

Minutes
Presbytery Of Santa Barbara
“Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People”
458th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery Of Santa Barbara
9:00am Saturday, September 22, 2018
Highlands Church

The Mission of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:

We, the PCUSA churches and ministries of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, join together to foster vibrant worshipping communities who proclaim and live out the love of Jesus Christ for one another and our neighbors.

The 458th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (USA) was convened on September 22, 2018, at 9:06 a.m. at Highlands Church, Paso Robles California, by Moderator Rev. Dennis Falasco who opened with a reading of the Mission Statement and prayer.

Temporary Stated Clerk Mickey Stueck confirmed a quorum was present.

Roll was taken by cards. 38 persons indicated attendance with 36 registered voters: 16 Teaching Elders, 20 Ruling Elders & Commissioned Ruling Elders. Visitor cards: 2

CHURCH/TEACHING ELDERS

**RULING ELDER
COMMISSIONERS**

Carpinteria

- Goleta
- Grover Beach (Coastal Community)
 - Paul Dugan
 - Andy Rock
- Lompoc (Cityview)
- Moorpark
 - Bonnie Boe, CRE
- Newbury Park
 - Tom Stephen
 - Matt Elam
 - Mickey Fenn, CRE (Mission Street)

Jim Stueck

Cindy Vodraska

- Nipomo
 - Eugenia Gamble
- Ojai
- Oxnard
- Paso Robles (Highlands)
 - James Baird
 - CRE Katy Griffin
- Pismo Beach

Gail Lopez

Gary Stevenson
George Weber
Susan Freer

- Port Hueneme (Living Hope)

- San Luis Obispo

Dennis Falasco

Pam Rodewald

Steven Walker

- Santa Barbara (First Pres.)

Chuck Curtis, CRE

- Santa Barbara (St. Andrew's)

Suzanne Malloy

Dana Monk

Scott Eschbach

Mona Wise

- Santa Paula

- Simi Valley (Stonebridge)

Steven Koep

- Summerland

- Thousand Oaks (Emmanuel)

Craig Williams

Joyce Maxwell

David Anderson

- Other Teaching Elder Members: Joel Drenckpohl, Chelsea Leitcher, Bruce Lethbridge, Janet Loughry, Dan Stevens

Ruling Elder Members of Presbytery Council present: Mickey Stueck, Tamara Skov, Sandy Thoits, Tim Smith

Others Visitors present:

Tad Miller, Front Porch Campus Ministries. Maggie Harmon, Presbyterian Foundation. Presbytery of San Francisco

Nomination and Election of Stated Clerk. Council moved to elect Ruling Elder Sandy Thoits as Presbytery Stated Clerk to serve a 1-year (renewable term) beginning September 24, 2018. **Approved**

Installation of New Moderator, Tamara Skov. Moderator Rev. Dennis Falasco presented Ruling Elder Tamara Skov for installation as Moderator with a service of questions and answers for installation and presentation of the Moderator's Celtic cross and gavel to new Moderator Tamara Skov, concluding with prayer.

Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners: Dana Jo Monk (St. Andrew's); Steven Walker (FPSLO); Gary Stevenson, George Weber (Highlands)

Motion to grant privilege of floor to Corresponding Members and Committee Members. **Approved**

Motion to Adopt the Agenda with removal of one item (COM Report). **Approved**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda (attached) **Approved**

Rev. James Baird, Pastor, Highlands Church, Paso Robles, welcomed the Presbytery. Moderator Tamara Skov expressed gratitude to the Highlands Church staff, worship team, elders and members for hosting the meeting.

Report of Stated Clerk – Temporary Stated Clerk Mickey Stueck expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve as Stated Clerk over the last year. The Presbytery recognized and thanked Mickey for her many years of faithful service in the Presbytery.

Presbytery Adjourned to Celebration of Worship, with theme “Christ in the World” and message given by Rev. Joel Drenckpohl, Front Porch Campus Ministry Director, Scripture, Jeremiah 29: 4-9

Presbytery reconvened with report from Presbytery Council, by Council Chair Rev. Dennis Falasco. Rev. Dan Stevens, chair of the Planning Team, reported on plans for visiting teams to reach out to church pastors and Sessions to help churches to be more interconnected and to get to know each other better. Focusing on asking three questions:

1. What would you like us, and the other churches of our Presbytery to know about your community?
2. What are some of the major bright spots in your life as a community of Faith?
3. How can we be praying for you and your community? Are there any challenges/struggles that you would like us/the Presbytery to be praying with you about?

Presbytery Leadership Day. Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair of Clergy Support Committee, reported on plans and asked for sign ups for the Presbytery Leadership Day on Saturday, October 6, registration 8:30, program 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at First Pres. SB. \$50 per church.

Treasurer’s Report. Presbytery Treasurer, Bonnie Boe reported on the January – August Financial and Profit and Loss statements provided in the packet. The audit is nearing completion, with plan for the auditors to present the audit to the Property and Finance Committee at its next meeting and to Presbytery at the November 13 Presbytery meeting. The Treasurer expressed thanks for support from members, churches and the Synod throughout this period of transition.

Committee Reports

- New Church Development. Rev. Matt Elam introduced members on the Committee and referred to the committee minutes. A new draft Mission Study process document will be shared at the November 13 Presbytery meeting.
 - Safe Harbor Cambria. **Motion:** To receive Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church Cambria as a new church development of the Santa Barbara Presbytery **Approved**
 - Living Word, Santa Maria. Will be transitioning to oversight by the Mission Committee as a mission ministry. CDC and Council approved \$32,400 funding for the remaining 2018 year from the Living Word Santa Maria remaining funds. Rev. Eugenia Gamble announced about a day-

long symposium on Immigration November 10 at Nipomo Community Church.

- Mission St. Camarillo. Mission Street leadership has asked for the NWC to be dissolved. They are exploring alternative ideas for possible NWC.
Motion: To dissolve the New Worshipping Community of Mission Street Church in Camarillo. **Approved**
Matt Elam, Chair of CDC, shared about acknowledging mourning and grief surrounding the time, talent and financial resources that went into Mission Street Church.

- **Committee on Preparation for Ministry.** CRE Katy Griffin. Verbal report. Introduced members of the Committee. Currently two members Under Care, Mickey Fenn, Jarod Del Doso; both passed the Bible Content Exam on first try.
- **Mission Committee (Church in the World).** CRE Chuck Curtis introduced members of the Committee and gave a verbal report with handout of spreadsheet (**attached**) of the Congregations and which Validated Ministries they support. Chuck shared plans for the of 2019 Mission Conference program. Validated Mission representatives present at the meeting:
 - Video presentation of Nita Hansen. God’s Hidden Treasures.
 - Dan Stevens. Impact.
 - Hai Yun Lin, Bob Wedda. Threshold Ministries, China
 - Justin Narducci, Executive Director of Lifewater International

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon. Table talks at lunch on mission ministries.

The meeting reconvened after lunch at 1:00 p.m. Committee Reports (cont’)

- **Nominations/CORN.** Rev. Tom Stephen reported. PJC nominations forthcoming, need for two ruling elders. Personnel Committee is looking for more members
- **Clergy Support.** Rev. Janet Loughry – Verbal report. Committee is reaching out to clergy.

Rev. Eugenia Gamble announced an Invitation to Nipomo Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, Oct 28, Worship and Celebrating 25th Anniversary on the hill location.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:15 p.m.

The 459th Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara will be held on Tuesday, November 13, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Stueck
Temporary Stated Clerk

Sandy Thoits
Minute Clerk for Meeting

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Approve the May 19, 2018, Minutes of the 457th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara as distributed.

Approve recommendation that the current allocation of elder commissioners to presbytery remain in effect through February 2019 presbytery meeting at which time it will be adjusted in keeping with the number of minister members in the presbytery as of 12/31/18 and membership as reported by the churches on 12/31/17.

Approve motion (recommended by Property and Finance Committee) to set aside Standing Rule 3.24A1:

“Submission of an annual budget, as approved by Property and Finance Committee, for ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery to the Presbytery Council; recommendation to the Presbytery at the stated September meeting the per capita amount to meet the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery office for the coming year; and authorize the notification to churches of that approved figure and of the apportionments due.”

2019 budget to be presented at the November 13, 2018, Presbytery Meeting to be held at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

Attachments

Agenda
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Docket
Moderator's Letter
May 19, 2018, 457th Presbytery Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Presbytery Council Report
Validated Missions Chart