

Presbytery of Southern Kansas
May 14, 2019
Report of Stated Clerk

The **quorum** of a Stated of Called (Special) Meeting of the Presbytery shall be ten percent of the eligible teaching elders and ruling elder commissioners provided that at least three teaching elders are present and three different churches are represented by duly elected ruling elder commissioners. (G-3.0304) (pp.11-12 Feb. 2013 PSK minutes) Our minimum number for a quorum of teaching elders and congregations represented is six of each.

Our presbytery voted on **amendments** to the Book of Order at our meeting February 9. In the time since, I have received voting reports of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) presbyteries. Of the 12 proposals, PSK approved eleven and disapproved one. The denomination has done the same, passing eleven and disapproving the same one.

The **Synod of Mid-America Stated Clerks** met on April 11 at the new Synod offices in Parkville, MO to review the **Presybtery Minutes**. Ours were received and approved.

On behalf of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas I received and recorded the information of the death of **Rev. Bert McCormick**, 87, a member of our presbytery at time of his death in Williamsburg, VA on April 9, 2019.

On April 29, a group of about 20 **retired ministers and spouses** met for a fellowship event at the Stearman Field Grill in Benton, Kansas. My wife Donna and I had organized this new beginning to a group which has met in the past for fellowship and shows interest in continuing to meet.

Since our last PSK meeting on February 9, I have visited and/or preached at Wichita Trinity, Larned, Great Bend, Ashland, Hutchinson, and Arkansas City Presbyterian churches.

Following the next presbytery meeting, August 13, 2019 at Great Bend First Presbyterian, I will be leading a **Session Minutes** review. This may be a good opportunity for **Clerks of Session** to bring minutes and membership rosters for review.

In answer to a recent question regarding the **terms of ruling elders**, the Book of Order (G-2.0404) directs that terms of elders and deacons shall be no longer than 3 years on the session or board of deacons but they are eligible for reelection according to congregational rule. It then directs that those who have served six consecutive years are not eligible for reelection to the same board for at least one year. However, the paragraph concludes, *"The presbytery may, upon written request and by majority vote, grant a congregation a waiver of this limitation on terms."*

Rev. James W. Anderson