

**Presbytery Council Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018**

The following persons were PRESENT: TE Tom Are, RE Maggie Blankers, RE Teresa Clark, TE Rachel Dannar, RE Bond Faulwell, RE Don Haring, RE Mary Jorgenson, TE Kathleen Knehans, TE Elaine Loggi, TE Jean Murphy, RE Rodger Nishioka and TE Don Wilson. The following person was EXCUSED: TE Jason Carle. The following staff were PRESENT: Stated Clerk RE Sally Hinchman and Treasurer RE Terry Miller.

Moderator Rachel Dannar opened the meeting with prayer at 5:00 pm. The docket was approved as printed.

The following items were approved on the consent agenda:

1. Approved the January 29, 2018 Minutes of the Presbytery Council and recommend to presbytery they be incorporated in the stated meeting minutes of February 13, 2018.
2. Approved the Stated Presbytery Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018.
3. Receive the Year to Date Financials.
4. Approve Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO to host the stated meeting on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

Stated Clerk Hinchman said two churches requested (within minutes) to host the September 19, 2019 stated meeting of the presbytery. It was recommended that the clerk suggest another Saturday meeting date and/or the presbytery move a Tuesday meeting to a Saturday.

Business Affairs committee shared they will now be offering only a summary of the Shared Mission and Operating Budgets in the presbytery packet. The full detail budgets will be posted if someone wants more detail. They are working adjusting the 2018 budgets due to less money projected for the Shared Mission Budget.

The stated clerk shared some information regarding the General Assembly proposal for increasing their per capita which will have a major impact across the giving from presbyteries and churches if it is passed.

Personnel presented the terms in the covenant for the Transitional Executive Presbyter if the candidate accepts the position. The candidate's mother died the day the call was extended. The individual requested some additional time to consider this opportunity. If it is a 'yes' then Council will have an email vote to approve the person.

TE Tom Are said there need to be a task force to focus on the financial health of the presbytery. After a long discussion RE Teresa Clark moved that a Task Force be appointed to consider issues relating to the future financial health of the presbytery. The Task Force would consider the issues identified in Tom's memo, but are not limited to those issues. The Task Force would identify issues that need to be addressed and recommend how they should be addressed. The Task Force would have discretion to consider other issues and the Council could assign particular issues to its consideration. The Task Force would make recommendations to Business Affairs Committee, Council and the presbytery. The Task Force would be comprised of 2 members from Personnel Committee, 3 members of Trustees and 3 members from the Business Affairs Committee, as selected by each committee. The Task Force will

select a moderator from its membership. Resource staff shall be Treasurer Terry Miller, Financial Administrator Brian Hathhorn and the Transitional Executive Presbyter.

The stated clerk share two recommendations from the Commission on Ministry regarding the forming of Administrative Commissions.

The Council felt very favorable regarding the discussion groups at the last stated meeting. The information is being compiled.

The presbytery docket was approved as presented. RE Jorgenson recommended the offering for the 4/14/2018 meeting be given to the "Heartland Youth Encounter Event" at Heartland Presbyterian Center in early June.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Dannar at 6:35 pm.

Submitted by Sally Hinchman