

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
May 31, 2011**

PRESENT:

Dan Williams, Council Chair
Karen Thatcher, Council Vice-Chair
Jonathan Bunker, 2011 Pby Moderator
Paul Dana, 2011 Pby Vice-Moderator
Rufus Burton, Eastern Panhandle Rep
Randy Webb, World Wide Ministries
Will Heyward, Resource Chair
Beth Pyles, Budget/Finance Chair

Sandi Ey, Mountain Valley Rep
Dot Bowers, Presbyterian Women
Richard Johnson, Nominations
Skip Hastings, Office & Personnel
Kerry Foster, Shenandoah 2010
Phil Zirkle, Central Valley Rep

Staff:

Sally Hinchman, Interim GP/Stated Clerk
Lisa Hedrick, Resource Coordinator
Lucille Gohdes, Treasurer

Doug Sensabaugh, HAE/Communications
Kim Stroupe, Asst. to the Constitution

Shenandoah 2010:

Mary Lou Cox and Ron Wilkes

Dan Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

This special meeting was called in order to receive a report from Shenandoah 2010, here an update on Shenandoah Presbytery's possible incorporation, and to give Presbytery-wide priorities to the Budget and Finance Committee.

SHENANDOAH 2010 PRESENTATION

The full written report from Shenandoah 2010 was emailed to the Council prior to today's meeting. The consensus was to address each recommendation separately. Following are the changes that were made:

4.2 Presbytery Council

4.2.2. Membership:

- a. The Presbytery Council will consist of a chairperson and Vice-chairperson of Council, Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery, one person (with voice vote) from each of the Mission Communities (6 or 7 depending on further actions of Presbytery) and the chairperson of the following committees: Nominations, Committee on Ministry (COM), Committee on Church Development (CCD), Budget and Finance Committee, Small Church Committee (if approved), a representative from Outreach Ministries and a representative from Nurture Ministries. All full-time professional staff and the Stated Clerk shall serve as advisory members.
- ~~b. The representatives from each mission committee shall constitute the Committee on Representation, and can meet as needed.~~
- c. Office and Personnel Committee has access to Council but does not need to send a representative to Council unless they have business to conduct.

The following becomes its own section under Standing Committees. The Council gave permission to the Stated Clerk to reword for continuity.

Two Ministries Group have similar access to Council and shall serve as the connection to Council to bring business to the Council. These two Ministries Groups each have a Steering Group that is formed of the membership of the groups. These two entities are a means to bring information and requests to Council for each committee or group. The main function of these groups is to be as follows:

1. Permission Giving within bounds of our structure.
2. Empowering current and future groups to develop their own ministries.

3. To allow flexibility in presbytery without creating fixed structures.
4. Develop purpose driven entities.

Each of the committees or groups that fall under these two Ministries will function on their own, developing their ministries, working to achieve their goals, and completing their mission.

1. Outreach Ministries: Shall gather and coordinate with groups such as World Wide Ministries, Partnership, I-Care, Hunger, Disaster & Disaster Response Team, Peacemaking, Presbyterian Women, and other entities that further the ministry outreach function of the presbytery or sub-groups within the boundaries of the presbytery.
2. Nurture Ministries: Shall gather and coordinate with SPYCE, Camp and Conferences, Paddy Run, College Ministry, Resource, Communications, KCC, Website oversight, Leadership Training (the current Big Event group as an example), Older Adult Ministry (another task specific group currently working within our bounds and producing an event) and other entities that further the nurture outreach function of the presbytery or sub-groups within the boundaries of the presbytery.

4.2.4. Vision and Mission Committee. The Council approved deleting this section of the Manual.

3. COM Recommendations: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to refer this section to the Committee on Ministry and request they respond to the Council on or before the October 11 Council meeting.
5. Budget & Finance, Funds Admin. Recommendations: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to refer this section to the Budget and Finance, Funds Administration, and PIE committees and request they respond to Council on or before the October 11 Council meeting.
6. Changes to Manual concerning mission communities: A motion was made, seconded and approved to refer the issue of adding a seventh mission community to the Small Church Task Force.
9. Recommendations on traits of the next General Presbyter: A motion was made, seconded and approved to refer this matter to the General Presbyter Search Committee.
10. Mission Community Funding Question: this matter failed

The Council expressed its gratitude to the Shenandoah 2010 Committee.

BUDGETING PRIORITIES

Prior to today's meeting, a copy of the proposed 2012 budget was circulated to members of Council. Only two items of "importance" were mentioned at today's meeting: the General Presbyter Search Committee and supporting Massanetta Springs instead of the Chaplaincy of Virginia. Beth Pyles challenged all Council members to think *What do I want my Presbytery to be?*

INCORPORATION ISSUE

Dan Williams reported he met with the Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation and they are open to restructuring to allow Shenandoah Presbytery to become incorporated. Council approved the following: ***that Council create a joint special committee with Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation to develop the necessary steps to move Shenandoah Presbytery towards incorporation, in conformity with G-8.0202 (nFOG G-4.0101).*** The Presbytery Corporation will most likely take steps to become a non-profit foundation under Virginia law, and will retain full fiduciary responsibility for the funds entrusted to its stewardship. Shenandoah Presbytery will incorporate and hold title to all property, except that which is related to funds managed by the current Shenandoah Presbytery Corporation.

A special committee will be formed from the Corporation members and Presbytery members to draft the articles of incorporation. Paul Dana and Dan Williams have agreed to serve; the Executive Committee will find the additional members.

NEXT MEETING of Council: Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 p.m. with prayer by Karen Thatcher.

Submitted by,
Kim T. Stroupe