

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda May 16, 2020

Consent Agenda

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.

The Stated Clerk:

- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the February 8, 2020 Minutes of the 464th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Elect the following members of the Property and Finance Committee to serve as Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:
 - RE Scott Eschbach, Chair
 - TE James Baird
 - CRE Bonnie Boe, Controller
 - CRE Mickey Fenn
 - RE Penny Carlson
- The Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara reports it has elected the following officers:
 - President – TE James Baird
 - VP/Treasurer – RE Scott Eschbach
 - Secretary – RE Sandy Thoits
 - Controller – CRE Bonnie Boe
- Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve** a motion to set aside until the September 19, 2020, 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 6.51- Committee on Ministry to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with 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 of a minimum of 4 members and one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.61 – Personnel Committee to bring committee membership into compliance with 6 members and one-half Teaching Elder 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 6.54 – Permanent Judicial Commission to bring commission membership into compliance.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.63 – Property and Finance to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with seven members.
- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the following dates for Presbytery Meetings and 2021, locations to be determined:
- Sat. February 9, 9:30AM
 - Sat. May 15, 9:30AM
 - Sat. September 18, 9:30AM
 - Tues. November 9, 2:00PM
- The Committee on Ministry recommends the dismissal of minister member Rev. Christopher Pritchett to the Presbytery of Utah upon their request.
- Recommends the approval of the 2020 Salary Survey Report distributed with the documents for this Presbytery Meeting.
- Minister Change - Church Triumphant: Rev. Charles (Chuck) C. Griffin (H.R), deceased 1/28/20, age 94.

Stated Clerk Report

- The Stated Clerk reports the following regarding the Presbytery Treasurer position:
- Presbytery Council Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2020: A Motion was made and seconded: Upon Bonnie Boe’s resignation from the Treasurer position, that Scott Eschbach be appointed as Treasurer to fulfill the balance of the Treasurer term until election of Treasurer at the September 19 Presbytery meeting. Approved.
 - Bonnie Boe resigned from the Presbytery Treasurer position on April 4, 2020. Upon Bonnie Boe’s resignation, Scott Eschbach has been serving as Presbytery Treasurer, pursuant to the Council action on March 4, 2020
- **Regarding the Nomination of Rev. Tom Stephen for Presbytery Moderator and the Nomination of Rev. Janet Loughry to be elected at the May 16, 2020 Presbytery meeting:**
- On January 29, 2020, the Stated Clerk notified all church Sessions and Presbytery members of the Call for Nomination for Presbytery Moderator and Moderator Elect. Standing Rules 3.21, 3.22. Deadline to submit nominations: May 1, 2020.
 - Nominations received: The Stated Clerk received only one Nomination Form – Nomination of Rev. Tom Stephen to serve as Presbytery Moderator, 2020-2021.
 - No nominations received for Moderator-Elect. The Moderator Elect position is

- *Regarding the nomination and election of current Moderator to a succeeding term and election of Chair of Presbytery Council, 2020-2021:* The slate of nominations proposed to Presbytery at this meeting includes:
 - Nomination of Rev. Tom Stephen as Presbytery Moderator, 2020-2021. Rev. Stephen has agreed to serve in this role upon election.
 - Nomination of Rev. Janet Loughry as Chair of Presbytery Council, 2020-2021. Rev. Loughry has agreed to serve in this role upon election.
 - RE Tamara Skov, current Chair of Presbytery Council is completing her term as Chair and does not intend to renew the term.
 - *From the Presbytery Standing Rules:*
 - The Moderator shall be elected at the May stated Presbytery meeting and installed at the next stated meeting, and shall serve for one year. (SR 3.21)
 - The immediate past Presbytery Moderator serves as a member of Presbytery Council. (SR 5.10); and as the Chair of Presbytery Council (SR 5.13).
 - The Standing Rules do not include a specific provision prohibiting election of the current Moderator to another 1-year succeeding term as Moderator.
 - For a Motion to set aside the Standing Rules by Presbytery, applicable sections of Standing Rules: 3.21, 5.10, 5.13; set aside until the May 15, 2021 Presbytery meeting. SR 12.20: Requires a 2/3 vote of Presbytery at a Stated Meeting to suspend (set aside) Standing Rules.
- On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the installation plans for Rev. Keenan Barber, Moorpark Presbyterian Church. The Installation Service was held on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The installation commission consisted of Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator (Monte Vista), Rev. Janet Loughry (H.R.), Rev. Dale Ridenour (H.R.), CRE Bonnie Boe (Moorpark), CRE Mickey Fenn (Monte Vista), RE Ashley Chelonis (Stonebridge), Rev. Peter Dunn (Pacific Presbytery), Rev. Andrew Eagles, Rev. Dave Wilkinson, Rev. David Worth. The Commission completed its work on Sunday, March 1, 2020 and is discharged.
 - Annual Statement of Insurance Coverage: As required by the Book of Order(G-3.0122) it is noted that Presbytery of Santa Barbara, through annually renewed policies issued by the Insurance Board, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery's facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2020 – 1/1/2021
 - The Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org
 - The Stated Clerk completed and filed the required Presbytery Year-End Forms with the Office of General Assembly. Final statistics report - See below for 2019 Church Statistics Report. Presbytery total membership change: - 409 members as of 12/31/19 (compared to 12/31/18).

Summary Membership Report for 360-616 2019

<u>Location</u>	<u>Pin #</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Begin Total</u>	<u>Adj. Member.</u>	<u>New Member. Total</u>	<u>Cert Gains</u>	<u>Youth Profess.</u>	<u>Profess. / Reaffirm.</u>	<u>Cert Losses</u>	<u>Death Losses</u>	<u>Deleted Losses</u>	<u>End Total</u>	<u>Diff</u>
Camarillo	11448	Tai Amer Pres Of Ventura	29		29							29	0
Carpinteria	919	Community	130	0	130	3	0	0	2	4	0	127	-3
Goleta	4287	Goleta	159	0	159	0	0	0	0	5	23	131	-28
Grover Beach	11147	First	144	0	144	30			0	1	9	164	20
Lompoc	922	First	99		99							99	0
Moorpark	10959	Moorpark	380	0	380	3	0	9	2	1	130	259	-121
Newbury Park	4434	Monte Vista	199	0	199	0	0	11	0	1	15	194	-5
Nipomo	4320	Community	236	0	236	0	0	0	1	8	80	147	-89
Ojai	925	Ojai	373	0	373	1	5	8		8	13	366	-7
Oxnard	927	First	155	0	155	9	0	3	2	10	8	147	-8
Paso Robles	12169	Highlands Community	342		342							342	0
Pismo Beach	928	Community	83	0	83	1		5		6		83	0
Port Hueneme	5772	Living Hope	97	-24	73	0	0	0	2	1	0	70	-3
San Luis Obispo	930	First	277	0	277	4	0	14	3	10	14	268	-9
Santa Barbara	931	First	350	8	358	6	4	13	2	7	28	344	-14
Santa Barbara	4413	St Andrews	183	0	183	1	2	0	0	1	0	185	2
Santa Paula	933	First	79	0	79	0	0	0	0	4	1	74	-5
Simi Valley	4450	Simi Valley	480	0	480	0	0	0	0	9	68	403	-77
Summerland	935	Summerland	61	0	61	0	0	2	0	1	1	61	0
Thousand Oaks	1052	Emmanuel	351	0	351	1	0	0		6	57	289	-62
Totals			4207	-16	4191	59	11	65	14	83	447	3782	-409

Report of the Presbytery Council

Presbytery Council usually meets monthly. 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 (Tom Stephen), Chair of Council (Tamara Skov), or Stated Clerk (Sandy Thoits) or attend a Council meeting.

March 4, 2020 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer.
- Presbytery Council approved the 2/8/20 Presbytery Meeting Minutes.
- Received a report from Finance Strategy Task Force, which began working on topics regarding possible application of the dismissal funds.
- Reviewed possible participation by Front Porch Council member on Presbytery Council. Approved a motion to dismiss the Front Porch Task Force with gratitude.
- Approved a motion that the Planning Team be appointed to act as CORN until the May 16 Presbytery meeting, for nominations for election at that meeting,
- Reviewed the status of the Bookkeeper position, role of current Treasurer and options regarding staffing. Approved motion to provide that upon any resignation from the current Treasurer from the Treasurer position, that Scott Eschbach be appointed as Treasurer to fulfill the balance of the Treasurer term.

- Reviewed a report from the Planning Team on input from feedback at the 2/8/20 Presbytery Meeting regarding a possible GP position and committee considerations.
- Heard a report and approved a motion appointing Rev. Erik Wiebe as Chair of the Presbytery Response Team for the Lompoc church request for dismissal.
- Approved the salary amount for the Front Porch Associate Director position.
- Approved the attendance and related costs for the Stated Clerk at the 2020 General Assembly.

April 1, 2020 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer, and status of meetings with auditors.
- Reviewed the status of nominations for committees and officers at the May 16 Presbytery meeting, possible Front Porch designee on Presbytery Council.
- Reviewed the developments regarding COVID-19, possible impacts on congregations, meetings, finances, Presbytery response, Synod Grant funding is available, \$150,000/each Presbytery in the Synod. Council approved a motion that these Synod grant funds to Presbytery be provided equally to the churches in the Presbytery; Church sessions to provide in writing an indication of critical financial needs arising out of COVID-19.
- Council approved applying for a PDA Emergency COVID-19 grant for Spirit of Santa Paula (\$3000) and ICTG (\$3,500), plus expected more costs, \$7,500 maximum grant request amount.
- Council heard a report on weekly Zoom meetings on COVID-19 with pastors and CRE.

April 22, 2020 Special Meeting

- Council approved a motion to hold the May 16 Presbytery Meeting by Zoom video conference, beginning at 9:30AM.
- Council reviewed responses received so far from church Sessions on critical financial needs for Synod grant funds. Council approved extending the deadline for responses by church Sessions to May 31, 2020.
- Council approved a motion to submit a PDA Emergency COVID-19 Grant request from First Pres. Oxnard, for Drive In Church expenses, \$7,500.

May 6, 2020 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed the Presbytery Financial Reports from Treasurer Scott Eschbach.
- Received report that Bonnie Boe resigned from the Presbytery Treasurer position on April 4, 2020. Upon Bonnie Boe's resignation, Scott Eschbach has been serving as Presbytery Treasurer, pursuant to the Council action on March 4, 2020. Bonnie Boe accepted a staff position as Transitional Accountant for Presbytery.
- Received a report from the Presbytery Board of Trustees meeting. Election of Officers of the corporation: James Baird, President; Sandy Thoits, Secretary; Scott Eschbach, Vice President & Treasurer; Bonnie Boe, Controller. Presbytery of Santa Barbara applied for a loan under the CARES Act – Payroll Protection Program (PPP).

- Approved the Stated Clerk to send an email to the Synod Executive/Stated Clerk requesting the forwarding of \$150,000 Synod funds to the Presbytery. Council to continue to review requests received from church sessions at the June 3 Council meeting.
- Reviewed a draft nominations report from the Planning Team, for May 16 Presbytery meeting.
- Received a report from the Stated Clerk regarding:
 - The election of new Treasurer at the May 16 Presbytery meeting, Standing Rules specify a 3-year term Treasurer term and election at the May Presbytery meeting; proposed nomination, Scott Eschbach.
 - The Standing Rules provisions regarding the nomination of Moderator for a second term; nomination form received with nomination of Rev. Tom Stephen.
- Approved the Tentative Agenda for the May 16 Presbytery Meeting.
- Reviewed and postponed until June 3 a proposal from CDC for a 1001 NWC Seed Grant application for Church in the Collection, Oxnard, Rev. Ted Brandt, Oxnard First Pres.