

The Presbytery of Stockton
Minutes of the Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Tracy
November 5, 2016

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was convened at 9:10 a.m. with prayer by the Moderator RE Laurel Wisenor. Transitional Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Jennifer Warren Hauser welcomed the presbytery, and gave directions around the church. The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present according to the Book of Order G-11.0202.

Attending

Ceres, Harvest
 Gustine, Community
 Lodi, Grace

 Manteca

 Modesto, Geneva
 Patterson, Federated
 Stockton, First

Teaching Elders

Jim Stochl
 Mark Hollingsworth
 Bill McGuinness

 Karl Hauser

 Byron Nelson

Ruling Elders

Patricia A. Arbizu
 Kathy Mendonca
 Paul Lewis
 John Arthur
 Dan Gnade
 Sharon Miller

 Merilyn Vaughn
 Lee Mecum
 Letty Aspiras
 Harold Reich
 David Weisenberger

 Pat Wallace
 Margaret Y. Steel

Other Teaching Elders: Nancy Clegg, Steve Hanna, David Hill, R. Michael McLellan, David Warner, Wendy Warner

Corresponding Members: None

Ruling Elder Officers and Chairpersons:

Laurel Wisenor, Moderator
 Robert Opie, Chair of Finance
 CLP Tim Nguyen, Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach
 Jennifer Warren Hauser, Chair of Mission
 Pete Ludwigsen, Chair of Personnel

Others Present: Shirley Gahm (First, Tracy), Don Bisbee (First, Tracy), Judy Gnade (Manteca), Tricia Winkler (First, Tracy), Heather Washburn-Moore (First, Turlock), John Vaughn (First, Stockton), Steve Netniss (First, Turlock)

Total number of teaching elders present: 12; Total number of ruling elders present: 18

Total number of congregations present: 8

First-Time Elders were introduced, and along with guests, were welcomed.

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

The Moderator introduced the Consent Agenda for action. It was MSC to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of the Minutes of the Stated Meeting held on September 10, 2016.

The docket was adopted by consensus.

Worship:

Worship was led by Transitional Pastor Jennifer Warren Hauser, Worship Leader Terry Donaldson, and the First Presbyterian Church choir, organist and pianist. The message was based on 1 Corinthians 13:9-13 and John 1:9-14, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Interim Presbytery Coordinator's Report: TE Bill McGuinness opened the business meeting with a focus on stewardship – to grow one step "towards, to, and beyond" tithing. Stewardship is spiritually motivated. A suggested New Consecration Sunday can be set apart for individual "estimation of giving" with a celebration luncheon. Bill also addressed growth, evangelism, and outreach (GEO), and how to start the conversation in our churches. All GEO is local. Each church has a unique way of addressing church growth. The presbytery can provide resources to help support the local effort. Bill encourages the presbytery to make 2017 a year devoted to "GEO".

GEO Talk: Growth, Evangelism, and Outreach

Panel of Church Pastors Addressing Evangelism & Church Growth

TE Jim Stochl, TE Karl Hauser, RE Jennifer Warren Hauser and TE Craig Wright each shared ways their church and their personal ministry addresses growth, evangelism and outreach. Highlights were about hospitality, outreach programs offered by the church (After School Tutoring Program), listening and developing relationships with people inside and outside the church, stretching beyond the margins of the church family, providing a place of belonging by getting to know people in a way that extends the love of Christ. Time was given for questions, comments, and responses from the body.

Council Report: TE Mark Hollingsworth, Chair of Council presented the recommendation of Council to make 2017 the year of "Growth, Evangelism, and Outreach". This emphasis will be addressed through the presbytery committees and encouragement that it be addressed in our local congregations. It was MSC.

Stated Clerk Report: TE Nancy Clegg

- Dates and Locations of 2017 Stated Presbytery Meetings

Nancy provided the dates set by the Bylaws for the first Saturday of February (2-4-17), the first Saturday of May (5-6-17), the second Saturday of September (9-9-17), and the first Saturday of November (11-4-17). She encouraged churches to host one of the 2017 meetings, particularly those who haven't hosted recently.

- Parity Report for 2017

Nancy proposed the Parity for 2017 to be as follows: Churches with membership under 100 will send one commissioner; churches with over 100 members will send two commissioners. Currently there are five churches with over 100 members, and six churches with under 100 members. It was MSC.

Synod Commissioners Report: IPC Bill McGuinness attended his first Synod meeting, and stressed the wonderful resource of Synod loans available.

Committee on Ministry: TE Mark Hollingsworth

Cortez, Turlock – TE Clover Bailey, Stated Supply, has accepted a new call in Texas. The Cortez AC is busy discerning the next steps for the church.

Treasurer's Report: TE Jim Stochl

- Financial Reports were attached to the call to the meeting. It was MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- The treasurer assisted four churches with a financial review. This is a mandatory annual review. The treasurer is willing to help.

Finance Committee Report: RE Robert Opie

- 2017 Per Capita Recommendation: It was MSC that the 2017 Per Capita apportionment for the presbytery be \$8.28.
- 2017 Budget was attached with the call to the meeting. RE Opie addressed changes on specific line items and the addition of Foundation funds. It was MSC that the General Fund budget for 2017 be approved.

Committee on Preparation: TE Wendy Warner

- Chair Wendy introduced Heather Washburn-Moore (First, Turlock), who shared briefly of her call to ministry. The Committee on Preparation met with Heather and proposed to presbytery Heather be enrolled as an Inquirer. It was MSC. The CPM recommends new member Polet Yonan (First, Turlock) be the liaison on the committee. It was MSC.
- There are currently five people under care of the committee, and a handout was provided of these inquirers and candidates. Members of presbytery were encouraged to contact and pray for these entering ministry: Inquirers - Heather Washburn-Moore (First, Turlock), Breeann Elizabeth Stigile-Wright (First, Turlock); Candidates - Steve Netniss (First, Turlock), Jennifer Lynn Warren Hauser (Manteca), Cory Pina (Past membership at Trinity United, Modesto, now enrolled by presbytery).

Mission Committee: RE Jennifer Warren Hauser

- Santa Barbara Presbytery Mission Conference was highlighted, a broad conference with the theme, "On Earth as It Is in Heaven"; January 27-28, 2017; \$60; First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara.
- The Mooneys who are serving in Guatemala are interested in connecting via social media, and Mission can connect interested congregations and individuals.
- The committee needs to know what kind of hunger relief work is being done in the local church communities – let them know how Mission can be supportive.

Healthy Congregations Committee: TE Karl Hauser

- A church survey for leadership training was sent to each congregation to know what kind of leadership training is needed and desired. Please have each elder on session complete the survey to help Healthy Congregations plan for further training opportunities.

Nominating Committee Report: TE David Warner

- Election of Officers and Committee Members - A list of recommendations to serve in various committees was presented. There were no nominations from the floor. It was MSC to accept all nominees.
 - Committee on Ministry - TE David Hill
 - Healthy Congregations - RE Doris Ludwigsen (Manteca), RE Tim Nguyen (VEO), RE David Weisenberger (First, Tracy), TE Mark Hollingsworth
 - Finance - TE Wendy Warner, RE Jennifer Warren Hauser

- Personnel - RE Pete Ludwigsen (Manteca), RE Marilyn Vaughn (First, Stockton)
- Vacancies remaining: COM - One RE; Finance - One RE; Synod Commissioners - One TE (female) and One RE (male); Vice Moderator - RE preferred
- Election of Nominating Committee Members (Council nominees) – Council nominates TE John Russell-Curry for membership on the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. It was MSC. There remains one vacancy for RE.

New and Unfinished Business/Friendly One Minute Announcements

Thanks were given to the First, Tracy worship team and hosts.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: It was MSC to adjourn. Moderator Laurel Wisenor closed the meeting in prayer at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk