

The General Council of the Presbytery of Shenango met in a regular stated meeting at Leesburg Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, February 01, 2011. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Arnie Morris at 9:40 a.m. with prayer and devotions by Teresa Kendall.

The following were present:

Tom Gomola	Bob Bardeen
Pam Maloney	David Dawson
Howard P. Moss	Steve Stelle
Glenn Hink	Jack Hanes
Jane Bartholomew	Miriam Gwin
Mark Arnold	Jerry Mahaffey
Jim Latta	Teresa Kendall
David Dobi	

The minutes of the Council meeting of November 9, 2010 were approved as distributed at the November 16, 2010 meeting of presbytery.

Dave Dawson presented his report as the Executive Presbyter. Dave shared pastoral concerns in the presbytery.

Jerry Mahaffey presented his report as the stated clerek.

The council approved the funding of portable bathroom facilities to help with facilities at the Enon and Bessemer Churches for presbytery meetings if needed.

Jack Hanes presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Reports on the unpaid per capita were examined.

Council referred a recommendation to begin conversations concerning the possibility of assisting churches with loans outstanding between the committee and churches which have endowment funds available.

Steve Stelle reported for the Personnel and Procedures committee about review of staff.

Dave Dawson presented the report for the Presbytery Aid Fund. Dave reported that the estate of Carl Giesmann has designated a gift to the Aid Fund of \$17,400.

Jack Hanes presented the report of the Property Committee. Bethel Church is studying the possibility of leasing a plot of land for gas drilling. Their study is still progressing.

Westfield will be renting 20 acres to a farmer for another year. The council approved the renting of the Westfield land.

Jane Bartholomew reported for the Worship Committee. Plans are underway for the worship at the presbytery meeting at Westminster College. Jane reported that nine persons attended the Calvin Symposium on worship in Grand Rapids recently.

Dave Dawson presented the report of the Camps and Conferences Committee. Bill Mills, Shenango Presbytery, is now the part-time interim Executive Director of the Camping Association. The council approved a motion that each presbytery in the association appoint two people to serve on a committee of eight to engage in conversation with Camp Crestfield to discuss partnership with the camps. The moderator after consultation with the steering committee will name two persons to serve on this conversation group.

David Dobi presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The committee will be enrolling an elder in Commissioned Lay Pastor training at Dubuque on line. The committee will also be presenting alternative plans for ordination exams for candidates.

Pam Maloney presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. The committee will be conducting a service of honorable retirement for Jerry A. Mahaffey.

Jim Latta reported for the Evangelism Committee. A workshop as a sequel to the Reversing the Decline is being planned for Saturday, February 26 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. at the East Main Church, Grove City.

Jerry Mahaffey presented the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee. The council approved the call to a special meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at First Church, Sharon to listen to presentations on the proposed amendments and then to vote on the amendments.

Bob Bardeen presented the report of the Christian Education Committee. He reported on a very successful Leaderfest.

Miriam Gwin presented her report for the Mission, Communication and Stewardship Committee. Plans are being put into place for the report of the committee at the presbytery meeting. A workshop for equipping churches to do mission is being planned in October.

The Millenium Review Group continues to meet. The next meeting is on February 16.

Tom Gomola reported on his work on the Synod PJC.

The council approved the docket as proposed for the February 22, 2011 meeting at Westminster College.

The council adjourned with prayer at 11:30 a.m. with prayer by Teresa Kendall to meet again on April 5, 2011 at the Mt. Jackson Church.