

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS by Moderator, Rev. Rob Erickson.

The meeting opened with worship led by Rev. Steven M. Marsh, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

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	John Barnum
Shirley Barnum	Amy Baumgartner	Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood
Larry Cracraft	H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Robert Duncan
Thomas Edwards	Rob Erickson	Gail Fisher	Laura Frazey
Richard Gorham	Strother Gross	Anne Horton	Thomas (Skip) Johnson
Roberta Karchner	Keith Koch	Jeremiah Lange	Steve Marsh
William McConnelee	John Mikow	Diane Monger	Paul Mueller
William Mulford	Rebecca New	Tom Oak	William O’Connell
Kermit Opprieht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick
James Pitts	Ben Ray	Tom Robson	Steve Saville
Loran Scott	Dennis Scheibmeir	Irving Simon	Jack Singer
Tim Soule	Seth Svaty	Don Waite	John Wilson
Robert Wyman			

Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	Allen Beach	Eugene Blake
George Boone	Tom Church	David Clipson	Richard Daeschner
Chris Davis	Wiert Eekhoff	John Enwright	Larre Eschliman
Monty Fey	James Grant	Gerald Hallberg	Ralph Hand
John Haspels	William Hastings	Doug Kelly	Christian Kettler
Margaret Lacy	Fred Lenk	William Long	Bert McCormick
Gordon Mackay	Angela Madden	Elizabeth Morgan	William Nelson
Catherine Northrup	David Owens	Melissa Ramos	Thomas Rawlings
Dick Reynolds	Charles Ross	Roland Slater	Anne Smith
Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts	Hal Staats	Judith Steele
Dawn Swartz	David Sweley	Steve Washburn	John Williams

Roll of Ministers Absent

Charles Ayers	Gary Johnson	Timothy Kim	Patrick Notley
Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin	

Elder Commissioners Present

Anthony, Grace Gates; **Arkansas City**, Paula Steinbacher; **Cambridge**, Carolyn Colburn; **Cherryvale**, Stella Blanchard; **Coffeyville**, Phyllis M. Shivers; **Conway Springs**, Bob Fisher; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **Forest Park**, James Hasler; **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Garden City**, Ronnie Major; **Great Bend**, Stuart Hutchison; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Hutch**: Bonnie Baker; **Jetmore**, Everett Webb; **Kingman**, Sam Graham; **Larned**, H.A. Smith; **Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries, **McPherson**; Craig A. Gannon; **Newton**, Patricia Randall; **Pratt**, Susan Schrepel; **Sterling**: Fran Calderwood; **Wellington**: Gloria A. Klima; **Wichita**: **Bethel**, John Davies; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Covenant**: Danny Bardezbain; **Eastminster**, Kenneth Juell, William Chesnut, Barbara Lawrence, Louis Jacobs; **First**, Jim Graves, David Grisham; **Grace**, Francis Ekengren, Hunt Parker; **Mt. Vernon**: Corinine Kirkhart; **Southwest**, Richard Baker; **St. Luke**: Billy Henline; **Trinity**, Glenn Shanahan; **Westwood**, Grace Sadio; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr; **Zenith**, Carol McNickle

Elder Commissioners Excused

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Elder Commissioners Absent

Arlington, Ashland, Belle Plaine, Bucklin, Caldwell, Chase, Coldwater, Dodge City, El Dorado, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Independence, Kingsdown, Lakin, Leoti, Liberal, Lyons, Marion, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, Parks, Spearville, St. Luke, Syracuse, Tribune, Viola, Wichita: Calvary, Korean, Yates Center.

Council Members Present but not mentioned above

Fran Calderwood, Ken Coryell, Mary Knecht, Sue Nispel, Karen Raines, Bill Ward

Staff Members Present

Rachel Furry - Bookkeeper
Jan Lane – Administrative Assistant
Brian Wheeler – Director of Camping Ministries

Corresponding Members

Nancy Kahaian – Wasbash Valley Presbytery
C. Ernest Williams – Mission Presbytery

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present

Kay Hull, Diane Massey, Don Tapp, Warren Wilbur

First Time Elders

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting

Vouchers – Ken Coryell, Evelyn Calderwood

Visitors

There were 20 visitors registered for the meeting.

Docket

A motion prevailed to adopt an amended docket as presented.

Proposed Docket
Tuesday, August 26, 2008

9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Worship, Installation of Moderator Elect, Reverend Angela Madden	
10:00 a.m.	BREAK (move to the Fireside Room)	
10:15 a.m.	Opening business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding Members; Seating of first-time Elders; Appointment of Temporary Committee; Approval of Docket	
10:25 a.m.	Stewardship and Mission Interpretation	Mary Knecht
11:00 a.m.	Council Budget and Finance	Sue Nispel Ken Coryell
12:00	LUNCH (deadline for New Business)	
1:00 p.m.	Focus on Worship/New Trends	Craig Littlejohn Faith Visuals, Inc
2:30 p.m.	General Presbyter	Don Owens
3:00 p.m.	General Assembly Commissioners: Ben Ray, Mary Knecht, Jan Lutrell and Arlene Patrick	
3:40 p.m.	BREAK (Return to the Sanctuary. <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> : food and drinks are not allowed in the Sanctuary)	
4:00 p.m.	Nominations Committee (O)	Fran Calderwood
4:10 p.m.	Community Outreach (F)	Diane Monger
4:20 p.m.	Camping Committee (P)	Pete Kitch
4:30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Karen Raines
5:00 p.m.	Church Order	Steve Marsh
5:10 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
5:15 p.m.	Unfinished business/Arrested reports Report of Temporary Committee	
5:20 p.m.	Adjourn	

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation

Mary Knecht explained that the 2009 Presbytery budget is \$40,000 greater than the 2008 budget. Rather than enter the “slash the budget” mind set, the Council decided to go to the congregations and explain the situation. A letter was sent to each Session asking them to allow a Council member to show a power point presentation and discuss the shared mission giving needs. One-half of the churches are currently scheduled to have a member of Council visit their Session and discuss these shared mission projects.

Mary Knecht previewed, for the Presbytery, the power point, “Don’t be the Missing Piece”, a presentation outlining the shared mission projects supported by the Presbytery in 2009. In conjunction, pledge cards will be sent to each church.

Thomas “Skip” Johnson, pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, presented Mary Knecht with a check for \$10,000 from members of his congregation to support one of those shared mission programs, the Presbyteries of Northern Mexico.

Council

Sue Nispel reported that Council met on July 8, 2008 to finalize the Presbytery’s budget. It was decided that the Council, Stewardship and Mission and Community Outreach committees would travel to the various churches presenting the message of the shared mission projects.

The Board of Trustees reminds churches that this year their insurance policies will be reviewed as part of the Session records review procedure. It was pointed out that earlier problems with Covenant insurance should now be resolved but if a church needed help John Prange was present today at the Presbytery meeting.

Sue Nispel reminded those present that their congregations need to be prepared to vote on General Assembly items. In order to ensure that congregations are informed as to those General Assembly items, Sue has appointed a Task Force who will study and present those items requiring a vote. Members of the Task Force are 2008 General Assembly Commissioners:

Ben Ray
Arlene Patrick
Jan Luttrell
Mary Knecht

Rebecca New, Resource
Sue Nispel, Moderator

Budget and Finance

Ken Coryell reviewed the Treasurer’s Report submitted by John Goss.

Ken Coryell reviewed the 2009 proposed budget.

Budget items were highlighted:

Per capita for 2009 would be \$24.00 per person
The budget goal for shared mission is \$420,000

\$15,000 received as investment interest is projected for 2009
Travel reimbursement will remain the same at 20 cents per mile
Cost of overnight lodging will increase in 2009 to \$30.00 per night per commissioner
The percentage allocation of shared mission giving between Synod, General Assembly and Presbytery will remain the same
The cash operating balance for 2008 will be reduced to zero by the end of the year
From the Presbytery's percentage allocation, the funds in the Presbytery's reserve is used to pay per capita for churches who do not pay by the end of the year
The 2009 budget reflects that an end-of-year reserve amount of \$60,000 to ensure that bills and salaries are paid

Members of the Presbytery raised questions concerning the proposed budget.

A motion prevailed to set the 2009 per capita at \$24.00 per member.

A motion prevailed to approve the 2009 Shared Mission goal of \$420,000.

A motion prevailed to approve for 2009 the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.20/mile.

A motion prevailed to approve for 2009 a lodging reimbursement rate of \$30.00 per night.

A motion prevailed that the 2009 the shared mission allocations remain the same. (GA 30%, Synod 8.5% and Presbytery 61.5%).

A motion prevailed to direct the Presbytery in 2009 to support Westminster Woods at an amount of \$95,000

The motion on the floor was to approve, for 2009, a change in per capita allocation would fix the Cash Operating Balance minimum at \$60,000 at close of year. Discussion ensued.

An amendment to this motion was presented. The amendment presented was: "For 2009, a change in per capita allocation would fix the Cash Operating Balance minimum at \$73,900 at close of year." Discussion ensued. Motion to amend was defeated.

A second amendment to the original motion was presented. The amendment presented was: "If, for whatever reason, a church withholds per capita for any entity (Synod, Presbytery, or General Assembly) that amount would not be paid by the Presbytery at the close of the year." Discussion ensued. A change to the wording of the second amendment was proposed, but that change in wording was ruled out of order.

A motion prevailed to postpone further discussion on the second amendment and original motion until the November 11, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

The Presbytery broke for lunch.

A motion prevailed to accept the draft budget for 2009 as presented by the Council.

Ken Coryell presented the Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants, conducted by Kirkpatrick, Sprecker & Co., LLP for the Presbytery for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. The accounting firm reviewed the statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances arising from cash receipts and disbursements of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2007. Based on their review, there were no material modifications that should be made to the accompanying 2007 financial statement.

General Presbyter's Report

Don Owens read a letter from the Omaha Pastor's School thanking William Mulford for his years serving on the Board of Trustees for the school.

A motion prevailed to approve Seth Svaty's application to the Board of Pension for seminary indebtedness relief.

A motion prevailed to approve a grant application by the Presbyterian Women of Eastminster Presbyterian Church to the Presbyterian Women PCUSA to receive "Thank Offering" proceeds for the Wichita, KS area Rescue Mission.

Nancy Kahaian, Interim Executive to the Synod of Mid America, was introduced. She announced that the Synod has formed a Mission Study Task Force. Angela Madden and Dick Reynolds will serve on that Task Force.

Don Owens shared his thoughts about the year 2009, by asking the audience to consider, along with members of their congregations, "Are you satisfied with where your church is going?" "Are you satisfied with where your Presbytery is going?" He reminded the audience of the content of the various Core Value Studies being presented to churches within the Presbytery.

Report of the General Assembly Commissioners

A General Assembly Report written by Youth Delegate, Cindy Eschliman, was read by Mary Knecht. General Assembly Reports and pictures of the event were presented by GA Commissioners, Arlene Patrick, Ben Ray, Jan Luttrell and Mary Knecht.

Nominating Committee

Rob Erickson, Moderator, declared the following positions vacant:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Cheryl Sweley FE 09
Synod Commissioner	David Sweley MC 09

The committee presents the following names for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed to elect the following:

Committee on Church Order	Mary Dusenberry FE 09
Synod Commissioner	Jesse Patrick MC 09

She also reminded those present that there were "Recommendation Forms" on the tables. These are to be used to suggest a name of a person to serve on a committee of the Presbytery.

Community Outreach

Diane Monger reported that there is \$2,000.00 remaining in the Harper Parish funds. Congregations of fewer than 100 members should submit their applications, for use of these funds, to Diane Monger as moderator of the committee.

Camping Committee

Dennis Schbmeier, pastor of First Presbyterian Church Larned, shared about his experiences as a first time “Pastor of the Week” at Westminster Woods Camp this summer. He relayed that the Youth attending the camp reported that their favorite part of their camping experience was worship time. He referred to Westminster Woods Camp as “an investment in the future.”

Brian Wheeler, Director of Camping Ministries, extended the invitation to those present to visit Westminster Woods during the month of June to see how the camp functions during their busiest time of year. He also reported that one of the two new cabins was used this summer and the second cabin will be ready for a retreat scheduled at the camp in October.

Jeremiah Lange, pastor of Marion Presbyterian Church, shared his experience from this summer as “Pastor of the Week” for the Senior High Camp at Westminster Woods. This year the “Ask a Pastor” box took on a whole new dimension. Pastor Lange was present at the Westminster Woods Chapel Thurs night from 11:00 p.m.- 2:00 a.m. to discuss theological questions raised by the campers.

The Presbytery took a break.

Committee on Ministry

Karen Raines reviewed the committee’s actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery:

- Approved a contract between Forest Park Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson and The Reverend C. Ernest Williams as temporary supply.
- Approved a contract between First Presbyterian Church of Freeport and Richard Busby as temporary supply.
- Approved a contract between First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell and Robert Barrett as temporary supply.
- Appointed The Reverend Roland Slater to moderate the session of First Presbyterian Church of Lyons.
- Appointed The Reverend Roberta Karchner to moderate the session of Holcomb Community Church.

Recommendations to the Presbytery:

A motion prevailed to approve the Installation of The Reverend Gary Johnson as Associate Pastor for Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Wichita on Sunday, September 14, at 3:30 p.m.

Installation Commission will be:

The Reverends:

Rob Erickson, Moderator

Steven Marsh

Cathy Northrup

Elder Frances Calderwood, United Presbyterian Church of Sterling

Elder Ken Coryell, First Presbyterian Church of Derby
Elder Jim W. Crawford, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita

A motion prevailed that the Presbytery of Southern Kansas receive Amy Dame as a member of the Presbytery upon confirmation from the clerk of Transylvania Presbytery indicating she has successfully completed her examination for ordination and her service of ordination.

C. Ernest Williams from the Mission Presbytery was introduced. He presented his statement of faith and answered questions from the Book of Order.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination of C. Ernest Williams.

A motion prevailed to receive C. Ernest Williams of the Mission Presbytery into the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

A motion prevailed to accept the Terms of Call for The Reverend C. Ernest Williams for post- retirement service as Interim Pastor of Forest Park Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson for a period not to exceed one year with the following terms:

1. Salary	\$31,000
2. Manse provided	0
3. Utility allowance	3,000
4. Pension and medical	vacancy dues
5. Moving expenses	actual expenses
6. Car allowance	2,500
7. Continuing Education	1,000
Study leave of 3 1/2 days per quarter	
Vacation leave of 1 week per quarter	

Amy Dame from the Presbytery of Transylvania was introduced. She presented her statement of faith and answered questions from the Book of Order.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination of Amy Dame.

A motion prevailed to receive Amy Dame into the Presbytery of Southern Kansas dependent upon completion of her ordination examination September 9, 2008, at the Presbytery of Transylvania.

A motion prevailed to accept the Terms of Call for Amy Dame, upon her ordination at the Presbytery of Transylvania, as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson with the following terms:

1. Salary	\$28,000
2. Housing	12,000
3. Pension and Medical	full pension participation
4. Car allowance	1,500
5. Book allowance	1,000
Study leave of 2 weeks per year	
Vacation leave of 1 month per year	

A motion prevailed to approve the Installation of The Reverend Amy Dame as Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, KS on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Installation Commission will be:

The Reverends:

Rob Erickson, Moderator

Tim Soule

Arlene Patrick

Elder Todd Ray, First Presbyterian Church Hutchinson

Elder Fran Calderwood, United Presbyterian Church, Sterling

Elder Cheryl Canfield, Forest Park Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson

A motion prevailed to approve the minimum salaries for full-time pastors for 2009 as follows:

\$36,299 for combined salary and housing

\$27,500 salary if manse is provided

\$500 continuing education

2 weeks study leave

4 weeks vacation

Church Order

Steve Marsh reported to the Presbytery that Session Records Review for 2008 have been held on:

August 16, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Arkansas City

August 23, 10 a.m. at Westwood Presbyterian Church of Wichita

Further reviews will be held on:

September 6, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Dodge City

September 13, 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson

A motion prevailed to approve the first reading the following:

1. First reading revision of Manual of Operations **5.5 Location and Time of Stated Meetings of Presbytery** as follows:
 - Presbytery shall set the place of stated meetings upon recommendation of the Presbytery Council. ~~Unless otherwise ordered by the Presbytery or Presbytery Council, all two-day Stated meetings of the Presbytery shall begin at 1:00 p.m. on the first day and at 9:00 a.m. on the second day. 1996p23~~
 - ~~That unless ordered by the Presbytery or Presbytery Council, Stated meetings of the Presbytery shall be held on the following days and at such places as the Presbytery shall designate:~~
 - a. ~~Tuesday/Wednesday of the week containing February 15; the Lord's Supper shall be celebrated at this meeting.~~
 - b. ~~In May on the first Saturday.~~
 - c. ~~In September on the second Saturday.~~
 - d. ~~Tuesday of the week following Thanksgiving.~~

Congregational Ministries

The Presbytery heard a report from members of the Presbytery Youth Council – Laura Hodson, Paula Steinbaucher, Kelly Whitesell, Hannah Whitesell and Kayla Ragan, current Moderator for the Youth Council. The youth reported on upcoming events: Work camp at Westminster Woods and Sleepless in Sterling youth retreat. This retreat will feature the nationally know band, *Lost and Found*.

Bill O’Connell presented information about the Pastors and Church Educators Seminar to be held January 12-16, 2009 at the Cross Winds Conference Center, Hesston. Featured speakers are Rev. Earl Palmer, Minister of University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington and Ed McNulty, minister, author and film maker. Two scholarships have been designed for this conference. If you need more information a pamphlet is available or you can call Bill O’Connell.

Nora Coryell invited all women to the Presbyterian Women’s 2008 Fall Gathering to be held September 30, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church, Derby; October 2, 2008 at Westminster Woods Camp and October 9, 2008 at Pratt Presbyterian Church. Featured speaker for this even will be Sue Nispel. An invitation, with the flyer, have been mailed to all churches within PSK.

Stated Clerk’s Report

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

Dates and locations for the 2009 Presbytery meeting were announced:

2009 Presbytery Meeting Dates and Locations

January 31, 2009	(Saturday)	Trinity Presbyterian Church
March 31, 2009	(Tuesday)	First Presbyterian Church Arkansas City
June 9, 2009	(Tuesday)	TBA
August 25, 2009	(Tuesday)	First Presbyterian Church El Dorado
November 10, 2009	(Tuesday)	Presbyterian Church of Pratt

A motion prevailed to approve these dates and locations.

Temporary Committee Report

A motion prevailed to pay \$690.68 in vouchers as presented

Worship Service offering for the Presbyteries of Northern Mexico partnership was \$683.00.

Presbytery will be held November 11, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, KS.

Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer.

Rebecca New
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane
Journal Clerk