

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda February 11, 2023

New/Reconsidered Business Items at this Presbytery Meeting: Please note that the Presbytery Standing Rules, Section 2.29 provides: NEW/RECONSIDERED BUSINESS: The intent to introduce an item of new business or to reconsider a previous presbytery action at a stated meeting of the Presbytery *shall be made in writing to the Stated Clerk within one hour after the meeting has been called to order*. The moderator shall announce at the next appropriate interval the item to be considered.

Consent Agenda

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 before and at the meeting.

***Note:** Presbytery Standing Rules 12.20 SUSPENSION: The Standing Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the stated meeting.

Consent Agenda Item from Presbytery Council

Amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution (Book of Order)

GA Amendments to Book of Order
Plan for Voting
Approved by Council 12/7/2022

- **Presbytery to vote on the Amendments at the next 2 Presbytery Meetings:**
 - o February 11, 2023 Presbytery Meeting – Vote on Consent Agenda Items (Omnibus Motion). Information in packet for 2/11 Meeting.
 - o May 13, 2023 Presbytery Meeting – Vote on all other Items (not listed on Consent Agenda). These Items will be included for information in the packet for the Feb. 11 Presbytery Meeting AND the May 13 Presbytery Meeting.
- **Recommendations from Presbytery Council to Presbytery for Approval on the Consent Agenda at February 11, 2023 Presbytery Meeting:**
 - o **That Presbytery:**
 - i. **Vote against (Disapprove)** 22CC, 22DD, 22EE, and 22FF (current Rules of Discipline), AND

- ii. **Vote to Approve** 22GG – New Rules of Discipline **REPLACES** the current Rules of Discipline.
- b. Recommend Approval: (Consent Agenda)
 - i. **Vote to Approve** 22C, 22D, 22M, 22N, 22R, 22V, 22X, 22Y, 22Z, 22BB

The Stated Clerk:

- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the November 8, 2022, Minutes of the 475th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery for roll taken for today's Zoom platform meeting by pre meeting online registration and video confirmation of attendance. The roll of the Zoom Presbytery meeting shall be constituted by those persons who registered for the meeting and attended the meeting. This Zoom meeting will be recorded. Attendance and votes during the Zoom meeting shall be confirmed by the Stated Clerk. Screen shots and other electronic means may be taken for attendance and vote confirmation and will be maintained by the Presbytery sufficient to allow retention, retrieval, and review of the voting record. This motion **approves** these provisions and a motion to set aside S.R. 2.10 (paper enrollment cards).
- Consent Agenda Item for **Approval** from the **Presbytery Council**: Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve a *Motion to suspend** until the next Presbytery Meeting on November 8, 2022: Presbytery Standing Rules 4.20F, "Ordinarily, a member of the Presbytery shall serve on only one standing committee at a time."
- Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve** a motion to set aside until the May 13, 2023, Presbytery meeting, the Presbytery Standing Rules for these committees to be in compliance with the Standing Rules, as listed below.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 5.10 - Presbytery Council, to allow 7 Teaching Elders and 6 Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.51- Committee on Ministry to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with minimum 6 members and one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.52 - Committee for Preparation for Ministry, to bring committee membership into compliance with one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.62 – Committee of Representation/Nominations (CORN) to bring committee membership into compliance with 6 members and one-third Teaching Elder and two-thirds Ruling Elders. Equal male and female representation.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.53 – Clergy Support to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with six members.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.42 – Church in the World, to allow for more than 5 members.

- o Move to set aside Standing Rule 5.30B – Committee on Presbytery Enrichment (COPE), to allow for less than 6 members.
- Consent Agenda Items for Approval from the Committee on Ministry:
 - o **Approve a Motion** to Dismiss Rev. Sean Chow to San Diego Presbytery as of 11/20/2022.
 - o **Approve a Motion** to Dismiss Rev. David Mosgofian Koeker to San Jose Presbytery as of 12/12/2022.
 - o **Approve a Motion** to Dismiss Rev. Katherine Wiebe to San Gabriel Presbytery as of 11/12/2022.
- That Presbytery ENTER upon the permanent record, at the close of the meeting, those information items provided to Presbytery but not otherwise acted upon.
- That Presbytery RECOGNIZE that the action items approved at this meeting, taken together with all votes responding to requests by sub bodies of the Presbytery, as fulfilling the Presbytery's responsibility to review the work of the continuing committees, and special organizations, in accordance with the principles of Administrative Review of G-3.0108a of the Book of Order.

Stated Clerk Report

- The **Notice of Call for Nominations for Presbytery Moderator-Elect 2023 - 2024** is included with the documents and reports for this meeting. Presbytery will elect the Presbytery Moderator Elect (for the term Sept. 9, 2023 – Sept. 14, 2024) at the Saturday, May 13, 2023, Presbytery Meeting. Presbytery Standing Rules (S.R.) 3.22 provides for 90-days' notice for the Call for this election. The **deadline** to submit nominations forms to the Stated Clerk is **April 24, 2023**. When the Moderator is a teaching elder, the Moderator Elect will ordinarily be a ruling elder, and vice versa. The term for the Moderator Elect elected at the 5/13/23 Presbytery Meeting will serve as:
 - o Moderator Elect for Sept. 9, 2023 – Sept. 14, 2024
 - o Moderator for September 15, 2024 – Sept. 19, 2025
 - o Chair of Presbytery Council for September 19, 2024 – September 12, 2026
- Report on Annual Congregational Minutes Review: The Stated Clerk schedules in-person meetings to conduct the Annual Minutes Review with the Clerks of Session. Due to COVID 19, the Minutes Review did not take place in 2020 or 2021. Plan: Review 2019 & 2020 Minutes in 2022. Review 2021 & 2022 Minutes in 2023. Report for 2022:
 - o Completed: Sat., September 17, 2022, 12:30PM at Monte Vista Pres. Church. Minutes were reviewed, partners checking the Minutes and Checklists. Minutes were all approved with no exceptions. Clerks of Session participating:
 - Chris Buchanan. Santa Paula

- Mary Curtis. Living Hope
 - Brenda Kermode. Moorpark
 - Cindy Vodraska. Monte Vista
 - Rev. David Anderson (Clerk of Session position was vacant). Emmanuel Thousand Oaks
- o Completed: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 12:00PM at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Before the start of the Presbytery Meeting on 11/8. Minutes were approved with no exceptions (or minor exceptions as noted)
 - Peter Bie (for Jim Dahl). Summerland. Minutes approved with minor exceptions.
 - Marilyn Gross. Goleta
 - Glenda King. Ojai
 - Sue Meagher. Oxnard
 - Dana Monk. St. Andrew's
 - Evelyn Ruehr. FP San Luis Obispo
 - o Next Scheduled: Saturday, May 13, 2023, 12:30PM at Goleta Presbyterian Church/Presbytery Office. After the 5/13/23 Presbytery Meeting
- **Reports** that in 2022, the Presbytery forwarded to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and General Assembly the following Per Capita amounts: Synod: \$ 8,158.07. General Assembly: \$ 24,668.36.
 - Ministerial Changes for this Meeting: See Consent Agenda COM items.
 - 2023 Presbytery Meetings Dates. Format and locations:
 - o Sat. May 13, 9:30AM. In Person at Goleta Presbyterian Church
 - o Sat. September 9, 9:30AM. In Person at First Presbyterian Church San Luis Obispo
 - o Tues. November 14, 2:00PM. ZOOM Meeting
 - The Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org

Report of the Presbytery Council

Presbytery Council usually meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM, by Zoom. The meetings are open, and Presbytery members are encouraged to attend for all or part of the meetings. If you would like to attend a Council meeting, please contact Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk, stated-clerk@sbpres.org, for the dates and times for the upcoming Council meetings. If you have concerns or recommendations, please contact the Moderator (Diane Kirkpatrick), Chair of Council (Lee Kirkpatrick), Designated General Presbyter (Jason Micheli) or Stated Clerk (Sandy Thoits).

December 7, 2022 Meeting

- Presbytery Council received a report from the Stated Clerk regarding meetings held and planned with the Clerks of Session for Annual Minutes Review.
- Received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry regarding proposed advancement of an Inquirer to Candidacy stage.
- Received a report from Clergy Support Committee and approved a change to the Committee's purpose statement.
- Heard a report from the Committee on Ministry that the Committee is working on updating the Tools of Transition policy document.
- Received a report from the Presbytery Response Team (PRT) for Cityview Lompoc.
- Heard a report from Designated General Presbyter Rev. Jason Micheli regarding Oxnard First Presbyterian Church and notification of Session's vote to sell the church property and move to a different location. Council approved a Motion to appoint a task force to address the FP Oxnard ministry; task force to include Rev. Jen Fraser and Rev. Jason Micheli; that they have the authority to recruit additional members and report back to Council.
- Approved the format for 2023 Presbytery Meetings: 2 In Person Presbytery Meetings; 2 Zoom Presbytery Meetings. No Hybrid Presbytery Meetings in 2023.
- Heard a report from Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits regarding changes made this year to the Annual PC(USA) Statistics Reporting questions.
- Heard a report from Rev. Joel Drenckpohl that the annual Front Porch Fundraiser was well attended and successful financially.
- Presbytery Council heard a report and approved a motion from the Council appointed Sub-committee for planning for a process for Presbytery to vote on the Book of Order Amendments from the 225th General Assembly. Sub-committee members: Rev. Jen Fraser, RE Scott Eschbach, RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits.
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January 4, 2023 Meeting

- Presbytery Council heard a report from Rev. Jason Micheli of his Presbytery activities, including participating in church worship services, visits throughout the Presbytery, plans to participate in the PC(USA) Mid-Council Leader Orientation Program, March 20-26.
- Received a report from the First Pres. Oxnard Task Force; Council members provided input to the Task Force.
- Received a financial report from Treasurer RE Scott Eschbach, January – November 2022.
- COPE reported that the 2/11/23 Presbytery Meeting format will be held by Zoom.
- Received a report from the Church Development Committee (CDC) regarding the Santa Maria Designated Funds: background, history, past designations, CDC meetings. Current Fund amount: \$240,000. The report included Motions that will go to Presbytery for consideration at the 2/11/23 Presbytery Meeting.

February 1, 2023 Meeting

- Presbytery Council heard a report from Rev. Jason Micheli that his activities have included visiting churches, preaching at worship services and attending and resourcing committee and task force meetings.

- Received a report from the First Pres. Oxnard Task Force. Council reviewed and approved a process document, Standards for Consideration of Oxnard Sale. The Presbyterian Foundation is available for consultation during the process.
- Received a report from Treasurer Scott Eschbach. The December 31, 2022 end of year financial reports were reviewed.
- Heard a report from COPE about planning for the February 11 Presbytery Meeting. Council approved the Proposed Agenda for the Meeting.
- Received a report from the Presbytery Response Team (PRT) for Cityview Lompoc.
- Received a report from CPM regarding starting a process for a ruling elder interested in preparing to be a Commissioned Ruling Elder.