

Presbytery Meeting Summary November 17, 2020

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held its stated meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 using the Zoom online meeting format, due to continuing Coronavirus concerns and restrictions. Our **Moderator, Rev. William Mumaw**, and our **Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Judy Lipsak**, presided over the meeting. After orienting the participants on matters of Zoom etiquette and modified procedures for an online meeting, Rev. Mumaw opened the meeting with prayer.

The presbyters then heard a recorded message from Rev. Doug Tilton, Regional Liaison for South Africa, PC(USA). This was followed by some inspirational music organized by Rev. Graham Standish.

Corresponding members The Rev. Dr. David Oyler, Temporary Executive, and Rev. Susan Wonderland, Transitional Executive, Synod of the Trinity, were introduced.

There was a time of “Good News,” as presbyters related events from their churches.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Coordinating Team** (Zoom) – Minutes of September 2, 2020, and October 7, 2020 (removed, later approved);
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Assistant Stated Clerk: 09/01/20 – 10/31/20**;
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Treasurer** – Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet, September 2020;
 - ✓ Approved the **Minutes** of the September 22, 2020 stated Presbytery meeting (Zoom), to be ratified at the next person-to-person Presbytery meeting;
 - ✓ Approved the re-pointing and painting of the south side of the presbytery building;
 - ✓ Received the **Report of the Temporary Executive Presbyter**;
 - ✓ Received a Report of the **Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee**;

Due to the on-line nature of the meeting, checks for **Capital Access Program grants** were mailed to the following churches:

- Steffin Hill – Parking lot renovation
- Cranberry Community – technology upgrades

Rev. Bill Jamieson was recognized for six years service to the Committee

- **Regarding the formation of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force:**

MOTION: That the Beaver-Butler Presbytery drop the formation of the Racial Reconciliation Task Force and become a Matthew 25 Presbytery. **PASSED**

- **Communication Task Force:**

- ✓ Looking for persons to help with the presbytery’s Social Media activities.

- **From the Ministry & Vocation Committee:**
 - ✓ Approved Assistance Agreement for Student Pastor Sonya-Marie Morley, formerly at Refreshing Springs Mission Church;
 - ✓ Approved the Transitional Pastor Agreements between Rev. John Porter and Cranberry Community Church, and Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger and Vanport Church;
 - ✓ Approved waiver of terms limits for Buffalo Church, Sarver, and
 - ✓ Recognized the retirement of Rev. Kathy Horstman, and the retirement and passing of the Rev. Dr. James Moran.

- **From the Nominating & Representation Committee:**
 - ✓ Nominated and elected various persons to presbytery Committees, Units, and the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission
 - ✓ Recognized the service of those completing their terms of service

- **New Business:**
 - ✓ Installed Ruling Elder Judy Lipsak as Presbytery Moderator;
 - ✓ Installed Rev. Ron Schermerhorn as Presbytery Vice-Moderator, and
 - ✓ Recognized the service of outgoing Presbytery Moderator Rev. Bill Mumaw

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- There were a total of 81 participants at the meeting:
 - 33 Teaching Elders
 - 31 Ruling Elders from 22 Churches
 - 2 Corresponding Members
 - 5 Ruling Elders who are officers, CT, or Chair of a Committee or Unit
 - 10 Visitors

- Retiring Moderator Mumaw adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next stated meeting of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery will be at **1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2021, Zoom Format. Note the time change!**