

Presbytery Council
Minutes
May 5, 2011

The Meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:10 a.m.

Members present were: Joyce Sherrod, Vicki Walker, Rebecca Whitaker, Wanda Morgan, Jim Morgan, Walter Thompson, Ed Wegele, Dennis Haralson, Kay Long, Cecilia Casal, Jim Blischke, Randy Gardner, Tim Davenport-Herbst, Pat Hunter, Matt Miles

Also present were: Jimmy Stevens (Treasurer), Jose Luis Casal (General Missioner) and Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk)

Absent were: Patty Lane, Lynn Fowler, Don Carlton

The minutes of the January 14, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Correspondence

- Flyer for Form of Government cluster meetings
Received as information
- Flyer for presentation by Dr. Reinerio Arce Valentin
Received as information
- Big Tent Event
Received as information

Session Minutes to be read

- Dennis Haralson has Alpine
- Mary Beth Anton has Andrews
- Vicki Walker has Ballinger
- Randy Gardner has Big Spring – approved with exception
- Walter Thompson has Seminole

Subcommittee Reports

Personnel - Committee will meet in late May

Financial Services - Jimmy Stevens presented the report

It was MOVED AND CARRIED that the Builders Fellowship investment fund be re-adjusted to maximize the investment.

It was MOVED AND CARRIED that council appoint a task force to investigate how the proceeds of the sale of Camp Chimney Spring property are distributed. Members of the task force are: Jimmy Stevens (Treasurer), Don Carlton (Financial Services Sub-Committee), Matt Miles, Ed Wegele, Walter Thompson, Bea Torres Cheryl Homsher. Pat Hunter will contact the above folks and determine if they would be willing to serve.

It was MOVED AND CARRIED that First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger be given permission to accept and then sell a gift of real estate donated by a former member. The property consists of two unimproved lots and all taxes on the property are current. Recommendation will be forwarded to presbytery for vote.

Worship & Meetings – Jim Morgan presented the report

Future Presbytery Meeting dates:

June 10 – Andrews

Proposed theme: “Sharing our Witness – and Our Hopes”

Steve Schorr will be preaching

Will be voting on New Form of Government

20 minutes will be spent with presentations by various churches within the presbytery to share their story.

October 21 – Highland El Paso

Proposed theme: “Faithful Governing – Forward in Faith”

Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the General Assembly will be invited to preach

February 24 – First, Midland

Proposed theme: “Evangelism – One to One” – in conjunction with the

Presbytery Wide Education Event on February 24-25, 2012

June 8 – First, Fort Stockton

October 26 – First, El Paso

Council Nominating Committee – Pat Hunter

Replace Kristin Hagelstein and Mike Robinson
(Financial Services Sub-Committee)

Discernment Task Force – Pat Hunter

Three groups are meeting together.

El Paso group has been meeting for over a year. Church Development group is working with Stan Wood focusing on church needs and church planting. Council group has met twice with Water in Desert Ministries and focusing on where God is leading the presbytery as a whole. Discernment group will make presentation to the presbytery meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Report was received and forwarded to presbytery.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Met with Josh Gahr who is continuing his candidacy. Potential inquirer in Pecos.

Committee on Ministry

Peggy Tharp will be re-commissioned at the June meeting.

Mission Committee

Approved providing one scholarship for attendance at Big Tent Event.

Mission team may be formed to help with rebuilding in Fort Davis at the request of the Fort Davis pastor.

Training and Nurture Committee

Bus has been reserved for travel to Synod Youth Workshop – ten spaces remaining.

TRYCE Youth Retreat will be held January 13-15, 2012 at Prude Ranch

Committee will be offering five scholarships of registration fee (\$285) for the Big Tent Event
Begin plans for Education Event to be held in conjunction with the February 24, 2012 presbytery meeting.

Recommendation from the Committee – It was **MOVED AND CARRIED** that the January 2012 committee meetings be held January 17-20, 2012 so that the TRYC Youth Retreat can be held on January 13-15, 2012.

Church Development Committee

Loading church data into Mission Insite website

Evangelism Task Force will meet with new members of the CDC and begin to focus on the exciting opportunities in evangelism..

Transformation Task Force has twelve churches and one cluster have expressed interest in the Mission Shaped Church Initiative

New Church Development Task Force will meet to discuss the parameters and decision making scopes for the CDC.

Designating \$2600 towards any individuals who are planning to go to the Big Tent Conference.

Nominating Committee

Nomination forms will be sent to all churches. Recommendations are needed by July 1st.

Second Harvest

Working on video to spread good news that good things are happening in Tres Rios Presbytery. Target date to finish video is September.

Newsletter needs to connect us – articles are needed!

Presbyterian Women

Have held two successful Spring Gatherings. 51 attended the gathering in El Paso and 24 attended in Sonora

\$638 was collected for Justice and Peace Offering

Leadership Training June 2-3 at Mo-Ranch

Coordinating Team will meet on August 20 to finalize plans for Fall retreat

Fall gathering will be October 21-22 or September 24-25 and will be held in conjunction with Palo Duro PW at First, Midland.

Committee on Representation

Committee has plans to help implement the new participation and representation language that is part of nFOG.

Docket

The docket was approved as printed.

Other Business

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that pending the approval of nFOG a task force of the council be appointed to be ready to work as soon as possible on the organization and review of the Standing Rules and ByLaws. Suggestions are Glenda Harbert, Jim Miles, Flynn Long, Karen Boozer, Cheryl Homsher, John Nelsen, Glenn Rogers, Nelson Sager, Marsha Monroe, Mitchie Rush, Judia Foreman, Helen Glass, Richard Crisp. Glenda Harbert will be asked to convene the group. Jose Luis Casal will approach the suggested people to inquire about their availability to serve.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the Presbytery of Tres Rios continue to be guided by the current Book of Order as we review our current Manual of Operations.

Next meeting will be September 16, 2011. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:15 p.m.

**Report of the Presbytery Council
To The Presbytery of Tres Rios
June 10, 2011**

I. Matters of Information

A. The following 2010 session minutes have been read and approved:

Big Spring	With
First, El Paso	With
Fort Davis	Without
First, Midland	Without
Pecos	With
St Mark	With
St Paul	With
Sonora	With
Andrews	With
Westminster	Without

B. The January 2012 committee meetings be held January 17-20, 2012 so that the TRYC Youth Retreat can be held on January 13-15, 2012.

II. Recommendations of a Routine Nature

None

III. Recommendations Requiring More Careful Consideration

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