

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Consent Agenda February 9, 2019

NOTE: All items on the Consent Agenda will be presented for approval on one motion; however, any item may be removed for discussion and separate vote. Other Consent Agenda items may be distributed at the meeting.

Report of the Stated Clerk – Consent Agenda

- Reports that at this meeting, the Presbytery will vote on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order, recommended to the presbyteries by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The Proposed Amendments are available online now at:
 - <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>
- Recommends the **approval** by Presbytery of the November 13, 2018 Minutes of the 459th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Recommends that the current allocation of ruling elder commissioners to Presbytery remain in effect through the May 21, 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 as of 12/31/18.
- Proposed Amendment to Presbytery Standing Rules. Presented for 1st reading at the November 13, 2018, Presbytery Meeting and 2nd reading and vote at the February 9, 2019 Presbytery Meeting - **Today:**
 - **Presbytery Council recommends that the Presbytery approve the adoption of the following Amendment to the Presbytery Standing Rules, to provide a rule for appointment of an investigating committee, in compliance with D – 10.0201b of the Book of Order:**
 - *The following provision shall be added as Paragraph 6.55 to the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:*
 - *6.55 Investigating Committee (D – 10.0201b): The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Presbytery Moderator and Chair of Presbytery Council, is authorized to appoint an Investigating Committee in accordance with Book of Order D-10.0200.*
- Ministerial Changes:
 - Reports that Rev. Deborah Kehle was dismissed to the Grand Canyon Presbytery as of September 25, 2018.

- Reports that Rev. James Butin Shirley was dismissed to the Presbytery of San Diego, as of February 10, 2018.
 - Reports that Rev. Diane White was dismissed to the Yellowstone Presbytery as of March 1, 2018.
 - Church Triumphant. Rev. Dale Paulsen, deceased November 18, 2018.
- Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org
 - Dates and sites for the 2019 Presbytery meetings:
 - Saturday, 2/9/19 – Moorpark
 - Saturday, 5/18/19 – Pismo Beach
 - Saturday, 9/21/19 – Summerland
 - Tuesday, 11/12/19 – Newbury Park

Report of the Presbytery Council

December 5, 2018 Meeting:

- Approved a motion that Council recommend to Presbytery to remove the Highlands Notes Receivable from the corporate financial books.
- Regarding repayment of the past Special Offerings, as listed on the Audit Report, the Treasurer reported to Council that the past Special Offerings are currently being paid to the PC(USA).
- Heard a report from the Disaster Response Task Force that the Presbytery applied for and received a \$7,500 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for response to the Borderline Bar and Grill Shooting. Two PDA National Response Teams came and met with pastors and leaders.
- Heard a status report from the PDT for Lompoc Presbyterian Church.
- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee regarding staffing and set the Presbytery Office hours as Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00AM – 3:00PM.
- Heard a report from the Planning Team about listening team visits to church Sessions.
- Heard a report from the Church Development Committee regarding a NWC grants received from the PC(USA) and status of church Mission Studies

January 23, 2019 Meeting:

- Welcomed new Council members and committee chairs Rev. David Anderson (CPM) and RE Scott Eschbach (Property & Finance). Thanks given for outgoing chairs CRE Katy Griffin (CPM) and RE Terry Holland (P&F).
- Received and reviewed the 2018 end of year financial report from the Treasurer.
- Heard a report from the Presbytery Discernment Team (PDT) for the Lompoc request for dismissal to ECO, completion of the PDT process and next steps.

- Heard about the status and process for background checks and safe conduct training and new laws regarding anti-harassment training. Council approved a motion to require all minister members of Presbytery and all Presbytery employees to complete anti-harassment online training by December 31, 2019. Stated Clerk to follow up on process through Insurance Board (Praesidium).
- Heard a report from the Planning Team on the visitations to churches and plans for “Celebrating the Bright Spots” sharing by churches during Presbytery meetings in 2019.

Attachments

Call to Presbytery – Docket

Agenda

Clerks Report and Consent Agenda

Moderator’s Letter

November 13, 2018 Presbytery Minutes (for approval)

2019 Corrected Budget

Presbytery Profit & Loss Financial Report, January – December 2018

Presbytery of Santa Barbara Financial Statements (2015 and 2016) and Independent Auditor Report, Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner & Morrisset

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Minutes, January 17, 2019

Church Development Committee Minutes, January 16, 2019

Disaster Force Task Force Report, January 23, 2019

Property & Finance Minutes, January 26, 2019