

CONSENT AGENDA  
456<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the  
Presbytery of Santa Barbara  
February 10, 2018

**Stated Clerk's Report, 2-10-18**

Reports that the Rev. Jeff Bridgeman and Rev. Mark McIlraith have been dismissed to the Presbytery of the Cascades.

Reports that Rev. Jay Shirley has been given permission to labor outside the bounds. He is currently ministering in San Diego, California.

Reports that the Rev. Diane White has been called to Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, MT, with a start date of March 1, 2018.

Reports that the minutes and record books of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church have been reviewed.

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**Since the November 2017 Presbytery meeting, the Presbytery Council has:**

December 6, 2018

- Moved to establish a \$200 petty cash fund with Bonnie to track.
- Moved to become part of VOAD (Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster)
- Received a report from the auditors regarding the need to establish internal controls with regard to the monies of the Presbytery.
- Staff reviews have been completed
- Planning team has reviewed the feedback from the November Presbytery meeting and using much of this to help direct their discussions.
- Moved to ask Mickey Stueck to stay on as Temporary Stated Clerk for a few months after her move to give time to find a person with the right gift-set to be Stated Clerk. Mickey can do most of the Stated Clerk work remotely and has agreed to fly back for Presbytery meetings.
- Reviewed status of payment on Synod loans to UMB (Front Porch Property) and loan/mortgage for Highlands
- Reports that the Synod Permanent Judicial Committee's recent rulings will have an effect on our church dismissals.
- Clergy Support and Leadership retreat is schedule for January 20, 2018, at Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara. This is a one-day retreat for leaders, and all member of Presbytery are invited to attend.

January 3, 2018

- Received the final draft report on UMB for 2015 and 2016
- Noted the Presbytery has received a \$7,500 grant from PDA and an addition \$2,200 plus from a special offering taken at Moorpark Presbyterian Church

- Bonnie Boe, Treasurer, reported that the 2018 books are now set up and all future entries will be made in the new system
- Planning team
  - Personnel is looking at future staffing and will report recommendations to the Planning Team
  - Focus is on Building Vibrant Worshipping Communities
- PDT (Presbyterian Discernment Team) is scheduled to meet with Lompoc on January 9, 2018
- Created Thomas Fire Task Force as follows: Rev. Kate Wiebe, Chair; Rev. Ted Brandt; CRE Chuck Curtis; Rev. Dennis Falasco; Rev. Jarret Johnson; Rev. Suzanne Malloy; and Rev. Dave Worth.
- Mission Conference is February 2-3, 2018

**Minutes of the 455<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of  
Presbytery Of Santa Barbara  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 2:00pm  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

*Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People.*

The 455<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara was constituted with prayer by Moderator Rev. Dennis Falasco at 2:00 p.m

- Introduction of First Time Elders —
- Introductions and seating of Corresponding Members — Rev. Mark Hong, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk and Rev. Kristi LaBarge, IMPACT director.
- Motion to grant privilege of floor to Corresponding members. **Approved**
- Motion to reorder the agenda and approve both the agenda and consent agenda. **Approved**
- The Rev. Dr. Brett Becker welcomed the Presbytery to St. Andrews
- Carol Norton, Living Hope Clerk of Session thanked the members of the Presbytery who helped the church resolve the issues with the Board of Pension.
- The Stated Clerk confirmed a quorum present.

The meeting then to worship with the message being given by the Rev. Peter Buehler, First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, California, and the sharing of “Bright Spots” by several of the member churches.

Reconvened for the business of the Presbytery:  
Finance and Treasurers Report.

- Bonnie Boe, Treasurer, explained the proposed budget and answered questions brought forth. Bonnie Boe moved, seconded by Jim Stueck, to receive the 2018 proposed budget.
- Update on 2015 Audit — Chung Cam and Chris Harris spoke to the 2015 audit (essentially completed) and progress on the 2016 audit. Working with the Council on the recommendations for controls. The 2016 audit will move to completion once the final financial reports have been received from UMB.
- Sandy Thoits, Chair of Council, moved to recommend the adoption of the 2018 proposed budget.

**Approved**

### **Committee Reports and Motions**

- Property and Finance, Elder Terry Holland
  - 2/3 of the Presbytery's cash is restricted funds. Please be aware of your church's per capita and continue to send forth
- Church Development Committee, Rev. Matt Elam
  - Goals and budget, see attached.
  - Eugenia Gamble, CDC liaison to Cambria: the Cambria remanent has begun weekly worship, sharing space with St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They meet on Sundays at 2:00 pm., with 12-35 in worship. The worshipping group has set goals for 2018; have adopted Mission projects in local community; completed a stewardship campaign; and set a 3-year budget; elected a leadership team; worked with members of their community to ministering to those with depression; and reaching out to those wounded by church. Their name is Safe Harbor Presbyterian and do not wish to be called the remanent. They are doing the things churches do; however, not official. All are invited, and the group would love to have members of Presbytery join them.
- Mission Committee: Impact and 2018 Mission Conference, Elder Chuck Curtis
  - Chuck called on Kristi LaBarge, IMPACT Director. Kristi showed a short video. She is currently speaking at churches. She emphasized that IMPACT is not just a youth ministry. Last year, 1/3 of the missionary's were over 65.
  - Current members are Chuck, Ted Brandt, Jim Witty, and Elaine Hanko.
  - Mission Conference is February 2-3, 2018, same format as before. There will be 12 workshops. There are posters and brochures on the table outside.
- Personnel, Rev. Tamara Skov
  - Terms of Call for Front Porch, Joel Drenckpohl. Task force created to look at the Front Porch ministry. There is much stronger communication. Motion to approve Terms of Call for Rev. Joel Drenckpohl at \$116,687. (Need break down

**Approved**

- Committee on Ministry, Rev. Jeff Holland
  - Ministerial transitions:
    - Rev. Michael Herbert approved to begin interim work at Moorpark Presbyterian Church mid January.
    - Approved Dale Ridneaur as Bridge Pastor at Moorpark Presbyterian Church until Rev. Herbert comes.
    - Approved Rev. Ralph Ganath dismissal to the Denver Presbytery.
  - Graham Baird to accept as head of staff Burlingame.
- Clergy Support Committee, Rev. Janet Loughry
  - All Presbytery retreat is scheduled for January 20, 2018, at Casa De Maria, Santa Barbara. More information to follow.
  - In touch with Clayton Cobb, Board of Pensions
- Election of Teaching Elder and YAAD representative to General Assembly, Elder Sandy Thoits: Motion to elect Rev. Diane White, Teaching Elder Commissioner, and Maggie Knauss, YAAD to attend the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in St. Louis, MO in June 2018. **Approved**
- CORN, Elder Jim Stueck: Move to elect Elaine Hanko to the Mission Committee. **Approved**

Moderator Falasco announced he is meeting with Chief of Police in Santa Maria to talk about being prepared for the kind of horrific shooting that occurred in the Baptist Church in Texas. See him if you would like the information he receives.

### **Report of Presbytery Council – Elder Sandy Thoits, Chair**

- Discussion and motion on Mission/Vision Strategy:
  - Move to adopt the Mission/Vision/Strategy recommendations. **Approved**
  - Next step is the work (already begun) of the Planning Team. Tom Stephen then gave a report:
    - What does it mean to be a vibrant worshipping communities? Take 5 to 10 minutes in groups of three to communicate and report back ideas of what this looks like. These ideas will go back to the Planning Team on Thursday.
- Report on PDT for Lompoc Presbyterian Church
  - Sandy called on Rev. Erik Wiebe, Chair of the Lompoc PDT. Begins as an outcome of the vote taken in May on the new Gracious Dismissal Policy. Erik recognized the team. The Lompoc PDT began meeting today before Presbytery.
- Report on El Montecito Dismissal
 

Janet Loughry, Chair of PRT, presented the first reading. Need to follow process. The final vote will be taken at the February 10, 2018, Stated Presbytery meeting. Prayers for the team and El Montecito Presbyterian church as they go further.

Report Attached.

There being no further business, the 455<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mickey Stueck  
Temporary Stated Clerk

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## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY MINUTES

December 14, 2017

Present: Jeff Holland (Chair), Megan Babayco, Jarrett Johnson,  
Bruce Lethbridge, Joan Pratt, Dale Ridenour, Mickey Stueck, and  
Kate Wiebe

Absent:

Jeff opened the meeting with prayer at 5:00 PM.

The minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Jeff announced that Brett Becker has resigned from COM.

We met with Sandy Thoits, Chair of Council, to discuss the direction for 2018.

Jeff reported on the following phone vote on November 17<sup>th</sup> :

To approve the call of Paul Dugan as Designated Associate Pastor at Coastal Community Church and recommend him for examination by Presbytery and vote for membership.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Jeff also reported the following email votes:

To approve Rev. Dr. Linda Flatley to be considered for Interim Pastor at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

**MOTION CARRIED**

To approve Jeff and Kate's request that an exception be made to our COM Handbook rule that states members of an Interim Search Committee cannot also serve on a PNC. Goleta Presbyterian Church has two members who would like to serve on both Committees and who would serve the church best in this way.

**MOTION CARRIED**

We had a telephone interview with Mike Harbert. He is Moorpark Presbyterian Church's IPNC's choice for Interim Pastor. Mike discussed his faith journey and read his Statement of Faith. A motion was made to allow Mike to retain his membership in the San Francisco Presbytery and approve him to labor in our bounds with the following stipulations that:

He attend Santa Barbara Presbytery meetings when he is not on vacation or study leave.  
He encourage Moorpark elders to fill the church's slots to attend Presbytery meetings.  
He seek connections with other pastors in our Presbytery.  
He stay at least 2 nights a week in Moorpark.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

Kate updated us on progress at Goleta Presbyterian Church.

A motion was made to approve El Montecito Presbyterian Church's Job Description for a Stated Supply / Transitional Administrative Pastor and to also approve their request to have Barry Moeller fill this position.

**MOTION CARRIED**

It was moved to reactivate Jerry Cooper and validate his ministry in our Presbytery until December 31, 2018 at which time he will be removed from membership in the PCUSA.

**MOTION**

**CARRIED**

We bid good bye to Mickey Stueck and thanked her for her valuable service to our Presbytery. She and Jim are moving to Nashville by the end of December.

Jeff closed the meeting with prayer at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Pratt, Secretary

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### **Property and Finance Minutes**

Jan. 26, 2018

Present: Bonnie Boe, Mickey Fenn, Scott Eschbach, Terry Holland

Absent: Steve Ogg, Mary Blythe, Barry Peters.

Meeting opened with prayer and Scripture

Bonnie gave us a current update on 2017 figures and expectations for 2018. There is still concern about our meeting our monthly expenses on an ongoing basis as well as concern on finances at Highlands, Front Porch and other ministries.

Our discussion on Ministries share and per capita led us to ask for a discussion at Council and Presbytery to seriously consider reversing back to "per capita" for Ministries and to discuss and clarify for Presbytery the benefits for a change.

Regarding request for El Montecito dismissal, P and F will bring to Council - and Presbytery the following motion:

Resolved: That P and F recommends not approving the Dismissal Agreement and Release as drafted as of January 2018, based on due consideration of the best financial interests of PSB.

Resolved: P and F recommends consideration of an alternative agreement whereby title of the property is transferred to PSB and the dismissed ELMO congregation rent back the property at a reasonable and agreeable monthly rent. Such a recommendation includes ElMo pay in full all amounts due \$404,000. (as referred to in Paragraph 26 of the current draft) to PILP as part of the dismissal agreement.

There was much discussion about this, and the committee felt this was the only plausible way to proceed taking into account the situation in our current Presbytery financial situation.

Our mtg. was closed after much discussion on the issues listed above.

Terry Holland, Chair