

**Minutes
Coordinating Council
Presbytery of Transylvania
August 30, 2007**

The meeting of the Coordinating Council was called to order and opened with prayer by Council Moderator Bill Owens at 3:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Susan Alley, Woody Berry, Marilyn Daniel, Betty Jean Donaldson, Tom Farmer, Les Grooms, Jon Martin, Mary Reed, Ann Render, Richard Smith, Mike Ward, Susan Warren, and John White.

Others present were: Joe Friend, Robert Mayfield, Scott Wiest, Bill Thom, Robyn Justus

It was noted that the proposed docket for the meeting be amended by adding the Office Relocation Task Force & the Presbyterian Women to the docket. The following version was adopted as the docket for this meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes of the last two council meetings.
2. Discussion of Pikeville Resolution
 - Discussion of the substance of the Resolution
 - Discussion of PUP Report
 - Report of Judicial Business Committee
 - Meeting packet enclosures
 - September meeting plan
 - December meeting vote
3. Glen Eagles property
 - Appraisal status
 - Resolution for Presbytery Action
4. Hazard Church "vision"
 - Need
 - Presbytery Mission Center
 - Presbytery Resource Center
 - Presbytery Office Presence
 - Resolution for Presbytery Action (establish Task Force to explore and report)
5. Wolfe County "opportunity" (Bill Owens)
6. Burnamwood Report
7. Admin and Finance Report
 - Budget status to date
 - End of year projections
 - 2008 Asking Budget
8. Need for point person or group for Joan Gray for Dec.
9. Invitations to surrounding presbyteries for Dec.
10. Office Relocation Task Force
11. Presbyterian Women
12. September Presbytery Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last two meetings of Council. *Motion Passed*

Joe Friend, Robert Mayfield, & Scott Wiest from the First Presbyterian Church of Pikeville were introduced to discuss the church's proposed resolution to presbytery. The resolution is as follows:

“All constitutional requirements for ordination in the Book of Order are to be binding on this Presbytery. Fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman and chastity in singleness are essential standards for anyone seeking ordination or installation within its bounds. Other essential standards of the Book of Order are identified by the use of the terms “shall”, “is/are to be”, “requirement” or “equivalent expressions”. No governing body within this Presbytery may consider essentials as “non-essential.” Any failure to adhere to these essentials shall be a bar to ordination and/or installation. This statement shall be provided to any person seeking ordination and/or installation within the bounds of this Presbytery.”

Discussion on the PUP report followed. Susan Alley discussed that the Judicial Business Committee has met and will recommend that the voting members of presbytery vote against the resolution.

After much discussion, it was agreed by all that this resolution would not be presented at the September presbytery meeting. A packet of information that includes the Pikeville resolution, the PUP report, and the Judicial Business Committee's rationale will be sent to each church in the presbytery before the December presbytery meeting, if the sponsors of the resolution desire to pursue presbytery approval.

The next item on the agenda was the Gleneagles property. It was moved and seconded that the following resolution be recommended to presbytery:

RESOLVED, that Transylvania Presbytery hereby appoints and authorizes its Board of Trustees to sell the 7.57+/- acres of vacant land at 2975 Polo Club Boulevard, Lexington, Kentucky, in a timely manner, within the following parameters:

1. that the Board of Trustees obtain a reliable and credible appraisal of the property to guide its actions,
2. that the Board of Trustees determine the manner and time of sale in an effort to realize the fair market value of the property,
3. that, if the Board of Trustees determines that there are market or other barriers to sale of this property, the Board report back to Presbytery as soon as possible, with Board recommendations for proceeding,
4. that the Board of Trustees execute a Deed of sale on behalf and all other necessary and desirable documents on behalf of Presbytery,
5. that the Board of Trustees administer the proceeds of sale by resolving all indebtedness and other obligations relating to the sale,
6. that the Board of Trustees deposit the proceeds of the sale in the Presbytery account which it deems most suitable, and

7. that the Board of Trustees report to the Coordinating Council and to Presbytery the amount of net proceeds available to Presbytery at the conclusion of the sale process.

Discussion ensued on the status of a multi-cultural church development and presbytery office on this property. John White, chair of Church Development, reported that plans for the Korean Church to build on this property have not developed. It was reported that an appraisal on this property is in process. After discussion, *the motion passed and the resolution will be recommended to presbytery.*

Marilyn Daniel presented the following resolution on the First Presbyterian Church of Hazard's mission vision.

WHEREAS, Transylvania Presbytery has within its boundaries 26 of the 200 poorest counties in the United States, and

WHEREAS, no other Presbytery in the United States has a greater number of these poorest counties, and

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church, Hazard (Perry County) has developed a working missional relationship with Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance,

WHEREAS, First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, and the Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance have examined data and determined that within the Breathitt, Knott, Leslie and Perry four county area there is a large, unmet need for affordable housing and special housing for the disabled, and

WHEREAS, God has called us to be the church in this part of God's kingdom,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, That Transylvania Presbytery take the following action:

1. That the Moderator of Transylvania Presbytery appoint a Task Force to explore the ways in which we, as member churches of Transylvania Presbytery, may effectively and cooperatively minister to our brothers and sisters in these areas of the state within our presbytery boundaries,
2. That the Task Force consider and explore options including, but not limited to:
 - (a) designating First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, as a Presbytery Mission Center, thereby focusing presbytery-wide resources to support the housing initiative already begun,
 - (b) researching potential interdenominational cooperation with poverty-related initiatives in this area, including the "Together for Hope" initiative of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship,
 - (c) creating dialogue with the Burnamwood Committee on possible ways to involve our Burnamwood facilities and program in this effort,

- (d) contacting the national PC USA offices to identify existing and planned programs and resources for this effort,
 - (e) making a Presbytery Resource Center available in some form at First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, and
 - (f) placing a part-time Presbytery representative in the Hazard area.
3. That the Task Force report back to Presbytery at the December 2007 meeting with preliminary recommendations and finalize its recommendations by March 2008.
 4. That all Presbyterians in Transylvania Presbytery be advised of this effort and join in daily prayer for the work of this Task Force and the children of God in these areas.

*Owsley, Clay, Martin, Magoffin, Wolfe, Knox, Breathitt, Leslie, Harlan, McCreary, Bell, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Floyd, Jackson, Menifee, Wayne, Perry, Morgan, Letcher, Johnson, Estill, Whitley, Elliott- with poverty levels ranging from 45.4% (in Owsley) of the population to 25.9% (in Elliott)

A motion was made to recommend to presbytery the adoption of this resolution. Motion passed.

Bill Thom reported for the General Presbyter Search Committee. The committee has narrowed its search to seven applicants and has sent supplemental questions to these applicants.

Bill Owens reported that the Buckhorn Children's Center owns a church in Wolfe County, three miles from Campton, that may be a possible new church development.

Woody Berry reported for the Burnamwood Committee. The committee moved to change the employment status of the site manager, Fox Pendygraft to $\frac{3}{4}$ time effective 9/1/07. This allows him to continue his education at ECU and provides adequate coverage for his job as site manger. *Motion passed.*

The Burnamwood Committee also reported on its desire for a search for a permanent director of Burnamwood. Lee Boyd was advised that he could apply for the position. ***A motion was made to recommend to presbytery that Staff Services & the Burnamwood Committee be authorized to work together to form an Executive Camp Director Search Committee and bring these names to Council for approval. Motion passed.***

The Administration & Finance Committee presented the 2008 Asking Budget and the 2007 Audit as information. The 2008 Spending Budget will be recommended to presbytery at the December meeting.

Motion was made to award \$1500 from the Leadership Development funds to the Committee on Preparation to provide funding for a Candidate Retreat in October. *Motion passed.*

It was discussed that the General Assembly moderator, Joan Gray, will be the guest speaker at the December Presbytery meeting. The Adhoc Worship Committee of Council and Betty Jean Donaldson will work out logistical details in regards to Moderator Gray. Betty Jean Donaldson reported for Presbyterian Women. It was reported that the Fall Gathering will be held on October 20th at Burnamwood. Betty Jean noted that only 40 of our 94 churches have PW groups and would love to have all of our churches represented at the Fall Gathering.

It was moved and seconded that Bill Reed will serve as Stated Clerk Pro Tem at the September presbytery meeting due to Jim Rucker's surgery. *Motion passed.*

The small groups' idea for the December presbytery meeting discussed. One idea was to have different workshops available at this meeting. It was decided that the Christian Formation & Discipleship Committee would work on these workshops.

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for October 18th @ 4:30 at the presbytery office. The 2008 Leadership Retreat is scheduled for January 25-26th at Shaker Village.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. Susan Alley closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Justus