INCOME	1,879	1,000	879
4.161.101	MISSION SUPPORT INCOME MPF	20,345	20,345	0
4.161.161	INTEREST INCOME	5,972	10,000	(4,028)
4.240.161	INTEREST INCOME - NO. NEV NCD Fund	677	585	92
4.310.161	INTEREST/DIV INCOME - NCD/RDV Fund	323	280	43
4.400.101	PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT	112,042	112,898	(856)
4.400.161	INTEREST INCOME - ADMIN	528	519	9
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 204,960</b>	<b>\$ 208,627</b>	<b>\$ (3,667)</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
5.102.111	EQUIPPING GRANTS	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	\$ (2,000)
5.102.271	TRIENNIUM	-	3,000	(3,000)
5.111.101	BLOCK GRANT - MOC	18,000	30,000	(12,000)
5.121.101	BLOCK GRANT - COM	904	20,000	(19,096)
5.131.101	BLOCK GRANT - PEACE & JUSTICE	2,000	2,000	0
5.161.111	HOUSING - PRESBYTERY PASTOR	20,222	19,667	555
5.161.113	PRESBYTERY PASTOR EXPENSES	2,130	10,000	(7,870)
5.161.221	ACCOUNTING	9,300	9,300	0
5.161.223	PAYROLL TAXES	711	712	(1)
5.161.231	TRAVEL - MOC & EQUIPPING	-	5,200	(5,200)
5.161.232	COMMITTEE MTG EXP - MOC & EQUIP	-	3,200	(3,200)
5.161.239	STAFF TRAVEL	422	1,500	(1,078)
5.161.255	AUDITING/REVIEW	1,250	1,500	(250)
5.161.257	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXP	448	3,950	(3,502)
5.162.105	FKPC ASSISTANCE	23,800	31,000	(7,200)
5.400.102	STATED CLERK - HOUSING ALLOW.	20,222	19,667	555
5.400.103	INTERNET SHARE - STATED CLERK	480	480	0
5.400.105	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	9,300	9,300	0
5.400.108	PAYROLL TAXES EXP	711	712	(1)
5.400.109	JOURNAL CLERK	500	500	0
5.400.111	PER CAPITA - GA	24,479	24,488	(9)
5.400.112	PER CAPITA - SYNOD	14,235	14,235	0
5.400.115	PRESBYTERY TRAVEL	3,437	12,500	(9,063)
5.400.117	STANDING COMMITTEE EXPENSES	3,827	18,050	(14,223)
5.400.120	AUDITING/REVEIW 2	1,250	1,500	(250)
5.400.121	OFFICE EXPENSES/WEB	2,136	5,405	(3,269)
5.400.124	ONLINE GIVING FEES	167	300	(133)
5.400.125	INSURANCE	2,876	2,800	76
5.400.134	CONFERENCES/MEETINGS	103	1,600	(1,497)
5.400.142	MODERATORS TRAINING	-	2,500	(2,500)
5.400.161	GA EXPENSES	-	3,000	(3,000)

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 167,910</b>	<b>\$ 265,066</b>	<b>\$ (97,156)</b>

**NOTES**

- 4.161.161 Foundation Report for 4th quarter not received at this time
- 4.400.101 First Korean PC has did not pay per capita
- 5.161.111 *Entry error made for the two*
- 5.400.102 *housing allowances - the paid amounts are correct*
- 5.400.125 Added coverage for 3500 E. Harmon Ave property now leased



KENCO 2021 Received 12/22/21

income	
\$ 493.89	Foundation - March
\$ 298.98	Foundation - May
\$ 314.54	Foundation - October
	Foundation - December
\$ 360.00	Donations - Jan-Oct

\$ 1,467.41 Total income

expenditures		check #
\$ 40.00	Susan Flarity	1311 Memorial
	Stephanie Tanksley	1312 Memorial - \$40 - never cashed
\$ 100.00	Kristin	1313 Emergency food, travel - Reimburse Kenneth Haye
\$ 500.00	Arnie and Kelliann Palu	1314 adoption expenses
\$ 270.00	Perez Tires	1315 Wood trailer tires - Reimburse Kenneth Haye
\$ 500.00	Aritzia Rosga	1316 Cancer treatment expenses
\$ 500.00	Christian Edwards	1317 Medical expenses
\$ 250.00	Breast Cancer Alliance - Eastern S	1318 Donation
\$ 500.00	Julianna Saenz	1319 Hospital healthcare

\$ 2,660.00 Total expenditures

\$ 2,615.55	Beginning Balance - 1-1-2021
\$ 1,467.41	Income
\$ 2,660.00	Expenditures
\$ 1,422.96	Balance - 12-31-2021