

Transylvania Presbytery
Coordinating Council
August 28, 2008

The meeting of the council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and opened with prayer by the moderator Susan Warren. Following prayer a time of reflection and discussion of a paper entitled: “*A Social Creed for the 21st Century*” ensued.

The roll was formed with the following present: Susan Warren, Larry Snyder, Linda Crawford, Les Grooms, George Moore, Buddy Brown, Sandy Mitchell, Monica Tillie, Catesby Woodford and Bill Owens. Also present, Richard Smith, General Presbyter and Jim Rucker, Stated Clerk. Excused: Woody Berry, Tom Farmer, Erin Rouse, John White.

Various persons reported on the most recent meeting of the General Assembly and actions taken by the Assembly and how these actions will effect the Presbytery. A report is being prepared for the Presbytery and provision for voting on those matters which have been sent down to the presbytery. The booklet of the proposed amendments will be distributed as soon as possible and hopefully by the September meeting of the presbytery. It was determined that the September council meeting would establish a system for discussion of these issues beyond that which is planned for the September meeting of the presbytery.

It was ***moved, seconded, and carried*** to accept the invitation of Buckhorn Lake Area Presbyterian Church to host the September 2009 presbytery meeting.

The Report of the General Presbyter was presented.

Report of the Treasurer was presented by Catesby Woodford. There is a current deficit somewhat larger than that of a year ago. Burnamwood also has a deficit larger than a year ago, but the numbers being July numbers are not adequate for concern at this time. It was agreed by common consent that it would be helpful for the Treasurer and the Administration and Finance committee to report verbally to the presbytery and share the papers outlining the financial position of the presbytery.

Administration and Finance presented an “asking” budget for 2009. The deficit in this budget is much smaller than in past years. Reductions are spread over the entire budget.

Following discussion of the Nominating process it was agreed that Bill Owens, chair of the Nominating committee, will contact all committee chairs to inquire about the suitability of those who have been on committees. Council Retreat was discussed and set for January 23-24, 2009 at Shaker Village. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Richard Smith.

Respectfully submitted
James H. Rucker, Stated Clerk