

**Presbytery of Wyoming
Council Minutes
November 14, 2007**

Present: Frank Kinney (Moderator), Jim Blaha, Linda Norris, Gordon Sommer Daren Terpening, Lee Wickel; Ex officio: Bruce Ford, Fred Feth
Excused: Sherry Flyr, Sherry Stottler; Ex officio: Glen Flyr
Guest: Chip Rich

The meeting was opened at 10:05am with devotions and prayer by Lee Wickel

The minutes of September 13, 2007 council meeting was approved.

Financial Report

Alayne discussed the financial report. Triennium expenses will exceed budget by approximately \$2500 because the presbytery budgeted for only 28 attendees, which was our quota, while 38 attended. Camp expenses should be in the black by approximately \$2000. Camp Story was \$7818 in the black but Camp Skyline was \$5787 in the red.

Council **VOTED** to authorize a review of the presbytery's financial by Macy & Associates using agreed upon procedures.

Camping Ministry Task Force

Chip Rich announced that the Camping Ministry Task Force has been working with Run River to develop a camping ministry program. Chip discussed the report of the Camping Ministry Task Force by reviewing progress against the six tasks that were assigned to the task force:

1. Develop a job description for a full-time camp director in coordination with the Presbytery Personnel Committee. A job description has been developed and will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee. The task force also developed a job description for a part-time administrative assistant to work on presbytery mission, including the camping program.
2. Find property that is centrally located in the state, suitable for camping in the long term as soon as possible, and come up with costs of purchasing and developing the site to meet the goals of the camping program. No property could be located within the central part of the state. The task force is considering the possibility of developing a retreat center, and is looking for a possible donation of suitable property for this purpose. Because of the volatility of the construction market at this time costs of labor and materials could not be estimated.
3. Explore possible ways the present camp sites might be developed to meet the goals of the camping program and determine costs of such development. Run River believes the current sites are marginally viable and can be developed. Again development costs could not be estimated.
4. Explore selling of both camps and running a camping program apart from owning land. The consultants believed that this option was not in the best interests of the presbytery's ministry and steered the task force away from further consideration.
5. Decide which is the best solution to meet our camping goals, to fit our mission design, and to take out to the churches in order to secure support, enthusiasm and funding. The task force is not yet ready to go to the churches. Through the discernment process, the task force feels called upon to keep the two camp sites.
6. Seek potential funding from any source for both the overall presbytery mission and the camping program. The task force recommends obtaining an endowment and using the proceeds from its investments to cover costs of the mission program, including the camping program.

Council **VOTED** to recommend that presbytery move the report by the Camping Ministry Task Force from the February 2008 meeting to the May 2008 meeting. Both the Mission Task Force and the Camping Ministry Task Force are in unanimous agreement with this recommendation.

Council voted to adjourn and reconvene as trustees.

Laramie Manse

The trustees **VOTED** to approve the lease agreement between the United Presbyterian Church of Laramie and tenants/lessees Rob Wiley, Jake Swenson and Billie Sutton of the house at 1115 Grand Avenue, Laramie, with the understanding that the church is liable for payment of property taxes on this property in order for the church to maintain its tax free status.

Trustees adjourned and council reconvened

Mission Task Force Report

Bruce Ford announced that the Mission Task Force is prioritizing needs and will be holding its first writing session in December. Representatives from the Camping Task Force will meet with the Mission Task Force in developing the report which should be ready for council in January, 2008.

Evangelism and Congregational Development Work Group Report

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery that the membership of the Evangelism and Congregational Development Work Group be increased from three members to four.

Wyoming Association of Churches

WAC held its annual meeting and a conference on the environment and ministry in September. Bruce Ford discussed programs in which WAC is involved and commented that it is making good progress.

Wyoming Ministries in Higher Education

WMHE met on November 13 and planned to prepare its request for funding

Old Business

Bruce Ford commented that the trailer at Camp Skyline has been advertised for sale.

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery the approval of Frank Kinney and Linda Norris as commissioners to synod.

New Business

Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery the election of Pat Montgomery as alternate minister commissioner and Christina Kirschner as alternate elder commissioner to the 218th General Assembly and minister commissioner and elder commissioner respectively to the 219th General Assembly. Council **VOTED** to recommend to presbytery the election of Erin Weishaar as youth advisory delegate to the 218th General Assembly.

Council **VOTED** to request that presbytery establish a task force composed of two members from council, two from COM and one from the Vocations Committee, with Fred Feth serving as ex officio member, to review changes to Chapter XIV of the *Book of Order* and new advisory manuals from General Assembly and to propose to presbytery any policy changes to the administrative manual resulting from this review. Lee Wickel and Daren Terpening volunteered to be the council representatives.

Stated Clerk's Report

Synod moderator's training is scheduled for February 8-9 in Denver. Linda Norris, Frank Kinney and Fred Feth plan to attend. Fred will contact George Pasek to see if he is able to attend.

Council **VOTED** to authorize Bruce Ford as to serve as the overture advocate to GA for the Star Valley overture at the 218th General Assembly.

General Presbyter's Report

Bruce Ford announced that Elizabeth Hawley, retired DCE passed away in Cody. Prayers are offered for her family. Bruce announced that WNLT is planning to move its site to the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole. The address of the new presbytery website is "pbywy.org."

Bruce distributed a report on the White Mountain Presbyterian Church from Kathy Schutz. The congregation is meeting and worshipping again. Bruce is currently searching for persons to fill the pulpit. COM has appointed a committee to work with the church with David Pepper as chair. This committee will bring a report to the February 2008 meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery Moderator's Report

Linda Norris announced that she will be working with the Riverton church as part-time temporary supply pastor beginning in December 2008.

Presbytery Moderator's Report

Lee Wickel announced that Rev. Yoon Kak Cho was installed as Designated Pastor for the Cheyenne Korean Presbyterian Church on September 16. Lee is working on the programs for the Friday portion of the 2008 presbytery meetings.

Council Moderator's Report

The council meeting and devotions schedule for 2008 was established as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Devotions</u>
January 8 (tentative)	
January 31	Daren Terpening
April 8	Linda Norris
May 1 (Sheridan)	Lee Wickel
August 19	Jim Blaha
September 11 (Worland)	Gordon Sommer

All meetings are held in Casper unless otherwise noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm with prayer by Lee Wickel.