

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois  
**Thursday, January 15, 2015**

**AGENDA**

**Convene with Meditation and Prayer –**

Roll

Docket

Minutes –October 16, 2014 (*Pages 10-21*) and Conference Call October 30, 2014 (*Pages 22-23*)

Welcome new members –and returning members –

Discussion – Meet Transitional Synod Executive Sara Dingman

Meeting with Cindy Shepherd, Chair of Leadership Team Search Committee

Lunch

The Moderator of General Council

Mary Turner

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Administrative Commission Reports –  
*Herrin* is meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>, but still hoping for action at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting.  
*Sparta Trinity*'s reception into the EPC should be completed on January 24 & 25 and expect to complete the paperwork shortly afterward.  
*Other AC news* - Expect request for AC to close Macon soon. Expect a request for an AC to dismiss Decatur Lampstand soon. DuQuoin will vote on whether to close or pursue a federation with the UCC congregation in DuQuoin on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Rantoul has a meeting soon to discuss their future and whether to pursue closure. Cairo decided to continue on for a while, meeting for worship once a month. There are issues for the Commission of Trustees and the congregation to clarify prior to their closure involving the 2006 Presbytery approved action to transfer all property to a not-for-profit that does not appear to be in good standing or operational at the current time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Mission and Ministry Grants – (*Pages16-19*) We are scheduled to meet with two regions at the next go round of regional meetings, and I have an appointment in February to sit down with the sessions of two congregations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Generosity Task Force Report - We have pretty much been on break since the last meeting. We are scheduled to meet with two regions at the next go round of regional meetings, and I have an appointment in February to sit down with the sessions of two congregations...I can put a report together tonight, but we don't have a lot to report that we didn't at the last council meeting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Financial Management Task Force Report
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ACS Conference – in Dallas May 26 – 29, 2015. Early Bird Registration ends January 24<sup>th</sup>. \$479 registration plus air fare and hotel – already approved by email.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Request for funding help for McKinley consultant

\_\_\_\_\_ The Commission of Trustees (BOT)

Bill Capel

_____	The Committee on Representations (COR) Elect Pauline Rowles as Ruling Elder Synod Rep for class of 2017	Dennis Hamilton
_____	The Personnel Committee (PC)	Jan Hawkins
_____	Camp and Conference Board of Directors	Ken Bryant
_____	The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)	Rodger Allen
_____	The Presbyterian Women (PWP)	Phyllis Warnick
_____	The Committee on Ministry (COM)	George Johnston
_____	Report from Worship Planning Team	Ken Bryant
_____	The Moderator	Dennis Hamilton
_____	The Treasurer	Paul Saegesser
_____	Preliminary 2014 Year End Financials ( <b>Pages 3-7</b> )	John Swick or Laurie Williams
_____	Synod Commissioners	
_____	The Transitional Presbyter for Congregational Care	Anne Jones
_____	The Stated Clerk	Cindy Bean
	1. Regional Presbytery Gatherings	
	2. February 12 Stated Meeting	
	A. Do we want to give away Talk Healthy Books in give-away gift bags at the meeting?	
	B. Proposal from Bills and Overtures Subcommittee working in conjunction with Moderator Dennis Hamilton regarding the discussion of the Proposed Changes to the Book of Order and Confession. The goal is to ensure equal representation and participation in our discussions. The proposal is to issue each voting commissioner a red card and a green card when they register. If they wish to speak in favor of an item they will bring their green card with them as they stand to participate in discussion and if they wish to speak against they bring their red card. Additionally we will have two lines coming up the outside aisles toward the front of the sanctuary – one for Teaching Elders and one for Ruling Elders. Marsha Mower and Cindy Bean will work to help alternate the speakers with red and green cards, male and female within each line. That will allow Dennis Hamilton to smoothly call on speakers in a way that will ensure full participation.	
	C. Proposed Docket for meeting – ( <b>Pages 8 &amp; 9</b> )	
	3. Sue Krummel to be at the meeting – Is there a role we want her to play? <i>Reminder of GC Policy re: GC Help at Pby Mtg &amp; Pby Policy on Mtg Papers</i>	
	4. Nicaragua Trip	
_____	Miscellaneous Adjourn with Prayer	

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
Monthly Analysis of Revenues & Expenses  
January to December 2014

Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual (Last Year)
<b>Revenues</b>			
400100 - Per Capita	\$345,640.00	\$361,280.00	\$368,367.84
400200 - Presbytery Mission Support	\$78,211.24	\$75,000.00	\$96,721.80
400300 - Special Offerings - Undesignated	\$139,075.40	\$0.00	\$48,685.67
400400 - Investment Return	\$2,565.01	\$7,000.00	\$7,651.62
400500 - W.D. Morgan	\$35,493.45	\$0.00	\$25,540.14
400800 - Registration and Sales	\$2,736.61	\$0.00	\$6,940.74
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$603,721.72</b>	<b>\$443,280.00</b>	<b>\$553,907.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Program Services</b>			
500100 - Presbytery Mission Projects	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$20,398.00
500105 - GA Per Capita	\$63,404.64	\$63,405.00	\$64,426.86
500106 - Synod per capita	\$34,412.00	\$34,412.00	\$35,730.00
<b>Camp Carew</b>			
<b>Director</b>			
500200 - Director Salary	\$56,081.48	\$42,322.00	\$55,455.92
500210 - Director Social Security	\$4,290.26	\$4,305.00	\$4,125.48
500220 - Director Travel	\$6,135.04	\$4,000.00	\$3,884.88
500230 - Director Cont Ed	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
500240 - Director Pension	\$718.04	\$13,966.00	\$3,312.00
<b>Total Director</b>	<b>\$67,224.82</b>	<b>\$65,593.00</b>	<b>\$66,778.28</b>
<b>Program Support</b>			
500250 - Program Support	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Total Camp Carew</b>	<b>\$70,224.82</b>	<b>\$73,593.00</b>	<b>\$81,778.28</b>
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$168,041.46</b>	<b>\$173,410.00</b>	<b>\$202,333.14</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>			
<b>Staff</b>			
<b>Exec. Presb.</b>			
500300 - EP Salary	\$42,819.72	\$44,719.00	\$42,107.92
500320 - EP Pension	\$17,601.50	\$14,757.00	\$17,860.28
500330 - EP Travel	\$11,242.99	\$10,000.00	\$7,951.89
500340 - EP Continuing Ed	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$15.25
<b>Total Exec. Presb.</b>	<b>\$72,664.21</b>	<b>\$70,476.00</b>	<b>\$67,935.34</b>
<b>Stated Clerk</b>			
500400 - SC Salary	\$43,818.84	\$44,719.00	\$43,157.92
500420 - SC Pension	\$16,769.28	\$14,757.00	\$15,514.31
500430 - SC Travel	\$11,406.03	\$10,000.00	\$7,536.61
500440 - SC Continuing Ed	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$66.00
<b>Total Stated Clerk</b>	<b>\$72,094.15</b>	<b>\$70,476.00</b>	<b>\$66,274.84</b>
<b>Administrative</b>			
500500 - Admin Salary	\$51,976.08	\$51,976.00	\$51,208.04
500510 - Admin Social Security	\$3,976.18	\$3,976.00	\$3,896.72
500520 - Admin Annuity	\$3,380.40	\$3,389.00	\$5,543.21
500530 - Admin Medical Ins.	\$7,527.43	\$7,117.00	\$6,175.69
500540 - Admin Travel	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$11.87
500550 - Admin Cont Ed	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$66,860.09</b>	<b>\$67,708.00</b>	<b>\$66,835.53</b>
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$211,618.45</b>	<b>\$208,660.00</b>	<b>\$201,045.71</b>
<b>Office</b>			
<b>Occupancy</b>			
500600 - Rent	\$10,533.60	\$0.00	\$9,240.00
500610 - Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$570.81

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Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual (Last Year)
500620 - Insurance	\$1,457.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
500630 - General	\$34,560.30	\$35,000.00	\$39,763.51
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>\$46,550.90</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$49,574.32</b>
<b>Other Office</b>			
560690 - Capital Expense	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,669.88
<b>Total Other Office</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,669.88</b>
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>\$46,550.90</b>	<b>\$37,000.00</b>	<b>\$53,244.20</b>
<b>General Council</b>			
500700 - GC Travel & Meeting	\$4,674.91	\$2,000.00	\$1,645.22
500705 - Presbytery meetings	\$303.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,226.92
500710 - GC Retreats	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$209.54
500720 - GC Task Forces	\$285.08	\$500.00	\$1,874.35
500730 - GC Camps	\$826.41	\$750.00	\$837.34
500740 - Illinois Council of Churches	\$35.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total General Council</b>	<b>\$6,124.70</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,793.37</b>
<b>Committees</b>			
<b>Ministry</b>			
501000 - COM Travel & Meeting	\$2,643.95	\$2,500.00	\$5,456.96
501010 - COM Retreats	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$541.82
501020 - COM Session Records	\$92.61	\$0.00	\$16.80
501030 - COM Clergy Lay Leader Support	\$1,262.50	\$2,500.00	\$311.52
501040 - COM Service to Sessions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.10
501050 - COM Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$504.14
501060 - COM Ministerial Concerns	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,125.36
501070 - COM Administration	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$33.34
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$5,799.06</b>	<b>\$6,900.00</b>	<b>\$8,490.04</b>
<b>Preparation for Ministry</b>			
502000 - CPM Travel & Meeting	\$729.55	\$1,500.00	\$1,269.12
502010 - CPM Midwest Care & Development	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$655.00
502020 - CPM Candidates under care	\$5,062.32	\$5,000.00	\$4,703.96
502030 - Candidate Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$449.88
502040 - CPM Ordination Exam Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Preparation for Ministry</b>	<b>\$5,791.87</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,377.96</b>
<b>Personnel</b>			
504000 - Pr Travel & Meeting	\$687.76	\$1,000.00	\$701.56
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$687.76</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$701.56</b>
<b>Nominations &amp; Representations</b>			
504500 - NOM Travel & Meeting	\$154.42	\$200.00	\$120.41
<b>Total Nominations &amp; Representations</b>	<b>\$154.42</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$120.41</b>
<b>Ecclesiastical Function</b>			
505000 - EF Admin Commissions	\$1,599.98	\$1,000.00	\$1,004.24
505010 - EF Ordination & Installation	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
505020 - EF Permanent Judicial Committee	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
505030 - EF Response Team	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
505040 - EF Investigations	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Ecclesiastical Function</b>	<b>\$1,599.98</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,004.24</b>
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>\$14,033.09</b>	<b>\$16,600.00</b>	<b>\$17,694.21</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>			
506000 - TR Audit	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$282,827.14</b>	<b>\$271,760.00</b>	<b>\$278,777.49</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$450,868.60</b>	<b>\$445,170.00</b>	<b>\$481,110.63</b>

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<b>Accounts</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual (Last Year)</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	\$152,853.12	(\$1,890.00)	\$72,797.18

**Accounts**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
100100 - Checking Account	\$179,555.81	
100200 - Petty Cash	\$50.00	
100400 - Per Capita Receivable	\$141,113.47	
100450 - Allowance for Doubtful	(\$82,565.84)	
<b>Investments</b>		
100300 - First Mid	\$387,617.11	
100320 - Other	\$30,596.51	
<b>Total Investments</b>	<u>\$418,213.62</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$656,367.06</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
100510 - New Covenant Funds - Camp Carew	\$275,873.06	
100520 - Camp Carew Fdn Adj	(\$6,548.58)	
100600 - Equipment	\$43,751.94	
100650 - Accumulated Depreciation	(\$38,861.45)	
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>\$274,214.97</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>\$930,582.03</b></u>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Mission Funds Payable</b>		
200700 - GA Missi Funds	\$15,525.28	
200800 - Synod Mission	\$1,836.50	
200900 - Other Mission	\$31,504.52	
200950 - Camp Carew	\$3,072.35	
<b>Total Mission Funds Payable</b>		<u>\$51,938.66</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>\$51,938.66</u>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
299999 - Fund Principal	\$13,818.16	
Excess Cash Received	\$152,853.12	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$166,671.28</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$436,191.44	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$275,780.65	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<u>\$711,972.09</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<u><b>\$930,582.03</b></u>

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 Monthly Summary of Restricted Accounts  
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Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<b><u>Temporary Restricted</u></b>				
800100 - Small Church Support	\$128,56	\$0,00	\$611,79	(\$483,23)
800200 - Peacemaking	\$34,104,52	\$4,013,53	\$0,00	\$38,118,05
800300 - Mustard Seed	\$121,44	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$121,44
800400 - Landmine Removal	\$1,673,96	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$1,673,96
800500 - Special Offerings Designated	\$5,459,49	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$5,459,49
800600 - Trustees Account	\$401,741,02	\$0,00	\$2,449,17	\$399,291,85
800700 - Camp Carew Building Fund	\$9,518,51	\$0,00	\$21,500,83	(\$11,982,32)
800800 - Local Disaster Relief	\$3,992,20	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$3,992,20
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$456,739,70</b>	<b>\$4,013,53</b>	<b>\$24,561,79</b>	<b>\$436,191,44</b>
<b><u>Permanent Restricted</u></b>				
900100 - Camp Carew Foundation	\$273,274,88	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$273,274,88
900200 - Camp Carew ?	\$2,505,77	\$0,00	\$0,00	\$2,505,77
<b>Total Permanent Restricted</b>	<b>\$275,780,65</b>	<b>\$0,00</b>	<b>\$0,00</b>	<b>\$275,780,65</b>

**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
STATED MEETING**

First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

*One God, One Table, Many Voices.*

Our Mission is to Connect, Equip, and Inspire Presbyterians as we walk with Jesus Christ.

**DOCKET (PAGES 1-3)**

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:30 Conversations with New and Interested Commissioners

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

10:00 OPENING OF PRESBYTERY Moderator, Dennis Hamilton(TE)

**The Constituting Prayer, Hymn,**

10:08 WELCOME

By the Host

Drew Holloway (TE)

Seating of New and Corresponding Members

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Hymn of Assurance**

10:18 OMNIBUS MOTION (**PAGES 4-5**)

Roll

Minutes –November 20, 2014, Stated Meeting

10:20 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION –14-1 Confession of Belhar GA Commissioners

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – 14A - E

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – 14F

11:35 ANNUAL REPORT OF TRANSITIONAL EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Anne Jones (TE)

11:40 ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Paul Saegesser (RE)

11:45 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT (**PAGES 6-14**)

George Johnston (RE)

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

12:00 **Hymn, Reading of the Word, Sermon**

Carol McDonald (TE)

12:30 RECESS FOR LUNCH

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

1:30 **Reconvening Prayer, Invitation to Give, Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing,  
Prayer of Dedication**

1:40 COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS **Ballot (PAGE 15)**

Loren Prest (RE)

1:45 GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mary Turner (RE)

Report (**PAGES**)

2:05 HERRIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Janet Proctor (RE)

2: 20 REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF CAMP CAREW

Dan Kingery (RE)

2:25 COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rodger Allen (TE)

**SEALING OF THE WORD**

2:30 **Intercessory Prayer, Hymn, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving,  
Communion, Hymn**

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

3:00      ADJOURNMENT WITH BENEDICTION

**NEXT STATED MEETING: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at First, Mattoon, Illinois.**

### **Regional Gatherings:**

#### **MARCH/APRIL MEETINGS**

Salt Fork Region –

East Central Region –

Greater Decatur Region –

River to River Region –

The Bridge Region –

First Capital Region –

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois  
**Thursday, October 16, 2014**

The General Council meeting of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Mary Turner at 10:01 a.m. with prayer led by Dennis Hamilton. A quorum was present.

**Present:**

Mary Turner, Janice West, Rodger Allen, Cindy Bean, Ken Bryant, Dennis Hamilton, Jan Hawkins, George Johnston, Anne Jones, Dan Kingery, Paul Phillips, Loren Prest, Paul Saegesser, John Swick, Phyllis Warnick, Laurie Williams, Bill Capel.

**Absent:**

Cynthia Lawder and Pauline Rowles

Approval of the docket was delayed and permission was given to start on the items slated for the afternoon since the Treasurer had not yet arrived and would be crucial to the discussion scheduled for the morning. Additionally since our Devotions leader was delayed by road construction it was decided that devotions would be delayed until her arrival.

**\$100,000 Transformation Grant from the Synod**

Anne Jones presented the proposed Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois Mission and Ministry Grants Application Form. The grants will be distributed in two portions - 70% upon approval of the grant on March 30th and 30% following on September 30<sup>th</sup> if appropriate. A Grant Committee will need to be appointed to evaluate and award the grants. Anne encouraged General Council to read over the application and let her know of any changes that need to be made.

By consensus further discussion on this item was postponed until after lunch.

**Report from Generosity Task Force (GTF)**

As stated in their written report, Chris Williams and Beau Brown presented their program at two Regional Gatherings. Council members who saw the presentation thought the content was good and the method of presentation was effective. One suggestion was made that it would have been helpful to have small group discussions about stewardship programs that congregations have used in the past or are currently using.

Anne shared the packet of materials that Chris and Beau distributed when they made their presentations.

The Generosity Task Force is scheduled to present again at more Regional Gatherings next year.

**It was VOTED** to receive the Report.

**Generosity Team Report to General Council:**

The PSEI Generosity team consisting of Beau Brown, Chris Williams, and Bill Capel has been keeping busy this last month. Among the things we have accomplished are listed below.

- On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Beau presented at the Bridge Regional Presbytery Meeting in Carmi, Il. This was our first presentation and the response was positive.
  
- On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Beau presented at the East-Central Regional Presbytery Meeting in Neoga. We made it through some minor technical difficulties and had a good presentation.

- We are scheduled to present to the River-to-River Region on April 9<sup>th</sup> of 2015 at Camp Carew, and we are also planning on meeting with the First Capital Region in the spring as well. We hope to finish up our presentation with the northernmost regions at the second round of regional meetings in 2015.
- On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chris met with Charles Walden, pastor of the Murphysboro and Pinckneyville congregations to discuss meeting with a combined group of leaders from each congregation. They are scheduled to meet on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Pinckneyville.
- We have established a website at <http://pseigenerosity.wordpress.com/>

Thank You,  
Chris Williams

### **Financial Policy Task Force Report**

**It was VOTED** to appoint Teaching Elder Stacy Tate to the Financial Policy Task Force.

### **Devotions**

Janice West led the devotion period on stewardship from a curriculum called Choices. Janice wanted the Council members to think of stewardship in ways other than financial and to include areas like time, spiritual life, health, etc. The Council was asked to divide into groups to discuss the questions posed on the curriculum cards that each person selected. Janice ended with prayer.

Laurie Williams will lead devotion at the next GC meeting.

### **Docket**

The docket as re-arranged was approved.

### **Minutes**

**It was VOTED** to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting.

Camp Carew Director Dan Kingery asked that he be informed in the future if the Presbytery office does not receive the Camp Carew financials for the Presbytery's annual audit. After discussion about the history of the auditor's requests for specific accounting formats, the history of a qualified auditor's opinion being acceptable to the Presbytery, Treasurer Paul Saegesser and Dan agreed that the Camp Carew financials will be submitted to the PSEI office annually by April 1<sup>st</sup> so that they may be included in all future audits. This will begin with the 2014 financial records for Camp Carew being submitted by April 1, 2015.

### **Discussion – Budgets**

**The Treasurer** - Paul Saegesser reported.

#### **Final Proposed Presbytery Budget for 2015 (Per Capita and Mission Giving)**

Paul distributed the 2015 Budget for a second reading which projects a \$55,780 deficit. \$23,380 of that deficit is for one-time expenditures for the search for and the moving of the Presbyter for Congregational Care. The budget for the Search Committee at the first reading was only \$5000. Additionally, the Committee on Ministry has requested an additional \$1,000 for Synod Ministerial Concerns Fund (an annual expense that is often forgotten in the budgeting process.) It is noted that COM has made the decision to cut its expenses in the 2015 budget by discontinuing participation in the Synod's MissionInsite program. It is a costly program at the Presbytery level with information that can be found in other ways. Also it is much more cost effective for an individual congregation to utilize the service for a very reasonable fee (less than \$100 at last check). The expenditures that are over our income will be covered by our fund of reserves from previous years when income was more than our expenses. Paul stated that the presbytery has \$284,700 in reserve funds.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery receive the PSEI Financial Statements as presented and that the 2015 Revised PSEI Proposed Budget be received for a second reading and approval at the November Presbytery Meeting. (See report in docket or Presbytery minutes)

### **Camp Carew Operating Budget**

Dan Kingery presented the 2015 Camp Carew Operating Budget which projects utilizing \$32,400 of their reserve funds to balance their deficits. Dan explained that this is a very conservative budget and they don't anticipate needing to go into their reserves much, if at all.

In discussion it was clarified that in addition to Camp Carew's Income and Expense statements being submitted quarterly by Dan to the General Council that the Camp Carew Balance Sheet should also be submitted quarterly. Dan assured the Council that the Camp Board Treasurer will forward the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Balance Sheet to the Council in the upcoming days

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that Presbytery approve the Camp Carew 2015 Operating Budget. (See Report in docket or Presbytery minutes)

Cindy urged the Council to discuss the longer term financial situation of the Presbytery – where will the necessary funds come from when the Presbytery's reserves are depleted? As churches close and leave the denomination our per capita income will decline. It will take quite a long time before we begin to experience an increase in income through per capita - it takes time to increase church membership numbers. What alternatives are we going to explore for increasing funding or decreasing expenses? Suggestions were made that the Financial Management Task Force do a narrative budget explaining what ministries/activities are made possible by each budget line item. Cindy would like to see a long term plan for the reserve funds – what limits will be placed on their expenditure, how will we seek to build them back up, what priorities are being met by utilizing them now, etc. Janice suggested that information for the use of the per capita funds be funneled down to the congregations – information on what is being done with the per capita funds. It was suggested that 20 minutes be set aside at each General Council meeting to discuss the financial issues of the Presbytery.

### **Lunch**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10 pm with prayer led by Anne Jones.  
The meeting reconvened at 12:50 pm.

### **\$100,000 Transformation Grant from the Synod** (see draft below)

**A Motion was made and approved to amend** the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois Mission and Ministry Grant Application to state that a grant application from a church can be considered only if they are current in their Per Capita giving (the most recent year completed). There was a call for division of the house. A count was taken and 8 agreed and 5 were opposed. "Elder William Capel has requested that his name be recorded and shown in the minutes for his negative vote on the motion." \*\*\* Please see October 30, 2014 General Council Conference Call Minutes for update. There is an item to amend this item previously adopted and it has been postponed to the next General Council meeting.

**It was VOTED** by consensus to approve the minor grammatical changes that were made to the PSEI Mission and Ministry Grant Application Form.

**It was VOTED** to form and appoint a 2-year PSEI Mission and Ministry Grant Committee who will review the grant applications and award the grants to individual and church applicants. The following were appointed to serve on the Mission and Ministry Grant Committee: Jan Hawkins, Dan Kingery, and Laurie Williams. Anne will draft a letter to accompany the Grant application form that will go to all churches and clergy.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery approve the PSEI Mission and Ministry Grant Application Form.

### **Evaluation of Regional Gatherings**

The members who attended the Regional Gatherings discussed what their experiences at the gatherings, and the need for the Presbytery to continue with the Regional Gatherings.

**It was VOTED** that the Presbytery continue Regional Gatherings in 2015 with one meeting in the Spring (March or April) with programming provided locally (since some Regions have already arranged for the Generosity Task Force's presentation on stewardship) and to offer Regions the option to have a second Gathering in the Fall (September or October) if they choose. If we continue Regional Gatherings beyond 2015 we may return to the Presbytery providing programming options. It was also decided that the Presbytery office staff will coordinate the communication for each Region for their Gatherings.

### **2015 Meeting Schedule and Location Approval**

The following dates need to be added to the 2015 Presbytery Calendar - Camp work days Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** the 2015 Calendar of Meetings of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

#### **Stated Meetings:**

Thursday, February 12, 2015	Effingham
Thursday, May 7, 2015	Mattoon
Thursday, August 20, 2015	Camp Carew
Thursday, November 19, 2015	Kemmerer Village

#### **Regional Gatherings:**

Required in March or April; Optional September or October.

The full calendar can be found here: (Include the link to the calendar in the minutes here.)

### **Leadership Team Search Committee (LTSC)**

Jan Hawkins submitted the Ministry Information Form that was put together by the LTSC for discussion and approval. By consensus it was approved that the new Presbyter for Congregational Care's salary would match the salary and the 65% work schedule of the Stated Clerk.

Several suggestions were made of Teaching Elders who would be good additional references to any Presbyter of Congregational Care Candidates. These names will be shared with the Leadership Team Search Committee to ask these people for permission to serve as additional references on behalf of the Presbytery.

**It was VOTED to APPROVE** the Ministry Information Form as presented. The MIF will soon be posted. The committee was thanked for all their hard work.

### **Proposal regarding Gluten-Free Communion Procedures**

Laurie Fields is writing a theological introduction to be submitted with the guidelines.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois approve the following Communion Guidelines for Presbytery Meetings understanding there will be an addition of a theological foundation statement:

Thank you for your willingness to host the Presbytery at our upcoming meeting! We appreciate all of the hard work your congregation will put into planning for our meeting and hosting us on the day we meet. These

guidelines for Communion are intended to help you in preparing for our worship time. If you have questions, you may contact \_\_\_\_\_.

In recent years, several members of our Presbytery have been diagnosed with medical conditions that can only be treated by following a strict gluten free diet. Gluten is a protein found in wheat, rye, barley, and spelt. It is what gives traditional baked goods their texture and is yummy and delicious unless it makes you sick. For those who must avoid gluten, even a small crumb of wheat bread can make them violently ill for several days. In order for us to be welcoming of all our members, we ask that host congregations make available gluten-free elements for Communion.

There are two ways to do this. One is to buy gluten-free bread for everyone to use. Gluten-free bread is expensive, however, and can be difficult to find in a non-sliced loaf. Two it is also possible to buy whatever regular loaf is desired for communion and to provide gluten-free crackers for those who need them. If this is the route you choose to take, here are some suggestions to make this work well. (Remember that even crumbs of wheat bread falling onto the plate of gluten-free crackers can make some folks very ill. Here is how to (hopefully!) avoid this.)

1. In preparation of the elements, follow basic good hygiene carefully. Make sure all serving plates have been washed thoroughly. Wash your hands before putting out the gluten-free crackers. Be sure to cover the crackers with a clean napkin or towel that can be left on until after the main loaf of bread is broken at the table.
2. Think about how to provide grape juice that has not been contaminated by bread crumbs. Grape juice is naturally gluten-free, but tiny crumbs of bread floating in it from service by intinction make it not safe. You could have a separate chalice for grape juice held by the person holding the gluten-free crackers or you could provide a few (6 – 8 should be plenty) individual cups for the gluten-free folks to use. Whichever method you chose, please communicate it with the celebrants and the servers so that they know what is going on. And please make sure that anything designated gluten-free is covered until after the main loaf of bread is broken.
3. We need at least one serving of apple juice available.

Again, thank you for all of your work in preparing for our Presbytery meeting. We appreciate your willingness to pay special attention to these guidelines so that our worship can welcome all who come.

If gluten free crackers cannot be found the host church should contact the presbytery office.

### **Committee on Representation Nominations**

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery elect TE Laurie Fields to the River to River Region for Representation with her term expiring at the end of 2017 and RE Patty Carlson to The Bridge Region for Representation with her term expiring at the end of 2017 and CRE Denise Burke to the First Capital Region for Representation to fill a vacancy with her term expiring at the end of 2016.

### **Commission of Trustees**

**It was VOTED** to elect the following to the Commission of Trustees:

River to River Region	Coralee Lawder (RE), Murphysboro	2017*
The Bridge Region	Henry Lewis (RE), Carmi, First	2017*

### **Yearly Focus Proposal**

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery approve the following themes over the next three years and encourage the churches within Presbytery Regions to share what is happening in their congregations around each theme.

\*2015 – focus on Mission

\*2016 focus on different styles of worship and Preaching.

\*2017 focus on Ecumenical Relations and feature the different programs individual communities have to work together ecumenically.

### **Sparta Trinity AC Report**

**It was VOTED to RECEIVE the Report of the Administrative Commission – Sparta Trinity**

The Administrative Commission for Sparta Trinity is made up of Teaching Elders Kerry Bean and Judy Beyler, and Ruling Elders Marcia Ellison, Janet Proctor, and Linda Smith and staffed by Stated Clerk Cindy Bean.

On September 11, 2014, by conference call we discussed our upcoming meeting with Sparta Trinity. We reviewed the Agenda for the meeting to revolve around the “To Do” list to be given to their church. Members of the Administrative Commission who had not previously served in that capacity were given observations by others who had; the historical relationship between the Sparta Trinity and the Presbytery were shared; and guidance for working toward a “gift” from the church were all discussed.

On September 20, 2014, the Administrative Commission (minus Marcia Ellison) met at Sparta Trinity. Using the “To Do” list as our guide:

- We urged the committee to urge the Session to schedule their examination with EPC before we go to Presbytery on November 20.
- Membership labels for their 92 members were turned over to PSEI Stated Clerk Bean.
- We had a lengthy discussion about valuation of assets – no solution was reached.
- Sparta Trinity informed us they are in the process of transferring investments from the Presbyterian Foundation and contacting donors.
- Sparta Trinity’s delinquencies in payment of Per Capita were discussed. They believed that some payments were being sent. No such payments have been received by Presbytery’s treasurer since our September 20 meeting. Sparta Trinity has, in the meantime, asked for a year by year accounting of their Per Capita payments and non-payments. Paul Saegesser is in the process of retrieving these records. It was suggested that they might find, in their own Annual Reports, amounts they had given recently.
- Name change was discussed, with some minor change to be done.
- No “gift” has been yet designated since they are waiting for information on delinquent Per Capita.

It is the Administrative Commission’s hope that all business will be completed without another “on site meeting” before Presbytery’s November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting but . . .

Judy Beyler, Moderator

### **Treasurer’s Position**

**It was VOTED** that Personnel develop a rationale to make the Treasurer’s position a paid position at some point in the future. Personnel will check with other presbyteries to see if and how much they pay their treasurer and bring a recommendation to GC at the July 2015 Council meeting.

### **The Commission of Trustees (BOT)**

Bill Capel had nothing further to discuss.

### **The Committee on Representations (COR)**

Dennis Hamilton reported on the positions that have been filled throughout the presbytery committees and the vacancies that will begin in 2015. There are currently 25 opportunities for service throughout the committees. There will be two ballots to present in November.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

First Capital Region	Drew Holloway (TE), Effingham, First	2015
The Bridge Region	Rachel Helgelson (TE), Mt. Vernon, Frist	2014
River to River Region	Lynn Neal (CRE) Member at Large	2015

## **PERSONNEL**

The Bridge Region	Jeff Grote (TE), Honorably Retired	2015
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**It was VOTED** to fill the vacancies as listed above and to present them to the Presbytery for vote at the November Stated Meeting.

Dennis encouraged the General Council members to assist in finding persons to serve on the various Presbytery committees.

### **The Personnel Committee (PC)**

Jan Hawkins reported that the committee met on September 16<sup>th</sup> and would like to submit the following motions for approval.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for all Presbytery personnel in 2015 except for Dan Kingery who requested no COLA raise.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that Dan Kingery's agreement as Director of Camp Carew be extended to December 31, 2015. This is an extension from May 15, 2015 so that the Camp Carew Summer Camp Program won't be interrupted.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that future agreements for the Camp Carew Director run from December to December.

### **Camp and Conference Board of Directors**

Ken Bryant reported on the 2015 Operating Budget.

Dan and Ken reported that they had a successful camping season and that the staff members were excellent as always. They had their annual thank you steak dinner. Dan Kingery reported that currently no funds are needed out of the reserve to sustain Camp Carew. Currently there are congregations who continue to support the camp. There are some Evangelical Presbyterian Church congregations that continue to support the Camp. Dan reported that the goal is to make sure that if the Presbytery can no longer financially support the camp it can still sustain its ministries. He stated that this may mean that they need to become a separate 501C3. He was reminded that taking that step would need to be approved by the Presbytery as a whole. The camp had an auction and raised \$1340. Dan hopes that they will have an auction next year held in Effingham at a convention center of some sort. There will be other fundraising ideas reported later on.

### **Camp Fees**

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that the Summer Camp Fees be raised 5% and rounded off to the nearest \$5.00. The rental fees for the camp will stay the same.

### **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)**

Rodger Allen reported that CPM will meet on October 28 and have invited 4 possible new inquirers to attend the meeting.

### **The Presbyterian Women (PWP)**

Phyllis Warnick reported that they had a Fall Gathering in Centralia and the Spring Gathering will be on April 18, 2015, at Lampstand Presbyterian Church, Decatur.

### **The Committee on Ministry (COM)**

George Johnston reported that Dan has done five installations and will probably have three more before the end of his term. There are currently 10 churches that are in transition.

### **Approval of Herrin Administrative Commission Members**

George started the task of filling the AC and found two people from the Listening Team who are willing to serve on the AC. Now General Council will need to find three more people to serve in this capacity. We will look to vote on this item soon.

### **Ordinations and Installations**

General Council suggested that Ordinations and Installations be posted to the Presbytery's website as a form of announcement.

### **Report from Worship Planning Team**

Ken Bryant had nothing further to report.

### **Report from A.R.M.S.S. Representative – No report.**

### **The Moderator**

Dan Kingery said he has enjoyed the ordinations and installations at which he has presided.

### **Synod Commissioners**

John Swick and Laurie Williams reported that Sara Dingman is the new Transitional Synod Executive. The Synod will meet on October 25th at the Philo Church at which time they will meet with Sara Dingman. They will also elect the new Synod Stated Clerk – Blake Wood.

### **The Transitional Executive Presbyter**

Anne Jones reported.

December 9<sup>th</sup> Event – we seek to expand this second annual event to a meet & greet and organizational meeting for all Committees and Task Forces with some basic training at Tuscan Hill Winery in Effingham. Brenda and Marsha will attend as support. This will be like a Christmas Party and a way to say thank you. Invitations will go out soon.

**It was VOTED to APPROVE** a \$150 total payment for event that will come from Anne's Travel.

Report on Moderator meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays with the Moderators of Sessions. Members who have attended reported that they are very successful and helpful events. Next one will be in the Central Region.

### **The Stated Clerk**

Cindy Bean reported.

**It was VOTED to RECOMMEND** that Presbytery approve the docket as prepared by General Council with adjustments made by the Stated Clerk.

Cindy reported on the ACS system training and use – the presbytery office will set it up to where each church can view their will be able to see their per capita payments and balanced owed, pay camp registrations, etc. Additionally we anticipate that each committee will be able to use this system to streamline and coordinate their work.

Bill Capel and Paul Phillips position as at-large members will end this year and they were thanked for their service on GC. Paul will be transferring to De Cristo Presbytery in Arizona. Paul stated how much he had enjoyed serving in this Presbytery.

### **Adjourn with Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Janice West at 3:33 pm.

FOOD:	\$112.20
TRAVEL:	<u>185.64</u>
	\$297.84

## DRAFT Application Form

Presbytery of Southeastern IL  
Mission and Ministry Grants  
*One God, One Table, Many Voices*  
*Our Mission is to Connect, Equip and Inspire Presbyterians*  
*as we walk with Jesus Christ*

These Grants are to be awarded to the members of the Presbytery of Southeastern IL to further the Vision and Mission of the Presbytery and its member churches, such as but not limited to support of smaller church enrichment and leadership development, pastoral leader sabbaticals, Wee Kirk, programs similar to "For Such A Time as This/Small Church Residency Program, Mission Trips, officer training, and mission programming. The grants are a one time gift. All applications must be received by January 30 and can be awarded by March 30. The monies for an individual can be administered as appropriate for the request and identified deadlines. The 70% of the monies requested for mission and ministry can be administered by March 30 and the remaining 30% can be administered by Sept. 30.

To qualify an individual, mission or ministry must

- Have a clearly defined purpose.
- The purpose must be in accordance with mission goals and policies of the Presbyterian Church USA
- The purpose must also further the vision and mission of the Presbytery. "One God, One Table, Many Voices. Our mission is to Connect, Equip and Inspire Presbyterians as we walk with Jesus Christ."

A proposal must

- Tell how your request/project fulfills: "*One God, One Table, Many Voices. Our Mission is to Connect, Equip and Inspire Presbyterians as we walk with Jesus Christ.*"
- List all other sources for money being requested.
- Tell how the program will continue after the grant is spent if it is viewed as startup monies.
- Explain the process to be used to report and evaluate the results. These reports must be submitted to the Grants committee.
- Provide written endorsements with signatures from Session or Pastor, or personnel committee, committee on ministry chair or Presbyter for Congregational Care (as applies to your situation).

Grants awarded

- Must be a one-time grant
- Mission or ministry will be underway within 6 months of receiving the first award (70%) of funds
- **May not be used for payments of current debts, for creating or maintaining revolving loan funds, nor to fund a permanent endowment. Funds requested cannot be used as part of a general operating budget.**
- A church, making a request, must be current with their per capita for the preceding year.

Grant recipients

- A church/group must return an interim progress report and all supporting documentation before the second payment will be made. The first payment will be 70% of the total amount awarded and sent by March 30. Upon receipt of the interim progress report by September 1 the remaining 30% will be released by Sept. 30. The second payment will be forfeited if the interim report is not received.
- An Individual awarded all monies at one time will be expected to submit to the Grants committee all appropriate receipts of their experience and a concluding evaluation.
- Must notify the Presbytery office of any change of leadership contact person(address and phone)
- Must include a completed W9 form with your application. This is a request for Taxpayer Identification number and Certification and is kept on file with the Presbytery Treasurer.

## Application form

Individual  
Church Name  
Address  
Mission/Ministry Name  
Project leader (address)  
phone

start up date for project  
important deadlines

end of project (if applicable)

### Questions to be Answered

Please describe how your request fulfills the mission of this Presbytery ...”to connect, Equip, and Inspire Presbyterians”

Attach a complete plan of how you will use these funds. Please include long and short term goals, how you plan to measure progress, and include a mission statement if applicable.

Who is your target audience and how will they benefit from these monies. Please be specific.

Please identify what criteria you will use to evaluate this request/project and who will be submitting this report to the Grants committee by Sept. 1. If this is an individual request please submit your criteria and an evaluation at the conclusion of your experience.

Please attach a projected budget that shows specifically how grant monies will be spent. (Include any other additional funding sources, amount, how those monies will impact this mission/ministry and when they will be received).

Name of proposal writer

Name of chair or responsible person

address

address

phone

phone

email address

email address

signature required

signature required

date

date

relationship to project

relationship to project

Check will be made out to (must be a church)

Mail to

Completed W9 form attached

I certify that the information provided on this application form is true, correct and complete. (This can be Pastor, Session Clerk, COM chair, Personnel Com. chair, Executive Presbyter)

name

name

address

address

phone

phone

email

email

signature

signature

Date approved by Session or appropriate body

Application Checklist:

- Completed application form submitted to Presbytery office by January 30 (address/email of office)
- Complete budget is attached including additional funding sources if applicable
- Completed W9 form attached
- Written endorsements from Session and Pastor. If you are pastor/chaplain/at-large making a personal request please include endorsements from your Session, Personnel committee, COM moderator or Executive Presbyter
- Contact person with accurate contact information

**The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois**  
**General Council Conference Call**  
Minutes  
October 30, 2014

**Present:**

Rodger Allen  
Cindy Bean  
Ken Bryant

Bill Capel  
George Johnston  
Anne Jones

Loren Prest  
Mary Turner  
Janice West

**Absent and Excused:**

Dennis Hamilton  
Jan Hawkins  
Dan Kingery  
Cynthia Lawder

Paul Phillips  
Pauline Rowles  
Paul Saegesser  
John Swick

Phyllis Warnick  
Laurie Williams

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mary Turner to discuss the following from the October 16, 2014 Stated General Council meeting: “**A Motion was made and approved to amend** the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois Mission and Ministry Grant Application to state that a grant application from a church can be considered only if they are current in their per capita giving (the most recent year completed).”

There was a General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission ruling in 2004 in the case of A. Kirk Johnston, Laurie Johnston, and Session of First United Presbyterian Church, Paola, Kansas v. Heartland Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that indicated that the motion would be in violation of our Constitution.

In a summary of the case as report by PCUSA news, “The General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has ruled that a session’s failure to pay its per capita apportionment cannot be the sole factor in the presbytery’s determination whether that congregation is eligible for requesting financial assistance from the presbytery.

In its Oct. 18 decision in Johnston, et. al. v. Heartland Presbytery, the commission also ruled that a congregation’s failure to pay its per capita apportionment and mission pledge could not be the determinative factor in a presbytery’s refusal to grant assistance to that congregation.

At the same time, the GAPJC determined that ‘a congregation’s effort to pay its full per capita apportionment and to fulfill a mission pledge is clearly relevant as one factor among many others that a presbytery may consider in exercising its stewardship responsibility to allocate limited resources in action upon a congregation’s request for assistance.’”

In its decision, the GAPJC reiterated its earlier opinion that payment of per capita apportionments of sessions and presbyteries ‘is a high moral obligation, the fulfilment of which visibly demonstrates the covenantal ties that bind us as the one church of Jesus Christ.’”

A quorum was present. Moderator Mary Turner called the meeting to order and Rodger Allen opened the meeting with prayer at 10:04 am.

Mary began by sharing her reticence to make decisions through conference call.

George made the motion to Amend something previously adopted – to amend the previous motion to read “that in reviewing a grant application from a church their per capita giving status through the most recent

year completed can be ‘a’ factor in awarding a grant.” The motion was seconded. It was requested that Cindy put a note in the 10/16/2014 General Council minutes to refer readers to these minutes. Also she was instructed to make sure that “Draft” appears on the Mission and Ministry Grant Application Form.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone this item to a time certain – our next General Council meeting.

Discussion was raised about the effect a delay would have on the time-line proposed for the Grant application and awarding. Would there be enough time to get announcements out about these grants? Anne assured the group that General Council would meet in January 2015 and could announce the grants at the February 2015 Stated Presbytery meeting (where we expect the attendance to be good because we’ll be voting on proposed amendments to the Book of Order). Additionally, our time-line is self-imposed and could easily be altered.

Discussion continued about the reluctance to act on this item during this conference call. Additional discussion centered around short notice for this called General Council meeting, participation being just over quorum, the need to take additional time to review the document as a whole now that we know there are judicial implications, the possibility of needing to make further revisions due to our time with the draft document was short in the first place and again, the reluctance to make this decision in any other manner than face-to-face.

The motion was voted on and was approved. George Johnston abstained from voting and wished to have his abstention recorded.

Motion to adjourn was approved.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Cindy Bean at 10:20 am.

Submitted by Cindy Bean, Stated Clerk

