

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
Stated Meeting of Presbytery
February 10-11, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga, WY

The meeting was called to order by moderator, TE Jason Harshberger at 8:00 a.m. on February 10, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga, Wyoming.

Friday February 10th, 2017

Morning worship was led by Rev. Lynn Williamson with the message reflecting on a life of stewardship in the Church.

Several attendees shared sightings of the work of the spirit.

RE Jack Miller, of Loveland CO., led the day's workshop on "The Future of Church Philanthropy". Topics included:

Session 1. "**The current landscape of religious philanthropy**," membership challenges, getting people to increase their gifts of talent, and treasury.

Session 2. "**Creating a fun, yearly plan of generosity**" for your Church. Using the new tools of philanthropy in your Church for more generosity.

Session 3. "**Avoiding compliation**" Tracking giving, special appeals, the place for gift planning, creating a generosity plan to serve God and the church's mission.

Session 4. "**Who are your future leaders, who are your major donors**," what should we know about our members. Getting the congregation involved in a stronger church. Free tools to help you.

Sean Chow gave a presentation about the exciting life of faith in the 1001 Worshiping Communities program.

The clerk gave a brief presentation of the various Amendments to the Church Constitution coming to Presbytery as a result of actions by the 222nd General Assembly last June.

Friday Evening worship and Holy Communion were led by the Rev. Steven Niccolls.

Saturday, February 11th

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga WY with morning worship featuring a message by Rev. Doug Melius reflecting on his life in ministry.

Announcements included:

- Status of the PDA training availability – Gail Heimbuck
- An update on Camp Story – Jenny Davis
- Sabbath Center activities – Libby Hugus
- Recent events and upcoming meeting of PW – Melinda Brazzale
- Pastor's Retreat planning – Kathy Beagle

- Men's Pack trip planned for August – Karl Heimbuck

Attendees were invited to sign a get-well card for Elmarie of the Lebanon mission team who is ill.

The Presbytery presented the Silver Spur to First Presbyterian Church of Cheyenne and Thomas Muhlback and Norman Soden for their work with Living Waters International on projects in Central America.

Presbyters then broke into small groups to discuss the consent agenda and what items to pull for further discussion focusing notably on the proposed Amendments.

Re-convening as a whole, Presbytery took the following actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the September 16-17, 2016 Presbytery meeting.
2. Approved the Imbalance Report of January 1, 2017.
3. Inscribed into the minutes the minutes of the Stated Council meeting of September 15, 2016; the Called Council meeting of September 16, 2016; the Stated Council meeting of November 10, 2016; and the Stated Council meeting of January 11, 2017.
4. Inscribed into the minutes the latest balance sheet and income statement.
5. Inscribed into the minutes the report from the Camp Story Commission.
6. Voted on proposed amendments to the Book of Order arising from actions of the 222nd General Assembly.
 - a. 16 A Presbytery voted to Approve
 - b. 16-B Presbytery voted to Approve
 - c. 16-C Presbytery voted to Approve (including detail areas)
 - d. 16-D1 Presbytery voted to Approve
 - e. 16-D2 Presbytery voted to Approve
 - f. 16-E Presbytery voted to Approve
 - g. 16-F Presbytery voted to Approve
 - h. 16-G Presbytery voted to Approve
 - i. 16-H Presbytery voted to Approve
7. Inscribe into the minutes reported actions taken on behalf of presbytery by the Committee on Ministry.
8. Approved and adopt the Final Reading of the changes to:
 - a. the Personnel section of the Administration Manual (First Reading in September 2016)
 - b. the Commissioned Ruling Elder training policy (First Reading also in September 2016)
9. Approve the recommendations of the Committee on Ministry.
10. Approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.
11. Confirmed the Honorable Retirement of Doug Melius.
12. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the Stated Clerk.
13. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the General Presbyter.
14. Inscribed into the minutes the clarification of the motion forming the Administrative Commission for the Rawlins Cooperative Parish.
15. Approved the Formation of an Administrative Commission to the oversee the process happening at the Guernsey and Ft. Laramie church with the recent resignation of the pastor.
16. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the Committee on Vocations.

The meeting was adjourned with Prayer by the Moderator at 11:51am.