

The General Council of the Presbytery of Shenango met in a regular stated meeting, September 6, 2011 at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Elwood City, PA. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Glenn Hink, and opened with prayer and devotions at 9:35 a.m.

Present were:

Glenn Hink	Barney Scholl
Miriam Gwinn	Bob Bardeen
Teresa Kendall	Bob Dayton
Tom Mansell	Vickie White
Jim Latta	David Dawson
Amy Na	Bob Loch
Don Stanley	Jerry Mahaffey
Howard Moss	Nancy McMillan
Tom Gomola	Kay Hilliard
Steve Stelle	Jim Mohr

Excused were:

Donna Heard	John King
Mary Ann Collin	

The minutes of the Council meeting of June 7, 2011 were approved as distributed at the June 28, 2011 meeting of presbytery.

Dave Dawson presented his report as the Executive Presbyter. Dave had the council introduce themselves. Dave shared concerns in the presbytery, including the many major changes in pastoral leadership that have occurred and will be occurring during the coming year.

Jerry Mahaffey presented his report as the Stated Clerk. Attention was called to the receipt of the official report of the Presbytery Records Review Committee of Synod. In the report is the information that the minutes of Shenango Presbytery were approved without exception.

Glenn led the council in a time of orientation concerning the work of the General Council.

The following were elected as officers of the Trustees:

President	Elder John King
Vice-president	vacant
Secretary	Amy Na
Treasurer	Howard P. Moss II

The Steering Committee report was given by Glenn Hink. The report of the Millennium Review was presented. The council approved the presentation of the report to the presbytery for its first reading with adoption to come at the November presbytery meeting.

The report of the Special Issues Team was presented by Glenn Hink.

September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Northminster Church. A theological presentation by Dr. Kang Na on Reformed Theology of Biblical Interpretation and a summary by Dave Dawson on the Fellowship Gathering in Minneapolis.

September 27, 2011 at 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. a pre-presbytery event at Westfield Church, a presentation and discussion of Dismissal Policy. The presbytery meeting will be at Bessemer Church at 6:30 where the policy will be presented as a first reading.

October (date and time to be determined) a larger presentation on the Fellowship Gathering in Minneapolis.

Don Stanley presented the report concerning the proposed dismissal policy. Council approved presenting the policy to a pre-presbytery event for discussion and to the September presbytery meeting for a first reading with adoption at the November presbytery meeting.

Dave reported for the Leadership Development Team that plans are underway for the Pastor's Retreat.

Bob Loch presented his report for the Committee for Preparation for Ministry. The committee will be presenting two candidates for Trials for Ordination at the presbytery meeting.

Don Stanley presented his report for the Committee on Ministry.

Jim Latta presented his report for the Evangelism Committee.

Miriam Gwin presented her report for the Mission, Communication and Stewardship Committee. October 2, 2011, 7:00 p.m. will be a Sudan Celebration at East Main Church. An event concerning doing mission is planned for October 22, 2011.

Vickie White presented her report for the Nominating Committee. The committee is seeking interested persons to serve in presbytery committees.

Dave Dawson and Kay Hilliard presented a report for the Camps and Conference Committee. The council approved the willingness of the presbytery to participate in conversations regarding camps and conference ministry. The stated clerk was instructed to write a letter to Synod Executive Bruce Stephens to indicate Shenango's desire to participate in such conversations. Council also instructed the Steering Committee to name two persons to participate in this conversation process and present those nominees to the next council meeting. Kay also reported that a new recreation hall is being begun at Camp Lambec. The water system is functioning properly at Westminster Highlands under the work of the new maintenance person.

Nancy McMillin presented her report for Presbyterian Women in Shenango Presbytery. She called attention to the SPICE newsletter. Council granted permission for the Presbyterian Women to celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on September 12 at their Spiritual Retreat with Rev. Janice Good officiating.

Tom Gomola reported for the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund. Applications are available for the scholarships.

The proposed docket for presbytery meeting September 27, 2011 was approved.

The council was adjourned with prayer by Glenn Hink at 12:13 p.m. to meet again on October 25, 2011 at the Mountville Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m.