

Transylvania Presbytery
Minutes, Called meeting – January 22, 2008
First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Kentucky

The called meeting of Transylvania Presbytery was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Moderator, The Rev. Susan Warren. The meeting was opened with prayer. The stated Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

Those present included: Robyn Justus, Sharel Templeton, Rollin Tarter, Susan Alley, Rusty Butler, Maxine Hicks, Roy W. Hicks, Truman Geeslin, Susan Warren, Les Grooms, Lyndon Eberly, Clarence “Bud” White, Jim Rucker, Sr., Michael Roe, Catesby Woodford, Bob Spratt, Barry Bainum, Betsy D. Steiner, Genevieve Clay, Barrett C. Milner, Karen Losson, Anthony Gilbert, C.C. Underwood, Lee Bowman, Susanne Martin, Jon Martin, Yongwha Kim, Larry Snyder, Rene Whitaker, Loretta Moffett, Howard W. Moffett, Joan Spickler, Harry Spickler, Pat Chamberlain, Ken Simpson, Sally Smith, Lee Breining, Greg Whitaker, Bill Young, Sam Pendergrast, John S. Davis, John C. Greene, Scott A. Howard, David Duggan, Geary Scott, Mary Back, Phillip Pogue, Anne Hoskins, Lois Wortman, Lisa Eye Taylor, Jim Stewart, Scott Reising, Steve Pace, Beth Garrod-Logsdon, Jane Ireland, Mary Weber, William Thom, Martha Campbell, Woody Berry, John Pendley, Pete Jones, Robert Kirkland, Pam Potter, Peggy Tudor, Cathy Thomas, Don Lee, Jennifer Johnson, Susann Kazunas, Mary Jo Mahan, David E. Rule, Richard S. Eads, J. Stephen Rhodes, Scott Wiest, Bill Reed, Bryce McGowan, Tom Farmer, Marilyn Daniel, Howard Bentley, Karen May, Joanie Lukins, Pat Clark, Ned Beckes, Justin L. Marple, J.T. Charles, Pamela Rucker, Jim Rucker, Jr., Jay T. Silence, Janet Prewitt, A.J. Hall, Sheila Jameson, Ellen Peach, Larry Bowald, Melissa Sevier, Richard T. Smith, Nancy Smith

The clerk announced that the call for the meeting was in order and that it would constitute the Docket for this meeting, no business other than that ordered by the call for the meeting being permissible. The call as delivered to the churches and ministers of the presbytery was as follows:

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

In accord with the Book of Order, G-11.0201 at the request of The Revs. Darla Blatnik, Jim Erwin, Melissa Sevier and Bill Vanzant and elders Ronnie Grigsby, Barrett Milner, Bill Thom and Mary Weber there will be a called meeting of Transylvania Presbytery Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 1:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Kentucky.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report and nomination of the General Presbyter Search Committee, and, if the way be clear, the election of The Rev. Dr. Richard T. Smith as General Presbyter of Transylvania Presbytery. No other business may be transacted at this meeting.

The committee has prepared the enclosed communication and biographical information for you.

Susan Warren, Moderator

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk

Following worship The Rev. Melissa Sevier, chair of the committee elected by the presbytery to nominate a General Presbyter, reported for the committee. Members of the committee present joined Mrs. Sevier for the report. The committee shared with the presbytery the process which they had employed in searching for the person God has called to this position and at the conclusion nominated and moved that the Rev. Dr. Richard T. Smith be called by the presbytery as General Presbyter, pending appropriate action by the First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky. The moderator asked for discussion of the motion and there being none called for the vote which was unanimous is affirming the call of Dr. Smith. The terms of the call were as follows:

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSE ITEMS

Because of the travel involved (both within the presbytery and beyond) the presbytery shall provide a laptop computer (in addition to the office computer) for use by the General Presbyter. The presbytery shall provide an automobile, and its operating expense, for the use of the General Presbyter. The presbytery shall provide a wireless/portable phone for the use of the General Presbyter.

The presbytery shall provide an annual personal expense reimbursement allowance \$12,000 to cover such items as association membership dues, travel expenses to General Assembly and other meetings, meals and related expenses with meeting with members and leader of the presbytery, etc., and also to cover the cost of continuing education, books and periodicals. The presbytery shall devise a plan for the variance of annual expenses as it relates to the biennial General Assemblies.

COMPENSATION ITEMS

The salary package of the General Presbyter will include the following:

\$24,955	Base Salary
\$26,000	Housing Allowance
\$8,000	Annuity
\$5,000	Medical Reimbursement
\$63,955	Total Effective Salary for Pension Dues
\$3,898	Social Security allowance equal to one-half of the applicable Social Security tax.
\$20,146	Full coverage (pension, major medical, death & disability) through the Board of Pensions
\$10,000	Professional
\$2,000	Continuing Education Expenses
\$99,999	Total Cost of Package to the Presbytery

MOVING EXPENSES

The presbytery shall pay reasonable moving expenses from Ashland to Lexington area.

Dr. Smith who had absented himself during the report of the committee was asked to return to the meeting and was warmly greeted by a standing ovation from the commissioners present. Dr. Smith spoke briefly to thank the presbytery for its vote of confidence and confirming his willingness to work with and for the presbytery to seek to know and do God's will.

The moderator expressed the thanks of the presbytery to the Search Committee and declared them dismissed. The presbytery expressed its thanks with applause.

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned and the presbytery was dismissed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator The Rev. Susan Warren.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk