

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA**

May 9, 2020

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM by Elder Lynne Zenier via ZOOM conferencing software. The meeting opened with prayer and devotion by Rev. Susan Taylor.

ROLL CALL – Elder Lynne Zenier, Moderator of Council; Rev. B. E. Lockett, Jr., HR, Moderator of Presbytery; Pastor Elaine York, Vice Moderator of Presbytery; Elder Denis Pecoraro, Chair of Trustees; Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken, Chair of Mission Outreach; Pastor Carl Dahlen, Chair of Committee on Ministry; Rev. Susan Taylor, Chair of Nominating; Rev. Dana Pope, Chair of Equipping; Rev. Rebecca Watkins, Chair of Peace and Justice; Rev. Bob Kelley, At Large;

Staff: Elder Vern Manke, Director of Finance; Rev. Christy Ramsey, Stated Clerk and General Presbyter.

Excused: none

Absent: Elder Rosebud Cruzado, At Large, Elder Scott Plummer, At Large

CLERK’S REPORT

The clerk deferred the majority of his report until the regular council meeting in June.

Actions brought by the Stated Clerk:

- A. The clerk wishes the council to appoint the Rev. Kate Freeman to the position of Journal Clerk.

Council **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of the Rev. Kate Freeman to the position of Journal Clerk. It was noted that the budget includes a payment of a stipend \$500 a year. This is a rate of \$50 per Council or Trustee meeting and \$100 for a Presbytery meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel – Rev. B. E. Lockett, Jr., HR, Chair

Informational Item: The chair shared with the Council the timeline for filling the position of Presbytery Pastor at the June Council Meeting. (see Attachment A below.)

Trustee Report – Elder Vern Manke, Director of Finance

Informational Item: The Director of Finance informed the Council that the Trustees are preparing a recommendation of grants to churches

Old Business

None.

New Business

Discussion was held about moving the Fall meeting of Presbytery to Zephyr Point. The Council moderator read portions of an email from the Director, Rev. Dick Young, which stated the large meeting room was not available during Presbytery dates and there were only 20 rooms available. The Council did not take action to move the Presbytery meeting.

Closing Prayer: Elder Lynne Zenier closed with prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Presbytery Gathering

September 13 – 16, 2020, St. John’s Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV

Stated Synod of the Pacific Assemblies:

Oct 7 – 9, 2020	Mercy Center
May 5 – 7, 2021	TBD
Oct 6 – 8, 2021	Mercy Center

General Assembly (online only)

Friday, June 19 – Election of Moderators or Co-Moderators
 Friday, June 26 – Opening worship and 2 plenary sessions
 Saturday, June 27 – Election of Stated Clerk, plenary sessions, worship

Summer Trustees/Council

Trustees 9 AM – 12 Noon / Council 1-4 PM Saturday 6/13/2020, via Zoom

Spring Presbytery Gathering

March - TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Christy Ramsey, Stated Clerk

Attachment A

Presbytery Pastor search by the Personnel Committee

Current Status

- Announcement posted to presbytery web site.
- Two candidates have signaled interest, providing PIFs.
- A third candidate was identified, and, on reflection, withdrew her name from consideration.
- A fourth possible candidate has been identified, but has not yet applied.

Next steps

- Candidates will be provided a set of written questions, developed by the Committee; deadline for submission via e-mail (22 May) will be announced to candidates with the e-mail providing them the questions.
- Candidates' written responses are circulated among committee members.
- Interviews via Zoom will be scheduled for each candidate, with the Committee.

Interview preparation

- Committee members will prepare by identifying the characteristics that we most value in this position (i.e., the basis for our assessment of candidates).
- Development of additional questions to include in the interviews, to ensure consistency.
- Identification of any additional steps/procedures for the interviews.

Following the interviews

- Conduct additional screening and reference checks.
- Make a selection.
- Forward a recommendation to presbytery council for action in June.