

**Presbytery of Wyoming  
Council Minutes  
Cheyenne Highland United Church  
September 13, 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;

The meeting was opened at 10:10am with prayer and devotions by Frank Kinney.

The minutes of the August 22, 2007 council meeting were approved.

The on-line vote approving use of the Peace Making designated fund for the additional WNLTS scholarships for 2007 was affirmed.

**Financial Report**

Glen Flyr announced that \$2000 more in per capita payments have been received. The mission pledge report was distributed. Council **VOTED** to share the report on mission pledges with presbytery at the September 14-15, 2007 meeting and to send a letter to churches explaining the mission process, the recommended disposition of money, the columns on the report and where the presbytery stands in relationship to mission prioritization. Glen Flyr will work with Frank Kinney to run the calculations and develop the wording for the letter.

**Church Mutual Insurance**

Dan Pauli, regional representative for Church Mutual Insurance Company, discussed minimum insurance requirements for churches within the presbytery. The 90% replacement cost for property insurance is based on square footage. Inflation is automatically factored into cost figures. Dan contacts churches directly when the inflation factor fails to meet the local market. Dan will also contact churches that fail to meet minimum requirements and inform them of the cost to bring them up to the minimum. Dan will also notify the presbytery of churches that are not in compliance.

Dan recommended that the minimum for Sexual and Molestation be raised from \$300,000 to \$500,000 or \$1,000,000.

Church Mutual will provide presbytery with a certificate providing the notice of coverage for each church covered by Church Mutual.

Council **VOTED** to charge the budget & finance committee with monitoring church compliance against minimum requirements.

**Presbyterian Women**

Sherry Flyr announced that the PW newsletter is now available on-line.

The New Orleans work trip for October 21-27, 2007 has 24 confirmed participants to date. The camp mattress fund currently has \$4059. The cost per mattress is \$100.

The triennium conference will have four areas of concentration:

- International Mission – The Democratic Republic of the Congo
- National Mission – Disaster relief (“hands on” mission response)
- Justice & Peace – Eradication of racism
- Justice & Peace – Immigration issues

**Mission Task Force**

Sherry Stottler explained the process the mission task force will use for the Friday session of presbytery. The program will begin with an explanation of demographic and geographic data followed by break out sessions where participants will be asked to develop answers to specific questions.

### **White Mountain**

Lee Wickel and Bruce Ford discussed recommendations from COM regarding action to close the church. Council **VOTED** to authorize Pat Montgomery and Sherry Stottler to sit in on the COM meeting during its discussion regarding White Mountain.

### **Riverton**

Frank Kinney reviewed the report of the Riverton Administrative Commission.

### **Other Business**

Don Dickey announced that this was his last meeting and explained how much he learned and how grateful he was for having the experience of serving on council.. Member of council expressed their appreciation for Don's service on the council.

### **Stated Clerk's Report**

Fred Feth announced that his computer at the presbytery office was now hooked up to DSL, and that the computers for Bruce and Alayne should be hooked up shortly.

### **General Presbyter's Report**

Bruce Ford updated council on COM actions regarding the Rock Springs Church (White Mountain). COM intends to rewrite its motion to give the session power to initiate action towards closure and to authorize the administrative commission to follow through if necessary.

Bruce is working with the session at Casper Winter Memorial Church.

Bruce announced that the Presbytery of Kendall has appointed a new church development commission for the worshipping community in Teton Valley.

### **Camping Ministry**

The camping ministry work group will meet September 23-24. Bob Pixler and Sally Wells are working on removing the trailer at Camp Skyline.

### **Evangelism & Church Development**

Bruce Ford gave a presentation on the ministry area resource team training.

### **Vice Moderator's Report**

Lee Wickel reported that the installation service for Yoon Kak Cho as designated pastor for Cheyenne Korean will be held September 16 at 4:00pm

### **Moderator's Report**

Pat Montgomery gave thanks for the opportunity to have served as moderator of presbytery.

### **Council Moderator**

Frank will meet with the synod personnel committee to develop a document on how to approach staff evaluations

The synod coordinating council meets on October 1 and 2, 2007.

Because of additional duties regarding insurance oversight being assigned, the budget & finance committee needs to review the description of its duties.

Lee Wickel agreed to present devotions for the next council meeting (November 14, 2007).

The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm with prayer by Frank Kinney.