

**Presbytery of Wyoming
Council Minutes
August 22, 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
Absent: none

The meeting was opened at 10:05am by Frank Kinney. Devotions and prayers were presented by Lee Wickel.

The minutes of the May 3, 2007 council meeting were approved.

Confirmation of on-line votes

Approval of on-line votes for the following motions were confirmed:

1. To approve up to \$1500 for the purchase of a new computer for the stated clerk
2. To approve the request from the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole for an interest free loan of \$700,000 and using as collateral the house that was given to the church.
3. To approve removal of the trailer from Camp Skyline

Fred Feth provided an update on the status of the trailer removal. Fred will also write a letter thanking Sally Wells and Marvin Bishop for their efforts in acquiring title to the trailer.

Financial Report

Alayne sent letters to Cheyenne Highlands and Cheyenne Korean regarding non-payment of per capita. Since receiving the letters, Cheyenne Korean has paid the per capita in full and Cheyenne Highlands is asking members of the congregation to make per capita payments over and above their normal contributions.

Glen Flyr announced that 57% of pledges from 2007 have been received. Presbytery has paid in full its per capita to GA and synod.

Budget overages were explained. Sherry Flyr will check with Sheridan to determine whether it received reimbursement for gasoline for the Katrina mission trip to Mississippi. Contributions amounting to \$1700 were forwarded to the Missionary Baptist Church of Pearlinton, MS.

Council voted to receive the financial report

Budget & Finance Committee

Daren Terpening discussed the proposed 2008 administrative budget. Total proposed per capita is \$34.31, including presbytery per capita of \$22.82. This amounts to a total per capita increase of \$.46, of which \$.16 is attributed to presbytery.

Daren discussed the proposed 2008 mission budget.

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery approval of the 2008 administrative and mission budgets.

Council reviewed the proposed revision of Section X, Fiscal Management and Budget Administration, to the policies and procedures section of the Administrative Manual. In section 10.01, Financial Reviews, council voted to change the second sentence of the second paragraph to delete the word "or" following "agreed-upon procedures" and add the words "or an audit" at the end of the sentence so that the sentence will read "The options may be agreed-upon procedures, a financial review, or an audit." Council also voted to delete the last sentence of the section.

Council voted to change section 10.02, Purchasing Guidelines, by increasing \$1000.00 to \$1500.00.

Council **VOTED** to recommend approval by presbytery of the proposed Section X as amended.

Mission Task Force

The mission task force has been meeting with and receiving input from sessions and pastors. It will meet on August 24 and will present its final report in February 2008.

Camping Ministry Task Force

The camping ministry task force has been meeting regularly with the consultant and will meet September 23-24 to begin to detail options for camping ministry.

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Flyr announced that 34 persons had signed up for the presbytery trip to New Orleans October 21-27, 2007. As the commitment deadline approaches, numbers have fallen.

The women's retreat was August 10-12 at Camp Skyline and was led by Lynn Williamson.

PW Churchwide Gathering will be held in Louisville, July 11-15, 2009. The theme is "God Will Do Wonders Among You" from Joshua 3:5.

Spring Gathering will be held April 4-5, 2008 in Encampment. PW will celebrate its 20th anniversary of Presbyterian Women (the joining of the north and south churches) with Louise Howe, PW/CCT Historian as the guest speaker.

Leadership Development Work Group

Sherry Stottler announced that Joe Norris will serve as the new chair of the leadership development work group.

Evangelism & Congregational Development Work Group

The evangelism & congregational development work group is surveying churches in the southeast part of Wyoming to put together a resource team to help churches locate resources. A training session will be held on September 24, 2007 for persons willing to serve on the resource team.

Old Business

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery approval of the following persons as officers for the Non Profit Corporation Annual Report for the State of Wyoming:

President – Frank Kinney
Vice-President – Marvin Wickel
Secretary – Fred Feth
Treasurer – Glen Flyr
Director – Bruce Ford
Director – Linda Norris
Director – Sherry Stottler

New Business

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery approval of Joel Wright (minister '10) and Jim Kasler (elder '10) for the nominating committee and for a minister '09 to be named after receiving approval from the candidate.

Council **VOTED** to increase the number of WNLT scholarships for the year to eight. Bruce will research from which account the money should be drawn.

Stated Clerk's Report

Fred Feth discussed the proposed expansion at Encampment. In addition to adding room for offices, a fellowship hall, bathroom and kitchen, the remodeling will make the church handicapped-accessible.

General Presbyter's Report

Bruce has contracted with Adele Groote to develop the presbytery website. She will provide training to the staff in September. There will be two sites, one as a direct link for churches, and one requiring a password to get in.

The DSL will be hooked up for the presbytery office during the week of August 27, 2007.

Bruce and Fred met with representatives from the Teton Valley temporary consultative body and Kendall Presbytery regarding new church development in Teton Valley, ID. An administrative commission will be established from Kendall Presbytery with Bruce and Paul Hayden serving as ex officio members.

Bruce will be serving on the synod coordinating council for the upcoming year.

Dan Pauli, agent from Church Mutual Insurance, will meet with council during its September 13 meeting in Cheyenne.

Presbytery Vice-Moderator's Report

Lee Wickel announced that installation for Rev. Cho as designated pastor for Cheyenne Korean will be held September 16 at 4:00pm.

Lee discussed the status of Rock Springs and possible options for the church. Frank Kinney will meet with George Pasek to develop a plan and recommendation to take to both council and COM for their September meetings.

Council Moderator's Report

Frank Kinney reported on the administrative commission for Riverton. The administrative commission is writing a report for the September presbytery meeting.

Frank will serve on the synod coordinating council. The coordinating council is working on becoming a networking body with presbyteries.

Council meetings were scheduled for November 14, 2007, at 10:00am and tentatively for January 8, 2008 at 10:00am.

Council adjourned at 1:45pm with prayer by Lee Wickel.