

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas by Moderator, Rob Erickson.

The meeting opened with worship led by Sterling College students and faculty. Chaplain Ann Smith delivered the sermon.

As part of the Worship Service, Rob Erickson presented the 2007 Necrology Report.

Elders:

Agnes Marie Adams	Platte T. (Pete) Amstutz, Jr.	Jack Junior Banks
Oliver Bennett	Byron Bowers	Ila Brandt
Orville Clevenger	Wallace F. (Rusty) Davis	Helenann Dean
Gordon G. Dotzour	E. Bernetta Gartung	R.J. “Bob” Gilliland
Betty Glunt	Victor Green	William Grier
Vera Heffner	Robert Hille	Ralph Hinkle
E. Pauline Howe	Charles Klein	Guy Mack
Carol Meisenheimer	Barbara Dean Miller	Brenda Miller
Robert Noyes	Carroll Dean Parker	Martin Parks
Ruth Powell	Ann Pringle	Margaret Ray
Marilyn Peterson-Rundell	Leich Smith	Frank “Zeke” Stucky
Norma Stucky	Kathleen L. Thomas	Jack D. Vance
Richard K. “Dick” Welborn	Verna Young	

Ministers:

William Borst	William Brewer	William Soule
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Quorum Present

Each person must sign the attendance register for official attendance. Stated Clerk Rebecca New declared a quorum present according to Article V.5.4 of the Ecclesiastical Bylaws, which requires that “one-fourth of the minister members and the elder commissioners present, provided that one-fourth of the churches was represented.” Minister members: 83; Elder commissioners, 83.

Vouchers are available (the Presbytery pays \$20 toward motel costs and 20 cents/mile for travel.)

Opening Business

Moderator Rob Erickson called the Presbytery to order. Additional handouts for the meeting are available at the registration tables. Anyone wishing to speak on the floor should state his or her name and church. All comments should be directed to the moderator. Any motions should be submitted in writing and Robert’s Rules of Order will be followed.

Roll of Ministers Present

James Anderson	James Ayers	John Barkett	Jane Brigden-Graham
Don Calderwood	H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Rob Erickson
Gail Fisher	Laura Frazey	Richard Gorham	Thomas (Skip) Johnson
Roberta Karchner	Timothy Kim	Jeremiah Lange	Angela Madden
Steve Marsh	William McConnelee	John Mikow	Diane Monger
Elizabeth Morgan	William Mulford	Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup

William O'Connell	Kermit Oppriecht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick
Jesse Patrick	James Pitts	Ben Ray	Dick Reynolds
Tom Robson	Steve Saville	Loran Scott	Dennis Scheibmeir
Irving Simon	Anne Smith	Geoffrey Snook	Dale Snyder
Tim Soule	Seth Svaty	Don Waite	John Wilson
Robert Wyman			

Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Allen Beach	Eugene Blake	George Boone	Marcy Campbell
Larry Cracraft	Tom Church	David Clipson	Richard Daeschner
Chris Davis	Robert Duncan	Wiert Eekhoff	John Enwright
Larre Eschliman	Monty Fey	James Grant	Strother Gross
Gerald Hallberg	Ralph Hand	John Haspels	William Hastings
Robert Hazen	Anne Horton	Doug Kelly	Chris Kettler
Keith Koch	Margaret Lacy	Fred Lenk	William Long
Gordon Mackay	Bert McCormick	Paul Mueller	William Nelson
Patrick Notley	David Owens	Melissa Ramos	Thomas Rawlings
Charles Ross	Jack Singer	Alfred Spotts	Hal Staats
Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz	David Sweley	Steve Washburn
John Williams			

Roll of Ministers Absent

Charles Ayers	Tom Edwards	Roland Slater
Tom Oak	Jennifer Snook	Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin

Elder Commissioners Present

Cambridge, Carolyn Colburn; **Cherryvale**, Stella Blanchard; **Coffeyville**, Peggy Claybaugh; **Conway Springs**, Robert Fisher; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **Dodge City**; Jerry Whitaker; **Federated Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries, **Forest Park**, Chuck Conner; **Freeport**, Clyde W. Ghere; **Garden City**, Michael E. Collins; **Great Bend**, Carol Murphy; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Hopewell**, Grace A. Gates; **Hutch**, Bonnie Baker; **Independence**, Virginia Kelly; **Jetmore**, John Colburn; **Kingman**, Cleland McBurney; **Liberal**, Kenneth Thompson; **Marion**, Cathy Henderson; **McPherson**; Craig A. Gannon; **Newton**, Mary McGehee; **Parks**, Harold Myers; **Pratt**, Susan Schrepel; **Syracuse**, Pat Salter; **Viola**, Howard Means; **Wichita: Bethel**, John Davies; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Eastminster**, Jack Kirkham, John Moody, Suzanne Moody, Karen Crow, **First**, David Grisham, Joe Lang, **Southwest**, Howard W. Tice, **Trinity**, Glenn Shanahan, **Westwood**, Shirley Buchanan; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr; **Zenith**, Carol McNickle.

Elder Commissioners Absent

Arkansas City, Arlington, Ashland, Belle Plaine, Bucklin, Caldwell, Chase, Coffeyville, Coldwater, El Dorado, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Leoti, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Neodesha, Northminster, Spearville, Sterling, St. Luke, Tribune, Wellington, Wichita: Calvary, Covenant, Grace, Korean, Mt Vernon, St. Luke; Yates Center.

Council Members Present but not mentioned above

Fran Calderwood, Ken Coryell, Pete Kitch, Mary Knecht, Jeanette Marks, Sue Nispel.

Staff Members Present

Rachel Furry - Bookkeeper

Jan Lane – Administrative Assistant

Corresponding Members

Walter Okler – Presbyterian Foundation

John Robinson Jr., Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Cindy Wissinger - Church Development Corporation

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present

Kay Hull, Warren Wilbur

First Time Elders

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting

Vouchers – William Mulford, Thomas Robson

Visitors

There were 16 visitors registered for the meeting.

Docket

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket as presented.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Worship Offering to Mexico Mission Partnership	
9:50 a.m.	Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding Members; First-time Elders Introduced; Appointment of Temporary Committees; Approval of Docket.	Rob Erickson, Moderator
9:55 a.m.	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	John Robinson Jr.
11:15 a.m.	Dismiss for lunch	
12:30 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
12:35 p.m.	General Presbyter Report	Don Owens

1:00 p.m.	Council Reports (C) Budget and Finance	Sue Nispel Ken Coryell
1:30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Karen Raines
1:55 p.m.	Nominations Committee (O)	Fran Calderwood
2:05 p.m.	Synod Commissioner	Jack Singer
2:15 p.m.	BREAK	
2:35 p.m.	Stewardship & Mission	Mary Knecht
2:50 p.m.	Community Outreach (F)	Diane Monger
3:00 p.m.	Camping Committee (P)	Pete Kitch
3:15 p.m.	Congregational Ministries (G)	Jeanette Marks
3:35 p.m.	Unfinished business/Arrested reports Report of Temporary Committee	
3:45 p.m.	Adjourn	

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Don Owens, General Presbyter, introduced John Robinson from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Mr. Robinson presented a power point overview of the mission statement/goals/functioning of PDA and the financial support needed by PDA. He highlighted the work done by PDA in 2007 and continuing into 2008 specifically in the gulf port areas of the United States. Youth mission teams, as well as Father/Son work camps, are planned for this summer in these gulf port regions. He advised those present that PDA would be conducting Response Team Training in Kansas in July 2008.

The Presbytery broke for lunch.

Stated Clerk

Changes in membership from November 13, 2007.
Received from other PCUSA Presbyteries
James O. Pitts III (Muskingum Valley)

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of February 12, 2008 with additions:
Page 5, line 15, change date to March 16, 2008.
Page 8, line 10, addition of student name, Paul Bamell.

Guest Speaker

Don Owens presented Tona Turner, United Way of Reno County, KS. Ms. Turner spoke to the disaster relief provided by the Presbytery of Southern Kansas during the ice storms of January 2008. The Presbytery provided \$10,000.00 that was used for clean up and to employ three persons for additional clean up projects.

General Presbyter

Don Owens reported that Presbytery of Southern Kansas would be forming a Disaster Recovery Team. Persons interested should submit their names to Jan Lane, Administrative Assistant. Those interested would be contacted to participate in the training provided by PDA in July 2008.

Don presented the following churches with Certificates of Achievement for their reported membership growth in 2007:

Presbyterian Church of Cambridge	First Presbyterian Church of Derby
First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend	St. Marks Presbyterian Church of Haysville
First Presbyterian Church of Larned	First Presbyterian Church of McPherson
St. Luke Presbyterian Church of Newton	Presbyterian Church of Pratt
Federated Community Church of Spearville	Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Wichita
Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church of Wichita	Westwood Presbyterian Church of Wichita

Council

Sue Nispel, Council Moderator, announced that Council had accepted the invitation from First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS to host the Presbytery meeting on June 17, 2008.

Rob Erickson, Council Nominating Sub-Committee, presented the following slate of nominees for election to the Presbytery Nominations Committee.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed to elect the following:

Irving Simon MC09	Keith Koch MC10
Carol Murphy EF10	Mary Ellen Garver EF08

A motion prevailed to allow the First Presbyterian Church of Newton to enter into an agreement with Waldinger Corporation of Wichita, KS., for \$160,000.00 to replace the HVAC system in the church. The Waldinger Corporation will provide financing at 4%. First Presbyterian Church Session has voted to accept this bid. Other bids were submitted but were above the bid accepted. PSK Board of Trustees has reviewed this request. Terms of the financing will be presented at the Presbytery Meeting in June.

Sub-Committee: Budget and Finance

A motion prevailed for first reading to change the Presbytery of Southern Kansas Operating Manual to allow the amount of reimbursement for lodging to be left blank and voted on yearly.

Manual of Operations Article 11.5 Payment of Program Costs and Reimbursements

b. Stated Meetings of the presbytery: Commissioners to Presbytery shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend those meetings, at the following rates:

MILEAGE: As approved by the presbytery during the Budget cycle and in accordance with IRS guidelines (round trip). 2006p25

LODGING: As approved by the presbytery during the Budget cycle.

Ken Coryell reported that the March 2008 Financial Reports indicate that Pledged Shared Mission giving was less in pledges from 2007.

Committee on Ministry

Items for Information:

- 1) A Triennial Visit was conducted at First Presbyterian Church in Halstead
- 2) The Reverend Roland Slater has been added to list of those available for pulpit supply
- 3) An exit interview was held with The Reverend Patrick Notley
- 4) An exit interview was held with Session of First Presbyterian Church of Great Bend

Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery:

- 1) Approve contract between Diane Massy and First Presbyterian Church of Coffeyville, KS.
- 2) Permission given to Bethel Presbyterian Church of Wichita, KS to form a Pastor Nominating Committee

Actions Recommended to Presbytery:

A motion prevailed:

- To approve Diane Massey as Commissioned Lay Pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Coffeyville (G-14.0562 *Book of Order*)

A Service of Commissioning for Diane Massey was conducted by Rob Erickson, Moderator.

Nominating Committee

The Moderator declared the following positions as vacant:

Moderator Elect 2008
Community Outreach Committee 09 MC

The committee presents the following name for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed to elect the following:

Camping Committee
FC 2008 1: Anne Horton

Community Outreach

Diane Monger asked churches with membership of 100 and less to submit an application to the committee if they were interested in receiving assistance from the account established through funds received from the Harper Parrish.

She also asked that as the committee begins the budget process for 2009 they would welcome any church/individual with new ministry suggestions submit those for consideration.

Diane reminded the attendees that the Peace Making Conference scholarship funds were available for various conferences like the Peace Making Conference or the Burning Bush Conference. If interested, persons may contact Diane for an application.

Congregational Ministries

Jeanette Marks introduced Nora Coryell. Nora reminded the attendees that the Presbyterian Womens Gathering is Saturday, April 13, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita. Nora has registration forms with her today.

Jeanette introduced Pam and Gary Evans. Pam discussed the Prayer Quilt Ministry taking place at the First Presbyterian Church of Derby. Prayer quilts are created by the women of the church and distributed when the need arises within the congregation of the church. The quilts are dedicated during worship and following services, the knots of the quilt are tied by all congregational members present. Quilts go to members experiencing terminal or chronic illness. It is a way to reach out to those members who, because of their illness, feel isolated from their home church.

Bill O'Connell was introduced to discuss the ALPHA program. ALPHA is a ten week Lay lead introduction to the Christian faith for non-Christians, seekers, and the nominal Christians. The format of the program is for those assembled to share a meal, watch a video and then break out

into discussion groups. For those wanting to learn more, an overview will be presented on Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to noon by Jeff Kirby and Kirk Wulff at the First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson. The Congregational Ministries Committee will provide, free of cost, the set of ALPHA videos to the first twelve churches that commit to using ALPHA within their congregations in the next year.

Stewardship and Mission

Mary Knecht reminded those assembled that the Presbytery had approved establishment of a partnership with the Northern Mexico Presbytery. The Reverend Ramon Garcia, Executive Presbyter of Northern Mexico, will be in Kansas beginning June 17, 2008 for a tour of southern Kansas.

Mary introduced David Earle, Director of Development and Church Relations for Sterling College. He spoke of the student participation and fund raising being done to support various mission trips this summer. He asked that the Presbyterian churches in Southern Kansas continue to direct students to Sterling College.

Mary introduced Hank Lederle, Director of Missions for Sterling College who elaborated on the tasks the students will be doing on their mission trips this summer. Students will visit AIDs victims in orphanages, do construction, and participate in street mission within the international community.

Mary introduced Dr. Bruce Douglas, President of Sterling College. Dr. Douglas spoke about the increasing enrollment at Sterling College. He explained the ongoing capital campaign to upgrade campus facilities and technology.

Camping Committee

Motion prevailed to serve the Lord's Supper during the 2008 summer camp sessions at Westminster Woods.

Two Sterling College students, John Hoefler and Christina Cheyney were introduced. They both gave testimonies to what they gained through their experiences at Westminster Woods and their excitement at being part of the summer camp counseling staff in 2008.

Announcements

Seth Svaty thanked those participating for the used books they brought to Presbytery. He will send out a notice about the upcoming Book Sale the last full week of April. The sale of the books will be used to support a mission trip of Sterling college students that he is leading this summer to Kenya.

Kermit Opprieht invited the Presbytery to a Town Hall meeting to be held May 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Eastminster church. Dr. Don McCurry will speak on “Jesus in the Muslim World”.

Jim Anderson announced that the junior high youth from the First Presbyterian Church of Newton visited the Heifer farm and as a result of that visit raised \$5,000.00 to purchase from Heifer an Ark. An Ark consists of two of each kind of animal the Heifer organization offers.

Jim Anderson reminded the audience of the pastor school held July 9-16, 2008, at Hastings College. Applications are available online.

Cathy Northrup invited the Presbytery to join the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita for the dedication of their pipe organ on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Sue Nispel spoke of her recent trip to Thailand and her visit to an orphanage sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. She will be leaving next week for a mission trip with Beyond Borders to northern Mexico. The group will meet with women in Mexico to discuss immigration, low pay, and the kidnapping/trafficking of young women.

Mary Knecht reminded those in attendance that Jim Thurman, Presbyterian Children Services, will speak on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Those interested should call for reservations.

Tim Soule announced that on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., the First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson will dedicate the new facilities built to ensure accessibility to the church. He also invited the Presbytery to the Blessing of the Field, to be held near Inman and McPherson, on May 4, 2008. These fields will be used to grow crops with the intent of being sold at harvest and funds donated to the Food Resource Bank, sponsored by Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Anyone interested in the Food Resource Bank may contact Pastor Soule.

Unfinished Business

Temporary Committee Report

A motion prevailed to pay \$1262.88 in vouchers as presented.

Worship Service offering for Northern Mexico partnership was \$688.00.

Presbytery will be held June 17, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita.
Council will meet May 20, 2008.

Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer.

Rebecca New
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane
Journal Clerk