

MINUTES
Stated Meeting of Presbytery
May 4-5, 2007
United Presbyterian Church
Guernsey, WY

The meeting was called to order by Vice-moderator, Lee Wickel with prayer at 8:00 a.m. on May 4, 2007 at United Presbyterian Church in Guernsey, Wyoming. The moderator declared a quorum present.

Opening worship was led by CLP, Chip Rich.

There were 27 ministers and 29 elders present and voting for a total of 56 voting presbyters. Total registered was 71 persons.

The roll of attendance follows:

MINISTERS

Present:	Tom Kittleman	Robert Bye	Mary Jo Koehler
Becky Anderson	David Lee	Frances Carlsson	Jack Kolbe
Curtis Barnett	Doug Melius	Joshua Chang	James Ludowise
Peggy Brown	Ralph Nelson	Don Chanslor	Pat Montgomery
Jane Busey	Linda Norris	James Clark	Gwen Morgan
Dennis Butler	George Pasek	Donna Deffke	Skip Murdock
Clark Fisher	David Pepper	Gwyn Downing	John Noah
Bruce Ford	Kim Pepper	Bill Foster	Cindy Pattishall-Baker
Steve Frank	James Shuman	Robert Frye	Jack Phillabaum
Robert Garrard	Sherry Stottler	Grayson Gowen	Jack Swann
Paul Hayden	Robert Walkley	James Green	Virgil Taylor
Curtis Hill	Lynn Williamson	Cathy Harrison	Marilyn VanGelder
Andrea Hinderaker	Joel Wright	Bill Hassler	Donavon Voigt
Kemper Huber		George Hodges	Robert Ware
Brian Johnson	Excused:	Kyung Bong Hyun	
Frank Kinney	Irwin Brandjord	Gordon King	

ELDERS

Burns	Excused	Laramie	Freda Dixon
Casper First	Mary Hobson-Hennigan	Lingle	Absent
Casper Shepherd	Jim Kasler	Moorcroft	Voy Cox
Casper Winter	Verla Terpening	Mountain View	Lee Wickel
Cheyenne First	Excused	Powell	Absent
Cheyenne First	Excused	Rawlins	Sue Pixler
Cheyenne Highlands	Absent	Riverton	Joyce Kennedy
Cheyenne Korean	Absent	Rock Springs	Kathy Schutz
Cody First	Absent	Saratoga	John Collamer
Encampment	Sally Wells	Shell	Absent
Evanston	Christina Kirschner	Sheridan	Linda Steele
Fort Laramie	Dave Breeden	Shoshoni	Absent
Gillette	Evelyn Worman	Star Valley	Steve Crittenden
Greybull	Absent	Thermopolis	Jamie Parker-Frank
Guernsey	Bruce Heimback	Torrington	Linda Kieser
Jackson	Absent	Worland	Marge Huber
		Yoder	Sherlin Foes

OTHER MEMBERS-COUNCIL, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MODERATORS

Present:

Jim Blaha
 Sherry Flyr
 Fred Feth
 Glen Flyr
 Jane Malone
 Corinne Pratt

Daren Terpening
 Lee Wickel

Excused:

Don Dickey
 Tony Valdez

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

James Kasler, Chip Rich, Lee Wickel

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Frank Yates – Santa Fe Presbytery
 Bob Sheldon – Denver Presbytery
 Jan Brooks – Plains & Peaks
 Robert Brown – Whitewater Valley
 Vickie Kintzel – Southern Kansas

SPOUSES OF MINISTERS

Dave Busey, Patty Butler, Dan Hauck, Joe Norris, Claudia Fisher

VISITORS

Corinne Pratt – Casper First
 Peggy Hutchings – Cheyenne First
 Gail Heimbuck, Craig Frederick – Guernsey
 Douglas Malone – Mountain View
 Mary Lou Ray, Debbie Rich, Shirley Hawk - Riverton

On Friday presbyters participated in a day with the Rev. Dr. Frank Yates, Pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque NM, as he discussed the life of C.S. Lewis.

Evening worship with Holy Communion was led by Rev. Jane Busey, Rev. Dr. Frank Yates and Lee Wickel. During the service, presbytery also recognized the honorable retirement of the Rev. Dennis Butler.

Presbytery recessed following worship.

Saturday, February 3, 2007

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 a.m. at Fort Laramie Community Presbyterian Church in Fort Laramie, WY with prayer by Vice-moderator, CLP Lee Wickel, Morning worship was led by the Rev. Becky Anderson

Presbytery approved the docket and seated the corresponding members.

Presbytery VOTED to approve the following items in the consent agenda.

1. The minutes of the February 2-3, 2007 presbytery meeting.
2. Inscribing into the minutes the minutes of January 9, February 1, 2007 and March 21, 2007 council meetings.

**Presbytery of Wyoming
 Council Minutes
 January 9, 2007**

Present: Don Dickey, Sherry Flyr, Frank Kinney, Pat Montgomery, Sherry Stottler, Daren Terpening, Lee Wickel; Ex officio: Bruce Ford, Fred Feth, Glen Flyr

Excused: Jim Blaha, David Hunter

The meeting was opened at 10:05am with devotions and prayer by Sherry Flyr.

The council expressed its thanks, on behalf of itself and the presbytery as a whole, for the service that David Hunter has performed for the presbytery over all of his years as a member. He will be missed and the council wished him well in his new Call.

Council **VOTED** to appoint Frank Kinney as moderator pro-tem until the February 2007 presbytery meeting.

The minutes of the November 3, 2006 council meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Glen Flyr announced that the auditors are expected to report back with their results shortly. All churches except for Cheyenne Highlands met their per capita for 2006.

Glen discussed budget overages for 2006. Council **VOTED** to request that the budget & finance committee establish a line item to cover session clerks' training expenses.

The camping program expenses exceeded budget by \$7,051.74. The budget & finance committee will address the issue of where to find the money to cover the excess. Sheridan gave a gift of \$12,000 to be applied towards the excess camp expenses. In addition a gift of \$1500 was received to cover the costs of the bathhouse at Camp Skyline. Before year-end adjustments are made the mission budget was in the black while the administrative budget was in the red.

Council voted to receive the financial report.

Council **VOTED** to appoint Daren Terpening as council liaison to the budget & finance committee.

Camping Ministry Task Force Report

The mission task force is considering retaining a consulting firm at a cost of up to \$15,000. \$9,000 has been already raised to cover the cost of the consultant. Council **VOTED** to request presbytery to establish a line item of \$15,000 to cover the cost of hiring a consultant to aid the camping task force with \$9,000 being covered by gifts and the remaining \$6,000 to come from funds determined by the budget & finance committee.

Bruce was asked to check with the camping task force to determine if it wants a line item added to the budget to cover camping task force expenses.

Mission Task Force Report

Council **VOTED** to ask the budget & finance committee to establish a line item for mission task force expenses of \$10,000, and to challenge each of the churches to give \$350 to be applied towards these expenses. Budget & finance was asked to review this request and the request for the camping ministry task force to determine the affect on the present budget and possible use of reserves.

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Flyr announced that the PW spring gathering will be held April 20-21 in Gillette with the theme of "In the Beginning." The keynote speaker is Jeri Lynn Bakken from South Dakota and author of the "We Are What we Eat" report for GA.

Wyoming PWP is participating in "Buy a Brick" campaign to build a church building in Aguas Lindas, Brazil.

The next PW "hands on" mission trip to New Orleans is May 6-12, 2007.

The women's retreat will be August 10-12, 2007.

Council voted to receive the report from Presbyterian Women.

Leadership Development Work Group Report

Sherry Stottler indicated that the leadership development work group is discussing how to develop leadership within the presbytery and how to support our pastors and lay persons through training.

Wyoming Ministries in Higher Education

Sherry Flyr discussed proposed guidelines for adoption of a grant approval and reporting policy between the Presbytery of Wyoming, Wyoming Ministries in Higher Education and participating local campus ministries. These guidelines were sent to Ema Bixler, president of WMHE with the hopes that WMHE will report back in time for the February 2007 presbytery meeting.

Old Business

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery approve the synod proposal for new annual synod assemblies.

Bruce announced that landscaping of the presbytery grounds is a work-in-progress.

Sherry Flyr discussed the New Orleans mission project. The mission trip to Pearlinton, MS will be March 25-31, 2007. The cost per participant will be \$20 per day plus transportation costs. They can handle up to 90 volunteers. The mission trip to the St. Charles Ave. Church in New Orleans will take place in late October or early November 2007. Costs are \$15 per person per day plus transportation. They can take 25 volunteers.

New Business

The March 2007 council meeting was rescheduled for March 21.

Council reviewed the proposed amendments from the 217th General Assembly and recommended the following votes to presbytery:

06-A Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV with additional amendments to other sections of the *Book of Order*. By a vote of 0 affirmative, 7 against and no abstentions, council recommends against. Rationale against approval is based on fact that it moves the denomination away from being a unified and connectional congregation and that the advisory handbooks will only provide recommended actions, not requirements.

06-B1 Moving Ordination, Installation and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory of Worship. By a vote of 0 affirmative, 5 against and 2 abstentions, council recommends against because it does not believe there is any substantial change that needs to be fixed.

06-B2 Adding Licensure of Candidates. By a vote of 0 affirmative, 6 against, and 1 abstention, council recommends against because this provision is already covered elsewhere in the *Book of Order* and it adds another element which will only cause confusion.

06-B3 Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process. By a vote of 0 affirmative, 7 against, and 0 abstentions, council recommends against because it gives the presbytery too much autonomy in what should be a connectional church and denies oversight and accountability of the whole church

06-C Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure. By a vote of 7 affirmative, 0 against, and 0 abstentions, council recommends approval.

06-D Opening COM to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors. By a vote of 7 affirmative, 0 against, and 0 abstentions, council recommends approval.

06-E Members of Synod. By a vote of 7 affirmative, 0 against, and 0 abstentions, council recommends approval.

06-F Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reproters. By a vote of 7 affirmative, 0 against, and 0 abstentions, council recommends approval.

Stated Clerk's Report

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery approve the following hosts for presbytery meetings:

Federated Community Church of Thermopolis for the February 6-7, 2009 meeting; First Presbyterian Church of Gillette for the May 1-2, 2009 meeting pending approval by the session; and Community Presbyterian Church of Lingle for the September 18-19, 2009 meeting.

General Presbyter's Report

Lee Wickel agreed to write the summary of mission activities by the Presbytery of Wyoming for the yearbook.

Bruce Ford is checking on various makes of vehicles to replace the current one.

Council **VOTED** to authorize Alayne Stevens to check out information regarding the purchase of a new copier for the office and report back at the February 2007 council meeting.

Presbytery Moderator's Report

David Lee Jones from Austin Theological Seminary is expected to be the presenter for the Friday session of the February 2007 presbytery meeting, discussing the Church Family System and Leading Change in the Church.

The installation for Donavon Voigt is planned for April 29, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm with prayer by Sherry Flyr.

Presbytery of Wyoming
Winter Memorial Presbyterian Church
Casper, Wyoming
Council Minutes
February 1, 2007

Present: Frank Kinney (moderator pro-tem) Don Dickey, Pat Montgomery, Daren Terpening, Lee Wickel; Ex officio: Bruce Ford, Fred Feth, Glen Flyr
 Excused: Jim Blaha, Sherry Flyr, Sherry Stottler

The meeting was opened at 10:30am with prayer by Frank Kinney following by a time for sharing.

The minutes of the January 9, 2007 council meeting were approved.

Council **VOTED** to request that presbytery establish a budget line item and fund expenses for the mission task force which are expected to amount to \$10,000, and to challenge each church to donate \$350 towards these expenses, with the Isabelle and Erik Mission Fund being used to supplement any expenses not covered by gifts from the churches.

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery approving requiring any group with a budget line item to receive council's approval prior to exceeding its budget.

Council **VOTED** to request the budget & finance committee to devise a policy dealing with budget excesses.

Financial Report

Glen Flyr discussed year-end adjustments to the General Journal for 2006.

Glen Flyr announced that \$2114.88 in uncollected per capita for 2006 was written off.

Glen discussed the preliminary financial review by Macy & Associates.

Council voted to receive the financial report.

Glen announced that mission pledges for 2007 are coming in faster than in past years.

Budget & Finance Committee Report

Council **VOTED** to accept adjustments to the 2006 General Journal.

Council **VOTED** to cover the \$7,051.74 budget overage for the 2006 camping program with funding from the designated camp operations gifts. \$560 was received into miscellaneous mission income for the rock climbing fee leaving an overage balance of \$6491.74 in programming expenses.

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery that it approve up to \$6,000.00 to cover a balance over gift from churches for retaining a consultant for the camping ministry task force, with funds for this amount being taken from the undesignated mission funds account.

Council **VOTED** to have the stated clerk send instructions to congregations that travel expenses for session clerks to attend session clerks training sessions will no longer be covered by presbytery, stating that the *Book of Order* mandates these meetings and reminding that individual churches that they need to budget for these expenses.

Council **VOTED** to authorize Alayne to purchase at her discretion a DVD player, projector and stand for up to \$1400.00 with funds coming from the office equipment account.

Council **VOTED** to receive the internal audit policy and procedure report indicating that everything is in order, and to commend the treasurer and Alayne for their good work.

Presbyterian Women

Glen Flyr announced that Sherry Flyr is in Africa on a PW mission trip.

Leadership Development Work Group Report

Don Dickey was appointed council liaison to the leadership development work group.

Stewardship Work Group Report

Glen Flyr indicated that the stewardship work group is discussing the ground work for studying how the presbytery impacts the life of the local congregations.

Presbytery Moderator's Report

Pat Montgomery informed the council that according to the presbytery manual of operations, COM needs to organize administrative commissions to ordain and install pastors rather than the council moderator.

Old Business

Council **VOTED** to authorize Bruce Ford to obtain assistance from Glen Flyr and one other person to look for a new vehicle. Frank Kinney agreed to serve as the additional assistant.

Wyoming Ministries in Higher Education

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery approve the threshold requirements for WMHE and the request for funds from WMHE.

New Business

Council reviewed administrative manual policies scheduled for sunset review. No recommended changes were made to Chapters I and II.

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery revise Chapter IV of the Policies and Procedures section, Section 4.03, Observers at General Assembly, by deleting the remainder of the paragraph starting with “council may approve reimbursement...” and add “council will encourage observers to attend GA on their own,” so that the section will read “In order to develop effective commissioner participation and to encourage good communications between the presbytery and general assembly, council will encourage observers to attend GA on their own.” This motion will be presented to presbytery for voting at the May 2007 meeting.

Council agreed to postpone any action on Chapter X, section 10.01, Financial Review, until receipt of the final review from Macy & Associates. Council also requests guidance from the budget & finance committee regarding any recommended revisions included in the review.

Council requested that budget & finance review Chapter X, section 10.02, Purchasing Guidelines, and provide any recommendations for revisions.

Council Moderator’s Report

Frank Kinney announced that he intends to network with other committees and groups within presbytery. He will invite representatives from the camping ministry task force and the camping committee to meet with council during its March 2007 meeting. Frank will also invite Paul Hayden, moderator of the mission task force to meet with council at its May 2007 meeting. Representatives from each group will be asked to give a presentation on the work of its group.

General Presbyter’s Report

Bruce Ford indicated that he will be interviewing by phone two prospective consultants for the mission/long range planning task force. The personnel committee agreed that Bruce needs to limit the time spent working directly with churches this year so that he can devote more time to the various task forces.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55pm with prayer by Lee Wickel.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007 at Guernsey.

Presbytery of Wyoming Council Minutes March 21, 2007

Present: Frank Kinney (moderator), Jim Blaha, Don Dickey, Sherry Flyr, Pat Montgomery, Sherry Stottler, Daren Terpening, Lee Wickel; Ex officio: Bruce Ford, Fred Feth, Glen Flyr; Guests: Chip Rich, Rev. James Shuman, Shirley Hawk, Art Zube
Absent: none

The meeting was opened at 10:05am with prayer by Jim Blaha followed by a time for sharing.

The minutes of the February 1, 2007 council meeting were approved.

Camping Ministry Task Force

Chip Rich gave a PowerPoint presentation on the activities of the camping ministry task force. Council and the camping ministry task force will keep presbytery updated on the task force’s progress at each presbytery meeting until its work is completed.

Financial Report

Glen Flyr reported that twenty of the presbytery’s churches have paid their per capita in full. The ability for Cheyenne Highlands and Yoder to pay their per capita are concerns. Ten churches have not yet turned in pledge forms for 2007.

Council learned that some churches are refusing to contribute the \$350 that presbytery challenged toward the expenses of the mission task force. Funds received from the

contributing churches will be included under “other income.” Sherry Stottler, Jim Blaha, Sherry Flyr and Lee Wickel will divide up names of churches that are refusing to contribute in order to ascertain the reasons and will report back at the May 2007 presbytery meeting.

Council voted to receive the financial report.

Mission Task Force Report

Sherry Stottler indicated that at its last meeting the mission task force divided duties among its members. A meeting with the consultant, William Ailes, will be held on March 29, 2007.

The mission task force is reviewing the religious climate of each Wyoming community towards church development.

Council **VOTED** to approve the motion to proceed with participation in the Teton Valley Temporary Consultative Body; that the two representatives from Wyoming Presbytery be the Rev. Paul Hayden and another to be named by General Presbyter Bruce Ford and Stated Clerk Fred Feth; and that Bruce Ford and Fred Feth also be named as corresponding members of this consultative body.”

E-mail Voting

Council **VOTED** to instruct the stated clerk to report back to council on procedures adopted by COM regarding electronic voting, so that council may consider using the same procedures.

Camping Committee

Bruce Ford announced that the camping committee met the first weekend in March. It currently has twelve applications for counselor and three for camp director. The committee has developed a DVD for distribution to each church. The camping committee requested an increase in its budget.

Presbyterian Women

Council **VOTED** to accept a mission co-worker from GA to itinerate for one week in October 2007 to speak at churches within the presbytery regarding “Mission Challenge 07” with the expenses for housing, food and transportation within the bounds of presbytery being the responsibility of the host congregation.

Council **VOTED** to authorize Cheyenne First to coordinate the “Mission Challenge 07” program on behalf of the presbytery.

The presbytery New Orleans work trip is from October 21-27, 2007. Spring Gathering is April 20-21 in Gillette with Bruce Ford, Glen Flyr and Doug Malone serving as a panel to discuss the presbytery, stewardship and committee work. The women’s retreat will be August 10-12 at Camp Skyline and will be led by Lynn Williamson. PW leadership training will be held June 21 at the Wasatch Academy in Mt. Pleasant, UT.

Sherry Flyr requested that churches inform her of needs for funding of local missions.

Riverton Property Concerns

Rev. James Shuman, Shirley Hawk and Art Zube discussed the vote of the congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of Riverton to sell all its property and to relocate. Council **VOTED** “if the process of the congregational meeting of March 11, 2007 is found to be in order, we recognize that the way is clear for the United Presbyterian Church of Riverton to continue to develop its plan for future ministry including clarifying how to proceed with the issues related to the sale of the property in accordance with the vote of the congregation.”

Evangelism & Congregational Development Work Group Report

Bruce Ford announced that the work group held its first meeting this year and is considering potential church development in Cheyenne.

Wyoming Association of Churches

WAC will hold a Religious Environment spring retreat at Ucross April 25-26 with a follow-up session open to the public on September 27-29.

Office Equipment

Council **VOTED** to approve purchase of a Savin 8055 copier from Express Business Systems. Cost of the copier is \$10,825 with a maintenance agreement of .01 per copy, billed quarterly, covering all parts, labor, drums and supplies (excluding paper). Alayne will check to see if Express will take the current copier in as a trade-in.

Alayne announced that the cost of audio visual equipment authorized at the February 1 council meeting amounted to \$1,305.52 for the DVD player, stand, projector and case.

Bruce will check with other presbyteries to determine policies they use regarding renting and/or loaning audio visual equipment as to who can use it and how.

Old Business

Council **VOTED** to grant permission to Bruce Ford to proceed with negotiations with Yellowstone Presbytery towards having a joint called meeting in February 2008 in Sheridan for the purpose of meeting with the GA Moderator.

Stated Clerk's Report

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery switch the host churches for the May and September 2009 presbytery meetings so that Lingle will host the May meeting and Gillette will host the September meeting, per a request from Lingle.

Fred Feth announced that it appears that all of the amendments from the 217th General Assembly appear to be passing.

General Presbyter's Report

Bruce Ford announced that the personnel committee has distributed evaluation forms for the performance review of the General Presbytery. The recommendation of the personnel committee will be presented at the May 2007 presbytery meeting.

The new vehicle for presbytery was purchased by Big Sky Motors in Torrington for \$26,989. The trade-in was used as the down payment leaving a balance of \$19,425. Monthly payments are \$175 per month less than for the previous vehicle.

Council **VOTED** to authorize Bruce Ford to proceed with a website proposal from Adele Groote.

Council **VOTED** to participate in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains mission project for a Synod Hispanic Caucus.

Council Moderator's Report

Frank Kinney announced that the synod proposal regarding annual synod assemblies has been approved by all the presbyteries within synod. Frank is on the planning council to develop a plan to implement the plan. The synod meeting for 2007 will be held May 10-12.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Jim Blaha at 3:20pm.

The next council meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007 at Guernsey.

3. Switching presbytery meeting hosts for May and September 2009 presbytery meetings so that Lingle will host the May 2009 meeting and Gillette will host the September 2009 meeting.
4. Inscribing into the minutes the report of the stated clerk (**Attachment A**).

5. Inscribing into the minutes, the administrative commission minutes to install Rev. Rebecca Anderson.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION MINUTES
Shell Fire Hall
Shell, Wyoming
April 22, 2007

Commission was opened with prayer by Pat Montgomery at 3:45 pm in front of the Shell fire hall on 4/22/07. Present were Marjorie Good of Shell, Andrea Hendenraker of Worland, David Mattis of Greybull, George Pasek of Cody, Pat Montgomery of Cody, and eventually we were joined by Steve Frank of Thermopolis. It was moved, seconded and passed that on behalf of the Presbytery of Wyoming that we proceed with installation of Rebecca Marie Ottmar Anderson as pastor of Shell Community Church and First Presbyterian Church of Greybull. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the work of the commission's work would be complete upon the benediction of the installation worship service and that this be reported to the presbytery. A motion to adjourn was then made, seconded and passed. The commission then proceeded to the service of installation in the Shell Church.

Respectfully submitted;

Pat Montgomery

6. Inscribe into the minutes the administrative commission minutes to install Rev. Donavon Voigt.

Administrative Commission Minutes
 Installation of Donavon D. Voigt
 First Presbyterian Church
 Moorcroft, Wyoming
 April 29, 2007

The Administrative Commission to install Donavan Voigt as Minister of Word and Sacrament met Sunday, April 29, 2007, at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorcroft with the following commission persons present:

Rev. Bruce Ford, Moderator	General Presbyter, Presbytery of WY
Elder Linda Steele	First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan WY
Rev. Doug Melius	First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan WY
Elder Don Dickey	First Presbyterian Church, Gillette WY
Elder Voy Cox	First Presbyterian Church, Moorcroft WY

Participating members

Richard and Betty Gray	First Presbyterian Church, Moorcroft WY
Eli Voigt	First Presbyterian Church, Moorcroft WY

The meeting was called to order by the moderator at 12:30 p.m. and opened with prayer by Rev. Bruce Ford. With a quorum present, Rev. Bruce Ford acted as both moderator and clerk for the commission.

Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed. The Commission voted to recess at 12:50 p.m. to the Service of Installation and then to adjourn the Commission following the benediction by the Rev. Donovan Voigt.

Rev. Bruce Ford closed with prayer.

Bruce Ford
Moderator and Clerk of Administrative Commission

COUNCIL – Frank Kinney

Presbytery VOTED to approve the request to purchase a new manse at 139 S. Iowa Street, Guernsey, WY, legal description, Town of Guernsey, West Subdivision Block D-2, South 75ft of North 150ft. for \$110,000. Terms of the sale are \$10,000 down and the balance of \$100,000 to be financed. The United Presbyterian Church of Guernsey will pay \$20,000 from the McAuley Fund by May 25, 2007 and the Community Presbyterian Church of Ft. Laramie will contribute \$25,000 on July 10, 2007. The balance of \$55,000 will be paid as follows:

- Note of remaining balance to be paid to Anthony C. Alford at an interest of 5.5% with accrual beginning July 1, 2007, being made quarterly with the first payment being made October 1, 2007.
- The balance shall be paid within 20 days after the sale of the manse located at 307 South Dakota Avenue in Guernsey, WY.

Fort Laramie agrees to pay 30% of the \$110,000 on the purchase of the manse. Ft. Laramie agrees to pay a 30% one time cost of remodeling the new manse, up to a total of \$20,000, making Guernsey's share \$6,000. Ft. Laramie agrees to pay 30% of the utilities and 30% of the insurance. Guernsey will encumber costs for remodeling, repairs, maintenance and upkeep beyond this agreement. Guernsey will pay all inspection and closing costs.

Terms of the sale of the new manse include both churches having right of first refusal. Ft. Laramie will receive 30% of the profit from the sale and Guernsey will receive 70%.

Information

Council voted, that in light of the Committee on Ministry's request to establish an administrative commission, the action taken at the March 21, 2007 council meeting regarding the Riverton property matters, the council recognizes that the way is not clear for the church to proceed with the plan for future ministry including clarifying how to proceed with issues related to the sale of the property in accordance with the vote of the congregation.

Presbytery VOTED to approve the following two GA Restricted fund applications for Mission Work:
(Applications will be Attachment B)

1. First Presbyterian Church of Casper requests \$7500 from fund # 58505 to be used for start-up costs to provide a child care program for the children of the guests at the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission's Women's Transformation Center.
2. United Presbyterian Church of Guernsey request \$4202.02 for the purpose of expanding its ministry in the rural area of Wyoming. This is a two-pronged grant request that will help the church use technology to better connect with its homebound and handicapped member while also helping it reach a target audience of people age 25 to 45.

TREASURER – Glen Flyr

Friday evening offering was \$334.00.

Presbytery VOTED to receive the following Balance Sheet for March 31, 2007 and enter into the minutes as information.

Presbytery of Wyoming
Balance Sheet for March 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and Investments

1-001-1010-1000	Petty Cash	200.00
1-001-1020-1000	Hilltop Checking/MM	103,532.30
5-001-1020-1200	Hilltop Checking/MM	169,700.95
5-001-1100-0400	PILP Investment- 60 Mo.	55,000.00
5-001-1150-0400	PILP Investment - 36 Mo	50,000.00
5-001-1200-0400	Wells Fargo CD-13 Mo.	18,645.38
5-002-1010-1000	FIB - Story Checking	6,185.84
5-002-1020-1000	Hilltop-Story Undesignated	16,040.92
5-002-1021-1000	FIB - Story Camp Store	795.32
5-002-1022-1000	Hilltop-Story Operations	(2,611.01)
5-003-1010-1000	BOW - Skyline Checking	5,174.02
5-003-1022-0000	Hilltop-Skyline Operations	(762.78)
	Total Cash and Investments	<u>421,900.94</u>

Accounts Receivable

1-001-1410-1000	Insurance	(28.53)
1-001-1420-1000	Per Capita	60,513.87
5-001-1400-1100	A/R - Skyline Bath House	1,107.17
	Total Accounts Receivable	<u>61,592.51</u>

Inventory

1-001-1510-3000	Books of Order	(83.85)
1-001-1520-3000	Mission Yearbooks	(175.40)
1-001-1530-3000	Planning Calendars	(773.50)
	Total Inventory	<u>(1,032.75)</u>

Prepaid Expenses

1-001-1310-2000	Bulk Mail Deposit	423.31
1-001-1320-2000	AMBI Postage Deposit	400.00
	Total Prepaid Expenses	<u>823.31</u>

Total Current Assets 483,284.01

Property and Equipment

5-001-1905-4000	Rock Springs Property	90,000.00
5-001-1910-4000	Property-Office	148,000.00
5-001-1920-4000	Furniture/Fixtures	30,764.00
5-001-1950-4000	Reserve for Depreciation	(1,908.00)
5-002-1910-4000	Property	205,762.35
5-003-1910-4000	Property	189,463.04
	Total Property and Equipment	<u>662,081.39</u>

Other Assets

Total Other Assets 0.00

TOTAL ASSETS 1,145,365.40

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

1-001-2120-6000	Payroll Taxes Payable	1,068.08
1-001-2150-6000	Deferred Income-Per Capita	60,513.87
1-037-2134-3600	Medical Escrow-Stated Clerk	75.10
1-039-2136-3600	Medical Escrow-Admin Assistant	100.28
5-001-2010-7000	Current Portion PILP Loan	10,228.97
5-001-2030-7000	Current Portion Synod Acc Loan	2,260.86
5-001-2120-6000	A/P Federal Taxes	114.42
5-036-2132-0000	Medical Escrow-Gen. Presbyter	540.00

Total Current Liabilities		74,901.58
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Long-Term Liabilities

5-001-2510-7000	PILP-Office Loan	26,713.10
5-001-2530-7000	Synod-Access Loan	15,716.45
5-003-2050-0000	Bath House Loan	1,107.17

Total Long-Term Liabilities		43,536.72
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		118,438.30
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Designated Funds

1-001-3122-1100	Administrative Commission	4,380.55
1-001-3123-1100	Judicial Commission Fund	3,155.19
1-001-3124-1100	Designated-Future New Equipmnt	12,554.05
1-001-3126-1100	Facility Maintenance	311.98
5-001-3251-2500	Candidates/Enquirers	1,824.80
5-001-3252-2500	Triennium	6,231.90
5-001-3253-2500	GA Mtg Expense Reserve - GP	800.00
5-001-3254-2500	Restoring Creation	121.78
5-001-3255-2500	Pastors Forum	851.22
5-001-3256-2500	Youth Ministries	1,521.70
5-001-3257-2500	Support To Spouses	1,954.75
5-001-3258-2500	Facility Maintenance	1,500.00
5-001-3259-2500	Equip Maint/Purchase	1,366.97
5-001-3264-2500	Camping Ministry Task Force	7,500.00
5-001-3265-2500	Designated Camp Operations	5,508.26
5-001-3266-2500	Desig Camp Improvements	5,000.00
5-001-3267-2500	Donations-Mission T/F work	700.00
5-002-3100-1000	Story-Designated Funds	16,040.92
5-002-3150-1000	Story-On-Site Undesig Cash	6,981.16
5-003-3100-1000	Skyline-Designated Funds	150.00
5-003-3150-1000	Skyline-On-Site Undesig Cash	5,174.02
5-031-3215-2000	Ratcliff Loan Fund	69,170.80
5-901-3222-2200	Presbytery Ldrshp School	6,758.66
5-901-3226-2200	Clergy Support	16,686.69
5-901-3228-2200	Farm Families	9,725.71
5-901-3232-2300	Isabelle & Eric Fund	9,988.16
5-901-3234-2300	Brouwer Mem. Fund	482.26
5-901-3236-2300	Welsh Scholarship	1,273.43
5-901-3238-2300	Roberts Mem. Fund	403.54
5-901-3242-2400	Peace Making	13,299.13
5-901-3244-2400	Pentecost Offering	765.23

Total Designated Funds		212,182.86
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Property and Equipment
Reserves

5-001-3000-0000	Investment in Property-Office	62,959.04
5-001-3005-0000	Investment in Office Furnishng	28,856.00
5-001-3010-0000	Investmnt in Property-Rock Spr	90,000.00
5-002-3000-0000	Investment in Property & Equip	205,762.35
5-003-3000-0000	Investment in Property & Equip	188,355.87
Total Property and Equipment Reserves		575,933.26
Unrestricted Funds Available		
1-001-3100-1000	Undesignated Admin Fd-Retained	33,720.35
5-001-3100-1000	Undesignated Mission	137,661.69
	Net Income	67,428.94
Total Unrestricted Funds Available		238,810.98
Total Capital		1,026,927.10
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		1,145,365.40

BUDGET & FINANCE – Corinne Pratt

Presbytery VOTED to approve the following 2007 Mission Budget as amended.

INCOME	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	07 Amended Budget
Mission Partnership Funds/ miscellaneous	70,000	66,000	66,000
Church pledges	147,164	147,164	160,309
Church Redevelopment	11,000	11,000	11,000
Interest & Interest Rebate (PILP)	9,400	9,400	9,400
Carryover from previous yr/Trans from reserves	8,000	8,000	33,000
TOTAL	245,564	241,564	279,709
EXPENSES	2006 Budget	07 Proposed Budget	07 Amended Budget
Partnership Funds			
Development Grants to Churches	31,000	31,000	31,000
Camp Program	20,000	20,000	22,000
Sub Total	51,000	51,000	53,000
Ecumenical Mission			
Wyoming Association of Churches	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sub Total	1,000	1,000	1,000
Presbytery Office			
Office Expense	20,000	20,000	20,000
Workers' Comp	1,200	1,200	1,200
Sub Total	21,200	21,200	21,200
Ministry Support			
COM - Emergency Assistance	500	500	500
COM - Work with Congregations/Pastors	6,500	7,500	7,500
Vocations (CPM/CLP)	4,000	4,000	4,000
Sub Total	11,000	12,000	12,000
Staff			
General Presbyter	82,497	86,456	86,456
Administrative Assistant	23,841	24,980	24,980

Professional Expenses/Travel	19,000	18,200	18,200
GA Meeting Reserve for GP		800	800
Cont Ed (incl.GP\$500 book allowance)	2,500	2,500	2,500
Continuing Education (Staff)	3,500	3,500	3,500
Sub Total	131,338	136,436	136,436
Mission Programs & Grants			
Resource Center	2,000	2,000	2,000
Newsletter/Web Site	9,000	9,000	9,000
WNL T Support	2,500	2,500	2,500
GA Alternates/Program	2,500	0	0
Youth Ministry (Triennium - 1/3 est. cost)	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sub Total	18,000	15,500	15,500
Ministry Work Groups			
Leadership Development (Youth Ministry)	2,500	1,250	1,250
Youth Ministry		1,250	1,250
Evangelism/Church Development	1,250	1,250	1,250
Stewardship	1,250	1,250	1,250
Sub Total	5,500	5,000	5,000
Other			
Mission Strategic Planning Task Force			10,000
Camping Ministry Task Force			16,073
Presbytery Meetings Leadership Expenses	7,000	6,000	6,000
Computer Services	500	500	500
Maintenance - facility	1,500	1,500	1,500
Reserve for Maintenance & Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500
Sub Total	10,500	9,500	35,573
TOTAL	249,538	251,636	279,709
Difference	(3,974)	(10,072)	0

Mission partnership funds income for 2008 to the presbytery will be \$61,000. After 2010 the program will be re-evaluated.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Steve Frank

Presbytery VOTED to approve the formation of an administrative commission to the United Presbyterian Church of Riverton with the following document:

“An Administrative Commission is hereby appointed by the Presbytery of Wyoming and is empowered to visit the United Presbyterian Church of Riverton, WY. Five members of session reported encountering difficulties which it is unable to resolve without assistance and requested the appointment of an administrative commission. This Commission shall inquire into and is given the power to settle the difficulties therein. In its absolute discretion, this Commission shall have the specific power to dissolve the pastoral relationship. In its absolute discretion, this Commission shall have the authority to dissolve the session and assume original jurisdiction.

This Commission with diligently adhere to the procedures of the Book of Order including strict attention to due process. This Commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be submitted to the Stated Clerk to be incorporated in Presbytery’s minutes and shall be regarded as the actions of the presbytery itself. The decisions of the Commission shall be transmitted in writing to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, who shall report them at Presbytery’s next meeting.

This Administrative Commission shall be seven members and a quorum shall be five members.

1. Rev. Jane Busey

2. Rev. Ralph Nelson, Moderator
3. Rev. George Pasek
4. Elder Dan Hauck from Casper
5. Elder Dan Hinderaker from Worland
6. Elder David Mattis from Greybull
7. Elder Elise Prayzich from Jackson

This Commission is established May 5, 2007 and will be dismissed only by future action of the Presbytery of Wyoming.”

Presbytery VOTED to grant COM the authority to act as an administrative commission to examine Rev. Yoon Kak Cho, designated pastor candidate for Cheyenne Korean Presbyterian Church, to approve the final terms of his call; and pending the successful completion and approval of examination of the candidate and final terms of call, appoint a commission to install Rev. Cho as designated pastor of Cheyenne Korean Presbyterian. Rev. Cho is a member of the Presbytery of Cascades.

Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Jan Brooks into membership of Wyoming Presbytery upon receipt of transfer from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Robert Brown into membership of Wyoming Presbytery upon receipt of transfer from the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley.

Presbytery VOTED to approve the Terms of Call received to date as presented. (**Attachment C**)

COM reports the following actions taken on behalf of presbytery;

1. Approval of the Interim Associate Pastor contract between First Presbyterian Church, Cheyenne and Rev. Jan Brooks.
2. Approval of the Interim Pastor Contract between Rev. Robert Brown and the First Presbyterian Church, Casper and the appointment of Robert as moderator of the First Presbyterian Church.
3. Approval of the Interim Pastor Contract between Laramie United Presbyterian Church and Rev. Vickie Kintzel; approved Vickie to labor within bounds of Wyoming Presbytery from Plains and Peaks; and appointed Vickie moderator of the church.
4. Placed Rev. Beth Palmer on presbytery's member at large roll.
5. Approval of the Interim Pastor CIF for Union Presbyterian Church of Powell.
6. Approval of the Mission Study for First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church of Torrington.

VOCATIONS – Ralph Nelson

Presbytery VOTED to remove the Candidacy of Erla Champ-Gibson from the Presbytery's roll of Candidates and Inquirers.

Presbytery VOTED to accept elder Christina Kirschner of the Union Presbyterian Church of Evanston as a Candidate for Commissioned Lay Pastor.

Presbytery VOTED to approve that one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education be required of all of our candidates in this presbytery.

Brian Johnson, Associate Pastor at First, Sheridan spoke to encourage contributions to the 1% Theological Education Fund. This frees up money for scholarships. Wyoming Presbytery has received an award for its contributions to the fund.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Jane Malone

Presbytery Voted to elect the following persons to serve as commissioners to synod with terms expiring in 2010:

Rev. Frank Kinney (retired)
Elder Norm Soden (Cheyenne First)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Joel Wright

Presbytery VOTED by paper ballot, to renew the Call to the Rev. Bruce Ford for the position of General Presbyter for Five years, beginning October 15, 2007 through October 15, 2012. (44 to 1)

MISSION TASK FORCE – Doug Melius & Sherry Stottler

The task force will be requesting input from committees. A reminder that the Pastor's retreat is May 20-22, 2007. There will be a preliminary report at the September presbytery meeting and the final report is due at the February 2008 meeting of presbytery.

CAMPING MINISTRY TASK FORCE – Chip Rich

The task force met for two days with consultants from Run River Enterprises during April. The consultants plan to visit both campsites and expect to have a detailed report ready for the February 2008 meeting.

CAMP COMMITTEE – Linda Steele

Presbytery VOTED to approve allowing the use of alcohol at the camps for Eucharistic purposes.

Presbytery VOTED to approve allowing communion to be served at the Junior High camps at each site and at the High School retreat during 2007.

Linda reminded presbyters that the early bird registration deadline of May 15 for Camp Story is fast approaching. For Skyline the date is June 15. Churches were encouraged to rent the camps for retreats and to try to increase youth attendance. Postcards will be mailed soon to youth who have gone to camp in the past as a reminder that it is time to register. The committee is still seeking a camp director for this year but otherwise we are almost fully staffed for 2007. Rock climbing will be offered again this year at Story and fishing at Skyline.

EVANGELISM – Curtis Hill

Curtis talked about the direction of this work group and its work with churches. Only three persons are on the work group. An Area Ministry Resource Team (AMRT) to work with churches in the areas of evangelism and congregational development is planned to be organized for specific areas of the state.

PEARLINGTON – Doug Malone

Doug Malone delivered a report along with a PowerPoint presentation on the presbytery's mission trip to Pearlinton, MS to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Another Restoring Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) mission trip is scheduled for October 21-27, 2007. Doug requested donations for the purchase of dumpsters for the Missionary Baptist Church in Pearlinton. They feed hundreds of volunteers each weekday but have nowhere to put the trash generated from this mission.

A motion was made from the floor and presbytery VOTED to designate the proceeds from the Friday evening worship offering to the Missionary Baptist Church.

PW – Sherry Flyr

Sherry will be heading to New Orleans May 6th for a PW work trip.

The Spring Gathering was held April 20-21 in Gillette. 220 college care boxes were assembled and distributed. Glen Flyr and Bruce Ford were presented PW Honorary Life Memberships for their support of PW (this is the first time men in Wyoming have received the awards). PW is making a commitment to purchase new mattresses for both camps, a total of 200 mattresses are needed to replace all the mattresses.

The women's retreat will be August 10-12 at Camp Skyline. The retreat will be planned by Laramie PW and the program will be led by Rev. Lynn Williamson.

SYNOD REPORT – Bob Sheldon

Bob gave an update on synod activities, including the purpose of the new synod structure aimed at sharing and mission strategizing. The annual synod meeting will be held in Denver May 10-12, 2007. The Western National Leadership Training event will be held in Jackson October 10-12, 2007.

GP- Bruce Ford

Bruce reflected on his first term as GP and gave thanks to the presbyters for the opportunity to continue in ministry with the presbytery.

STATED CLERK – Fred Feth

Fred re-stated that his annual report was part of the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea Hinderaker – Triennium is July 17-22, 2007, we have a full delegation this year. Airfare will cost each participant about \$300, presbytery will cover the rest. A retreat to plan with the group is planned for May 18-19.

Ralph Nelson – A Retired Pastor's & Spouses conference will be held in Denver June 14-17, 2007, this is probably the closest it will get to Wyoming.

Vickie Kintzel – Older Adult Ministry Network has library of materials available.

Sherlin Foos – South Goshen is celebrating 40 years of ministry on June 10; all are invited.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by vice-moderator, Lee Wickel, at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ DATE APPROVED: _____

The next meeting will be held at Highlands United Presbyterian Church, Cheyenne, WY on Sept 14-15, 2007.