

The General Council of the Presbytery of Shenango met in a regular stated meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Mountville Presbyterian Church, Portersville, Pa. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Glenn Hink, at 9:30 a.m. with prayer and devotions.

The roll was taken with the following present:

Don Stanley	Mark Arnold
Bob Loch	Vickie White
Glenn Hink	David Dawson
Steve Stelle	Amy Na
Miriam Gwin	Barney Scholl, Jr.
Bob Dayton	Jerry Mahaffey
Tom Gomolla	Mary Ann Collins
Nancy McMillin	Todd Custer
Alice Otto	Jim Latta
Charles Crane	Jim Mohr

The minutes of the council meeting of September 6, 2011 were approved as distributed at the September 27, 2011 meeting of presbytery.

Dave Dawson presented his report as the Executive Presbyter. Shari Getway will be recognized for her 10 years of service to the presbytery as the Financial Secretary. Dave recommended that we plan on reflecting on the relationship of the presbytery to the PCUSA in the new year. Secondly, that we send several persons to the meeting of the Fellowship in Orlando. The council approved the sending of 2 or 3 persons to the meeting and fund expenses up to \$500 per person. Dave shared about the situation with Word Centered and Bethlehem Churches. The Committee on Ministry will be meeting with the session of Bethlehem Church tomorrow.

The council instructed the area committee of the Committee on Ministry to meet with the Bethlehem Church and to discern the situation and to bring a recommendation to the November 15, 2011 meeting of presbytery.

Glenn Hink reported for the steering committee that the Millenium Report will be presented for adoption at the November 15, 2011 meeting of presbytery.

The report of the Financial Secretary was presented.

Mark Arnold reported for the Property Committee. Oak Grove approved the selling their manse, which involved surveying, a new subdivision and deed securement. The council granted approval for the Oak Grove Church to sell their manse. The current owner of the former Harbor Church Cemetery is not maintaining the cemetery and the council granted permission for the property committee to help with contacting the owner and seeing if the cemetery could be transferred to the neighbor for maintenance.

Steve Stelle reported for the Worship Committee. Plans are underway for the presbytery meeting.

The Youth Delegate Nominating Committee will be seeking applications for the YAD at the 2012 General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh, PA in July 2012.

Glenn Hink reported for the Special Issues Team and the Gracious Dismissal Policy which will be presented to the presbytery for action at the November 15, 2011 presbytery meeting. Don Stanley presented the edited version of the Gracious Dismissal Policy. The council approved the policy and procedures to be presented to presbytery for action.

Glenn presented a letter from Bethel Church dated October 31, 2011 seeking a representative from the PCUSA to attend a meeting of the congregation on November 6, 2011 to be an observer as the congregation votes to leave the PCUSA. Council declined to send a representative to the congregational meeting.

Dave Dawson reported for the Leadership Development Team. The team is seeking a retreat speaker for the next pastor's retreat on Leadership in a Time of Conflict. The date may be moved into early March.

Dave Dawson reported for the General Assembly Committee on Local Arrangements. Bob Loch reported on the meetings of the COLA which meets monthly. Volunteers will be recruited beginning in January.

Don Stanley reported for the Committee on Ministry.

Todd Custer reported for the Christian Education Committee. January 14, 2012 will be Leaderfest at New Wilmington Church and Westminster College.

Bob Loch reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Miriam Gwinn reported for the Mission, Communication and Stewardship Committee.

Vickie White reported for the Nominating Committee.

Nancy McMillin reported for the Presbyterian Women. Nancy reported communion served at the PW Gathering with 53 persons receiving the sacrament. The participants represented 17 congregations.

Bob Dayton reported as a Synod Commissioner.

The council approved the proposed docket for the presbytery meeting November 15, 2011 at the New Wilmington Church.

The council adjourned with prayer at 11:45 to meet again on February 7, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.