

MINUTES OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL
PRESBYTERY OF PENNSYLVANIA
August 18, 2005

NOTE: Prior to the formal convening of the Coordinating Council, a discussion with the Administration & Finance Committee was held concerning the ongoing consideration of changes in the Presbytery’s per capita practice and policy. It was the general consensus of the Council that the changes proposed be brought before the September Stated Presbytery meeting for consideration.

The council was asked to spend a few moments reflecting as a time of discernment of God’s presence and work in our midst. Following comments by several members the meeting was opened with prayer at 4:50 by Moderator Pamela Rucker.

Present: members Catesby Woodford, Tyler Ward, Jon Martin, Sioux Finney, David Renwick, Winn Hutchcraft, Mike Ward, Beau Weston, Pamela Rucker, Richard Eads, Anne Chesnut, John White, Kent Berry, Richard Smith, Mike Vetter, and Nancy Williams-Berry. Staff present: Linda Crawford, David McKee, and Robyn Justus.

The minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting were presented and on motion received as read.

The Stated Clerk, Jim Rucker, had a written report to Council. A request from Bellewood to approve a covenant between Bellewood and the three presbyteries in Kentucky. ***It was moved, second, and carried to recommend to presbytery that we approve the Covenant Among the Presbyteries of Kentucky and Bellewood Presbyterian Home For Children.***

The Clerk’s report also noted the need for two sermons and examinations of candidates at the September Presbytery Meeting. It was noted by the Chair of CPM that there will be a need for three sermons and examinations of candidates instead of two.

- The following dates for the 2006 meetings of the Presbytery were discussed:
- March 14, 2006Awaiting an invitation
- June 10, 2006.....First, Maysville
- September 12, 2006.....Stanton
- December 1-2, 2006.....Second, Lexington

The moderator of the council, Pamela Rucker, noted that First Somerset had previously issued an invitation for the March, 2006 meeting, but unfortunately will not be able to host that meeting. The Moderator also reported that she had some names for the ad-hoc committee that would work on finding “the purpose of the presbytery.” The following people have agreed: Rollin Tarter, David Renwick, Bill Bailey. Other suggestions were: Ron Stevenson, Peggy Tudor, Mary Weber, Susan Alley, Marilyn Daniel and Peggy Pratt. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to give the**

Moderator and the Interim General Presbyter the authority to finalize the committee roster.

The report of the General Presbyter was presented by David McKee. David reported the following three items:

1. The work of the above mentioned "Purpose Committee" is intended to lead the presbytery in deciding what the purpose of Transylvania Presbytery is and what resources and staff, are needed to meet this purpose, and can we afford the results.
2. A suggestion from George Moore for the Gleneagles property was received. His idea for the NCD was to build a multi-cultural congregation. The Korean Church is in need of a different space and the population in the Hispanic community in Central Kentucky is vastly increasing. David will work with John White and the Church Development Committee on the idea of combing these needs with the new church development project on the Gleneagles site.
3. The Stewardship Committee has not yet been formed. Work is being done with Bob Kukla from CFCS on a pilot stewardship program that would teach stewardship to key leaders of our 95 churches.

Winn Hutchcraft, Treasurer, noted that unified giving is down around \$5,000 from this time last year. A deficit of 75,000 is projected for the end of year operating budget due to the fact that presbytery approved a \$106,000 unbalanced budget for 2005.

Richard Eads reported that the Nominating Committee requests that the guidelines of presbytery be changed to increase the number of members on the Committee on Ministry. ***It was moved, seconded, and carried to recommend to presbytery that the guidelines be changed to read, (deletions are struck out and additions are in bold italic:)***

The Committee on Ministry shall be given the authority to fulfill the provisions of G-11.0502h and G-14.0705c. The Committee on Ministry shall consist of ~~eighteen (18)~~ ***twenty-four (24)*** members, ***with equal ministers and ruling elders*** in three classes, each serving for a three-year term, with eligibility for two (2) terms.

Nancy Williams-Berry reported that CPM is working on a new model called the "Milwaukee Model" that will help inquirers and candidates with spiritual formation and help to improve the relationship between the candidates and the committee.

Mike Vetter reported for Campus Ministry that Kyle Brown is now working with campus ministry at Maxwell Street and Joe Porter is working on a liaison between the Danville Church and campus ministry at Centre College. Also, Transylvania will host the Kentucky Campus Ministry Board meeting at First Richmond on September 30-October 1st.

The report for the Burnamwood Committee was made by Sioux Finney. Sioux reported that the \$80,000 goal has been reached and exceeded! She shared her expectation that the final total will be close to \$90,000. Council thanked Sioux and the committee for their dedication and hard work.

Mike Ward reported for the Staff Services Committee. The Committee recommended to Council that the Presbytery begin discussion with the Rev. David McKee regarding the status of his service as Interim General Presbyter. **It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Staff Services Committee along with the newly formed Purpose Committee begin discussion and review the transition process to a called General Presbyter and David's future and role in the process of Presbytery transition.**

Tyler Ward reported for the Youth Committee. There were 15 high school and 9 middle school youth that attended the youth conference at Montreat in July. Also, a Back to School Event is planned for August 27 at Maxwell Street in Lexington. The Youth Committee has a new website: www.byfyky.org

Linda Crawford reported that the Mission Conference planned for August 20th in Winchester has 90 participants registered thus far.

The Council considered the draft Docket for the September meeting of the Presbytery and following discussion requested that Pamela Rucker and Nancy Williams-Berry, in conjunction with the three candidates who will preach, be responsible for planning the Worship at the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:55 p.m.