**Homestead Presbytery Council Agenda October 18, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS (Quorum 1/3 plus moderator) 

***By Virtue of Chairing Committees:***

P - Kris Brammer – Program & Grants

P - Charity Potter – Commission on Ministry

P - Carl Eskridge – Administration & Finance

P - Joyce Douglas – Administration & Finance

P - Teresa Bartlett – Nominating

P - Jane Holtzclaw – Preparation for Ministry

P - Chris Peters – Disaster Response Team

VACANT – New Worshiping & Church Vitality

***At Large:***

E - Steve Pointon (Class of 2022)

P - Joan Berglund (Class of 2023)

P - Teri Wendel (Class of 2024)

***By Virtue of Office:***

P - Steve Earl (Interim Executive Presbyter)

P - Erica Nelson (Interim Stated Clerk)

P - Ed McClymont (Treasurer)

P - Terri Sherman (PW & Presbytery Moderator)

VACANT (Presbytery & Council Vice Moderator)

P - Steve Piper (Council Moderator)

***Guests:***

Brian Johnson, potential nominee as vice-moderator

Sheryl Wieneke, HP Administrator

**Call to Order** Steve Piper

**Opening Devotions**

**Check in** – everyone shared their so-good’s and no-good’s (celebrations and concerns)

**Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was amended to include the Council minutes from January to be approved. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Council Minutes – January 25, 2022

2. Council Minutes – July 19, 2022

3. Presbytery Minutes – August 19, 2022

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. All three sets of minutes were approved as presented.

**Discussion Topics**

Strategy Team: Terri presented the new plan from the strategy team, that will be presented at the November meeting. We will approve this plan today before presenting it to presbytery. They are looking at adapting our committee formats to teams; where there are a couple of elected members leading the teams and then “co-opted members” who are pulled in for small tasks or assistance. These members do not need to agree to a long-term commitment.

The teams will be:

Reconciliation and Trust – working on relationships around the presbytery.

Congregational Network – facilitate relationships between congregations.

Ministries for Extraordinary Times – provide knowledge and skills to assist congregations in whatever ways they need assistance.

Companions for the Journey – provide proactive care for pastors and congregations

Steering the Ship – Facilitate effective communications across the presbytery and coordinate the work of the presbytery in support of the presbytery mission.

Permanent Judicial Commission – nothing will change on this, as it is required by polity.

The newest change is that the staffing model they will put forward is one part time Facilitating Presbyter, one part time Stated Clerk, one part time Administrator, and one voluntary Treasurer. They still have to determine hours and wages for all these positions. These positions will be worked on with the Administration and Finance team.

The timeline is that at the November presbytery meeting will be the first reading of this plan and approve an implementation team. The implementation team will work on getting all this set up, finding people to fill these positions, etc. The strategy team has people they will be recommending for this team but are looking for recommendations from others. This will be a short-term commitment. At the February meeting will be the final reading and vote of this plan, and the implementation team will begin their work.

It was moved and seconded to approve the proposal set forth by the strategy team. The motion carried.

OPSF Lifelong Learning Grant Application for the funding of 2 Pastor Mental Health/Spiritual Renewal Retreats: They had originally received a grant from the General Assembly Mission Agency for $10,000. The costs of these two retreats came out to about $13,000. They got the rest of the money from Programs and Grant. There seems to be a lot of interest and need for these retreats. They applied for a grant from OPSF, and they asked for $15,000 and presbyter would cover $3,000. OPSF gave us $2,000. They will also apply for money from the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation.

They are asking for Council to support these retreats and to ask presbytery for monetary support if they don’t receive further grant money.

Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network: There are three churches in Lincoln who are doing good work with the South Sudan Mission Network. They would like some time on the agenda of presbytery to talk about this work and developing a deeper partnership on the level of presbytery.

Voting on the 30 or so *Book of Order* amendments that came out of the last General Assembly. We have to vote on them by next July.

We want to make sure folks have plenty of time to review the materials. We would do an informational session 1-2 months ahead of time. Have the resources available starting from the February presbytery meeting and then vote on the amendments through a thoroughly explained consent agenda during the May meeting.

Future of new worshiping communities/church vitality committee:  we tabled this discussion for later.

Will Zoom be an option for the November 17 presbytery meeting: if we offered this option, it would be for observation only. We would need someone else to manage this so leadership do not have to worry about it. Council has no objection to offering this option.

Dates for 2023 council and presbytery meetings. The following dates are suggested:

**Council Presbytery**

January 17 February 18

April 18 May 18

July 18 August 12

October 17 November 16

We are keeping the August date flexible as we try to hold this meeting in conjunction with MRV presbytery. These dates were passed with no objections.

**Staff, Officer & Commissioner Reports**

Presbytery Moderator - Terri Sherman: Doris Martin is being commissioned to hospice chaplaincy on Sunday October 23rd. This will be presented to presbytery in November.

Council Moderator - Steve Piper: Steve will ask presbytery if there are churches willing to host future presbytery meetings.

Synod Commissioners - Duane Westing and Maggie Horak: they have a report they will present to presbytery.

Treasurer Ed McClymont: Ed has spoken to Rev. Edward Yang and Rev. Sarah Genglar about the funds we have for Hispanic/Latino ministries partnering with their congregations. Ed, Edward Yang, and Sarah Genglar will put their heads together and figure out where to best disperse the money.

Interim Stated Clerk - Erica Nelson: minutes have been approved and churches will need to start looking at submitting their Annual Statistical Reports, and folks will need to complete Boundary Training by the end of the year.

Interim Executive Presbyter - Stephen Earl: Stephen will need to start stepping back, both for transitional purposes and for health reasons. Council and Presbytery needs to look at ways to evaluate the success of presbytery meetings and how to move the presbytery more in the direction of the Matthew 25 Initiative.

**Committee & Organization Reports**

Administration & Finance - Carl Eskridge and Joyce Douglas: On the issue of selling Camp Calvin Crest, they are looking at transitioning ownership of the camp from Homestead to their own ownership at the cost of $15,000. This cost will cover transitional administration and fees. This is a ministry for them to think about their future and think outside the box of who they want to be. They want to put together a task force to help ensure that the transition goes well. There will be considerations for a mutual covenant between the surrounding presbyteries and their future within the camp.

Commission on Ministry - Charity Potter: FILL THIS IN

Committee on Preparation for Ministry - Jane Holtzclaw: written report submitted.

Disaster Preparation Response Team - Chris Peters: no report

New Worshipping Communities & Church Vitality Development - Vacant: no report.

Nominating - Teresa Bartlett: Teresa has presented a slate for nominations. The question came up about the Programs and Grants committee. Because Kris Brammer is finishing up his second term at the end of the year. We will look at electing someone else from the committee to serve as moderator until the new teams plan takes hold.

Presbyterian Women Terri Sherman: no report

Programs & Grants Kris Brammer: no report

Strategy Team Terri Sherman: gave their report earlier in the meeting. They will present a similar report to presbytery. They will use the education portion to give their presentation.

The Administrative Commission to Close Churches will have at least one and maybe two churches that are ready to close by the presbytery meeting. They will honor their ministry and vote on closing.

**November 17 Presbytery Meeting:**

1. At Wahoo First, training for new commissioners at 9:30 am, call to order 10 am 2. Designate Recipient of Offering: PDA for hurricane relief

3. Worship: Have the strategy team plan something small, 15 minutes.

4. Education – led by Strategy Team to give their report and have discussion around the tables.

5. Agenda – Time needs of committees, commissions, and others (**including Audrey Richert, Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation**)

**New Business**

1. TBD

**Adjournment with Closing Prayer**

Agenda:

South Sudan Mission Network – 10-15 minutes?

Council moderator – 2 minutes

Presbytery moderator – 5 minutes

Synod commissioner – 5 minutes

Treasurer – 10 minutes

Stated Clerk – 5 minutes

EP – 5 minutes

Admin and Finance – 15 minutes

COM – 10 minutes

CPM – no time, read the report

Nominating – 10 minutes

PW – no time

P&G – no time

Strategy Team – 30 minutes, after worship and before lunch

AC to Close Churches – 30 minutes

Audrey Richert – 5 minutes

Celebrations – before lunch, 5 minutes