

The General Council of the Presbytery of Shenango met in a regular stated meeting on Tuesday, February 05, 2008 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, New Castle. The meeting was called to order and led in devotions and prayer by the Moderator, Andrew Jillson.

Present were:

Alice Otto	Jane Barthlomew
John Culp	Tom Gomola
Marsha Parrish	Teresa Kendall
David Dobi	Howard Foust
Jack Hanes	Vickie White
Midge Davidson	Steve Stelle
Bill Stone	Dave Dawson
Andrew Jillson	Jerry Mahaffey

The minutes of the Council meeting of October 23, 2007 were approved as distributed at the November 13, 2007 meeting of Presbytery.

Dave Dawson presented his report as Executive Presbyter. Dave called attention to prayer concerns in the presbytery.

Dave also reported about the Missional Church project that continues in the presbytery. About 40 people attended the recent Missional Church rally held at East Main Church. Dave recommended and the council approved increasing the money for the Partnership for Mission Shaped Church from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for years 2006-2009. The funds will come from the Church Development Fund.

Council approved advancing \$3,000 to Word Centered Fellowship from their grant and then reducing the grant in 2009 to repay the advance. This advance will enable WCF to pay their pension board dues which are delinquent.

The Presbytery Aid Fund met prior to the meeting of the council. Needs have been more numerous in the past year therefore the committee requests that \$2,500 be transferred from Emerging Needs to keep the fund solvent and enable it to continue to meet needs.

Jerry Mahaffey presented his report as Stated Clerk.

The report of the Steering Committee was presented by the Stated Clerk.

Howard Foust reported for the Budget and Finance Committee. Attention was called to the unpaid per capita for 2007. The unpaid presbytery per capita will cost the churches \$1 per member next year to make up the shortfall. Council expressed concern about the churches that continue to not participate in the life of the presbytery in this way.

John Culp reported for Personnel and Procedures that evaluation forms have been received for Dave and Jerry and that personnel review is scheduled for February 20.

Jane Bartholomew reported for the Worship Committee. The committee has met and is planning a choir music give-away on March 8, 2008 at Unity Church. The committee is also making up a list of choir directors/organists and accompanists from our various churches. The committee is planning worship for the presbytery meetings in 2008 to celebrate the various Presbyterian Traditions of our heritage for the past 200 years. A celebration of the history of the presbytery is being planned for July 27, 2008 at the pavilion at Westminster College. The celebration would include the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion. Council granted permission for the celebration of the sacrament.

Also being sought are updates from the churches of their history so a new history of the presbytery can be published.

The YAD Nominating Committee will be presenting Addie Domske as their nominee to the presbytery.

Dave Dobi presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Bill Stone presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. A commissioning service will be held for Robbie Arnold as a CLP. The committee approved the call of the congregation to Amy Na to serve as Designated Pastor of Shenango Church effective February 1, 2008.

The Synod grant of \$5,000 has been received and the committee will be developing applications for churches to apply for grants from the presbytery. The committee is moving into a new program for new first call pastors being developed by the Board of Pensions.

Vickie White presented her report for the Presbyterian Women in Shenango. The spring gathering is being planned.

The Synod meeting will be held in two weeks. Attention was called to the scholarships available from the Synod. Applications are available online through the presbytery web-site.

The docket was approved for the February 26, 2008 meeting of presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Stephen Stelle to meet again on April 1, 2008.