

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2009, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wichita, by Moderator, Rev. Rob Erickson.

The meeting opened with worship led by Geoffrey Snook.

### 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: 82; Elder commissioners, 82.

Vouchers are available (the Presbytery pays \$30 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

Keith Allison	James Anderson	Charles Ayers	James Ayers
John Barkett	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum	Amy Baumgartner
Allen Beach	Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood	Larry Cracraft
Amy Dame	H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Robert Duncan
Rob Erickson	Gail Fisher	Laura Frazey	Dick Gorham
Strother Gross	Gerald Hallberg	Anne Horton	Gary Johnson
Roberta Karchner	Doug Kelly	Timothy Kim	Keith Koch
Jeremiah Lange	Gordon Mackay	Angela Madden	Steve Marsh
William McConnelee	John Mikow	Diane Monger	William Mulford
Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup	William O’Connell	Kermit Opprieht
Don Owens	Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick	James Pitts
Ben Ray	Tom Robson	Steve Saville	Loran Scott
Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Tim Soule	Seth Svaty
Don Waite	Steve Washburn	C. Ernest Williams	John Wilson
Paul Wissink	Robert Wyman		

### Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Eugene Blake	George Boone	Tom Church
David Clipson	Richard Daeschner	Chris Davis	Wiert Eekhoff
Larre Eschliman	John Enwright	Monty Fey	James Grant
Ralph Hand	John Haspels	William Hastings	Thomas “Skip” Johnson
Christian Kettler	Margaret Lacy	Fred Lenk	William Long
Bert McCormick	Elizabeth Morgan	Paul Mueller	William Nelson
Tom Oak	David Owens	Melissa Ramos	Thomas Rawlings
H. Dick Reynolds	Charles Ross	Dennis Scheibmeir	Jack Singer
Roland Slater	Anne Smith	Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts
Hal Staats	Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz	David Sweley
John Williams			

### **Roll of Ministers Absent**

Tom Edwards                      Irving Simon                      Scott Solether                      Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin

### **Elder Commissioners Present**

**Arkansas City**, Robert Barrett; **Ashland**, Terrie T. Luckie; **Caldwell**, Michelle Schiltz; **Cambridge**, Carolyn Colburn; **Chase**, Jon Linville; **Cherryvale**, Stella Blanchard; **Coffeyville**, Phyllis M. Shivers; **Conway Springs**, Truman Shinn; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **El Dorado**, Ronnie L. Major; **Forest Park**, Cheryl Canfield; **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Great Bend**, Dan Bonine; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Hutch**: Rick Roberts; **Independence**, Virginia Kelly; **Kingman**, Lorene DaVries; **Leoti**, Sue Schwindt; **Lyons**, Estelle Reed; **Marion**: Mary Ford; **McPherson**; Craig A. Gannon; **Newton**, Patricia Randall; **Northminster**, Marilyn Swearn; **Pratt**, Susan Schrepel; **St. Luke**, Robin McDaniel; **Sterling**: Robert W. Gordon; **Viola**, Howard Means; **Wellington**: Beverle Knoepfel; **Wichita: Bethel**, Robert Beston; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Calvary**, Phyllis MacKay; **Covenant**: June Almes; **Eastminster**, John Moody, Pete Kitch, William Chesnut, William Hendrix; **First**, Gerry Winters, William Buchanan; **Grace**, Richard Ney, H. Parker; **Southwest**, Richard Baker; **St. Luke**: Billy Henline; **Trinity**, Glenn Shanahan; **Westwood**, Shannon Rooney; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr; **Zenith**, Carol McNickle

### **Elder Commissioners Absent**

Anthony, Arlington, Belle Plaine, Bucklin, Coldwater, Dodge City, Garden City, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Liberal, Mayfield, Medicine Lodge, Neodesha, Parks, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune, Wichita: Korean, Mt. Vernon, Yates Center.

### **Council Members Present but not mentioned above**

Ken Coryell, Ray Jones, Mary Knecht, Jeanette Marks, Sue Nispel

### **Staff Members Present**

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

### **Corresponding Members**

Mary Carol Perrott – Los Ranchos Presbytery  
Walter Okler – Presbyterian Foundation  
Robson Birva – Pakistan

### **Commissioned Lay Pastors Present**

Kay Hull, Diane Massey, Craig Mead, Warren Wilbur

### **Other Ministers**

Richard Busby

### **First Time Elders**

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

### **Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting**

Vouchers – Ken Coryell, Ernie Hull

### Visitors

There were 27 visitors registered for the meeting.

### Docket

**A motion prevailed** to amend the proposed docket allowing the Trinity Presbyterian Children's Bell Choir to perform at 1:00 p.m.

## AGENDA For January 31, 2009

9:00 am	Opening Worship	
9:30 am	Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding Members; First-time Elders introduced; Appointment of Temporary Committees; Approval of Docket.	
9:35 am	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
9:40 am	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (K)	Jay Ayers
10:00 am	Council (C) Budget and Finance	Sue Nispel Ken Coryell
11:00 pm	Committee on Ministry (H)	Ray Jones
12:00 pm	LUNCH (deadline for New Business)	
1:00 pm	Trinity Presbyterian Church Children's Bell Choir	
1:10 pm	Church Order (L)	Steve Marsh
2:10 pm	Nominating Committee (O)	Fran Calderwood
2:20 pm	Stewardship & Mission	Mary Knecht
2:30 pm	Camping Committee (P)	Jeremiah Lange
2:40 pm	Congregational Ministries (G)	Jeanette Marks
2:50 pm	Unfinished business/Arrested Reports Report of Temporary Committee	
3:00 pm	Worship, Installation of Moderator	Rob Erickson
4:30 pm	Adjourn, to the reception	

## Stated Clerk's Report

Clerk Rebecca New reported:

Membership changes from November 11, 2008

Received from other PCUSA Presbyteries  
Scott Solether, Whitewater Valley

In accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-11.0101b, the membership of this presbytery as of December 31, 2007 is: Minister Members 99; Elder Commissioners 82. (Seventeen minister members are not active in the life of the presbytery and their membership is not used in reaching equalization for 2009). As nearly as possible, the number of minister members and elder commissioners has been equalized: minister members 81; elder commissioners, 82.

Organized churches 66

Commissioned Lay Pastors 5 (G-14.0801c5)

Churches with more than 500 members (G-0101a) eligible for additional commissioners:

Eastminster	4
Grace	1
First, Wichita	1

Elder commissioners by virtue of office: Fran Calderwood, Ken Coryell, Ray Jones, Mary Knecht, Jeanette Marks,

**Motion prevailed** to accept the minutes of November 11, 2008.

### Committee on Preparation for Ministry

PSK Inquirer, Deb Schmidt, was introduced. She answered questions on her journey as an Inquirer.

**Motion prevailed** to change Deb Schmidt's status within the presbytery from Inquirer to Candidate.

### Council Reports

Sue Nispel presented the report from the PSK Board of Trustees.

Motion prevailed to give permission to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Ashland to sell the property formerly used as the manse. The legal description is: Lots Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12), Block Twenty-seven (27), Original Town of Ashland, Clark County, Kansas. The property may be sold with the approval of the congregation, and for an amount not less than \$50,000.

Sue Nispel announced that the PC(USA) Form of Government Task Force has met and designed a process for study and comment to be submitted to General Assembly by June 1, 2009. The Task Force is inviting individuals and sessions/congregation to participate in this study. Additional information and discussion will be highlighted at the Presbytery meeting March 31, 2009.

Sue Nispel reported that the 2009 Shared Mission presentation to the PSK churches was well received by the congregations. She reminded us that the 2009 PSK budget was set based on a commitment to increase the Shared Mission giving in 2009.

### **Treasurer's Report**

John Goss reviewed the presbytery's finances as of close of business December 31, 2008. John answered questions from the floor and discussed the decreased value of the investments which comprise PSK's reserve funds.

### **Budget and Finance**

Ken Coryell presented the review of the Budget and Finance Committee including:

- The Shared Mission Commitments for 2009 were reviewed
- Review of the historical changes to investment from June-Dec 2008
- Fund balance remaining with Church Development Corporation

Don Owens reported that thirty churches have submitted their 2009 Shared Mission pledges. He reported that the First Presbyterian Church of Derby has donated \$13,000 to support the Shared Mission projects associated with Brotherhood Presbyterian Church. The First Presbyterian Church of Liberal has agreed to hold four special fund raising events to support other Shared Mission projects. Other churches have increased their Shared Mission pledges.

Ken Coryell reviewed the 2009 budget approved by the presbytery on November 11, 2008.

Budget and Finance Committee placed the motion before the body that PSK maintain a balanced budget for 2009 without withdrawing from contingency or designated restricted funds. **Amended motion prevailed** that PSK will maintain a balanced budget for 2009 without withdrawing from designated restricted funds.

Budget and Finance Committee placed the motion before the body that, PSK change the funding priorities to place mission support first. The checking account balance should generally not fall below \$20,000. Any voucher that would reduce the checking account below \$20,000 must be reviewed by the Moderator of the Budget and Finance Committee.

- First priority for payment: shared mission vouchers (Community Outreach Committee, Synod mission and General Assembly mission)
- Second priority for payment: support staff salaries and office vouchers
- Third priority for payment: camp vouchers
- Fourth priority for payment: Book of Order committees (Committee on Ministry, committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Representation and Committee on Nominations)
- Fifth priority for payment: all other vouchers and salaries. This includes the Camp Director, Clerk and General Presbyter salaries along with General Assembly and Synod per capita

### Amended motion prevailed:

The checking account balance should generally not fall below \$20,000. Any voucher that would reduce the checking account below \$20,000 must be reviewed by the Moderator of the Budget and Finance Committee.

- First priority for payment: shared mission vouchers (Mission Partnership and Support Committee, Synod mission and General Assembly mission)
- Second priority for payment: Camp Director, Clerk and support staff salaries and office vouchers
- Third priority for payment: camp vouchers
- Fourth priority for payment: Book of Order committees (Committee on Ministry, committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Representation and Committee on Nominations)
- Fifth priority for payment: all other vouchers and salaries. This includes the General Presbyter's salary along with General Assembly and Synod per capita

Budget and Finance Committee placed the motion before the body that the revised 2009 budget be approved at \$874,456.

**Motion prevailed to amend** the budget by increasing the line item for budget allocation for Westminster Woods from \$90,000 to \$95,000.

**Motion prevailed** to accept the revised 2009 budget as \$879,456.

### Committee on Ministry

Ray Jones, Moderator, reviewed the actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery:

- Jim Rausch and Jan Brooks were given permission to labor within the Presbytery
- Steve Saville and Don Owens were given permission to labor outside the Presbytery bounds
- Ann Jamison, Kathy Risley, Michelle Schiltz and Pat Terwilliger were trained and given permission to serve communion at Caldwell
- A six month extension was granted to Bill McConnelee to serve as interim at Dodge City

Mary Carol Perrott, Los Ranchos Presbytery was introduced. She presented her statement of faith and answered questions from the Book of Order.

**A motion prevailed** to arrest the examination of Mary Carol Perrott.

**A motion prevailed** to receive Mary Carol Perrott, Los Ranchos Presbytery, into the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

**A motion prevailed** to accept the terms of call for Mary Carol Perrott as Designated Pastor, the First Presbyterian Church, Lyons for a two year term:

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| 1. Salary/Housing (75% time)   | \$27,225.00 |
| 2. Board of Pensions   | 7,962.90    |
| 3. Continuing Education leave of two weeks annually, cumulative to six weeks |             |
| 4. Vehicle allowance/reimbursement at IRS rate, not to exceed                | 1,200.00    |
| 5. Continuing Education reimbursement  | 500.00      |
| 6. Vacation leave of one month annually, including four Sundays              |             |

### **Committee on Church Order**

Moderator, Steve Marsh, placed a motion before the body for Second reading the Recommendation on Committee Structure to be added to PSK Manual of Operations that will merge the Community Outreach Committee and the Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee into a new committee entitled The Mission Partnership and Support Committee.

**Motion prevailed to create The Mission Partnership and Support Committee.**

### **The Nominations Committee**

**Motion prevailed** to give the floor of the Presbytery to Jean Mulford for the Nominations Committee report.

The committee presents the following slate of nominees for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

**A motion prevailed** to elect the following:

#### Mission Partnership and Support Committee:

Nadine Delhotal	FE	09	
John Mikow	MC	09	
David Grisham	ME	10	
Laura Frazey	FC	10	
Jerry Dusenbury	ME	10	
Mary Knecht	FE	11	(Moderator 09)
Diane Monger	FC	11	
Tim Soule	MC	11	

#### Committee on Ministry

Floyd Darrow	ME	11
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#### Synod Commissioner

Diane Monger	FC	11
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**A motion prevailed** to elect the following:

Vision and Planning – Council Sub-committee – Moderator, Tim Soule

Personnel Committee- Council Sub-committee – Moderator, Bill Mulford

The election of moderator for Budget and Finance, Council Sub-committee, will be postponed until the March 31, 2009 Presbytery Meeting.

### **Board of Pension Report**

Doug Kelly spoke on behalf of the Board of Pension. He discussed the financial condition of the Board. He reminded minister members to submit their salary change forms to the Board. He informed the audience that the Board of Pension has a Risk Management Team that is currently doing research on risk and cost containment.

### **Camping Committee**

A copy of the preliminary Westminster Woods Chapel Fund Raising video was shown. Fund raising pamphlets and posters were handed out to all churches present at the Presbytery meeting. \$200,000 has already been raised toward the goal of \$450,000. Letters explaining the campaign went out to all churches in early January. March 22, 2009 has been designated as “Miracle Sunday”. That is the Sunday that all churches should receive pledge cards from their congregations. More promotional resources will be distributed to all churches in February.

**The Presbytery broke for lunch.**

**The Trinity Presbyterian Children’s Bell Choir** presented two songs for the audience.

**Church Order**

Steve Marsh presented the proposed amendments to the Book of Order as provided by action of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008). Each amendment was discussed, ballots were distributed and presbyters voted on each amendment. Ballots were collected and counted by the tellers appointed by the Moderator, Loran Scott, Diane Monger, and Danny Daniel. One hundred and four (104) ballots were collected.

Following are the amendments and the voting results (results were reported following the Installation of Moderator).

Amendment 08-A. Item 04-02.        Yes, 91        No, 13  
Vows of Membership

Amendment 08-B. Item 05-09.        Yes, 35        No, 69  
Ordained Officers

Amendment 08-C. Item 04-41.        Yes, 30        No, 73  
Replacing the word “Sympathy” with the word “Compassion”

Amendment 08-D. Item 08-05.        Yes, 95        No, 9  
General Assembly Mission Council Name Change

Amendment 08-E. Item 03-07.        Yes, 103        No, 1  
Non-Geographic Presbyteries

Amendment 08-F. Item 04-23.        Yes, 91        No, 13  
Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators

Amendment 08-G. Item 04-18.        Yes, 101        No, 3  
Synod Membership on Permanent Committees

Amendment 08-H. Item 14-01.        Yes, 96        No, 8  
Five Ordination Examinations

Amendment 08-I. Item 04-17.        Yes, 101        No, 3  
Certified Christian Educators

Amendment 08-J. Item 04-15.        Yes, 97        No, 4  
Alternative Forms of Resolution

Amendment 08-K. Item 07-08.        Yes, 96        No, 7  
Ecumenical Statement with the Roman Catholic Church

Amendment 08-L. Item 07-11.        Yes, 96,        No, 8  
Ecumenical Statement with the Episcopal Church



Amendment 08-M. Item 07-04. Yes, 103 No, 1  
Ecumenical Statement with the Korean Presbyterian Church

Amendment 08-N. Item 07-10. Yes, 100 No, 4  
Ecumenical Statement with the Moravian Church

### Stewardship and Mission

Mary Knecht reported that March 9-11, 2009 is a stewardship conference, “Stewardship Kaleidoscope”, being held at the Hilton Hotel, KC International Airport. More information is available at [www.heartlandpby.org/kaleidoscope](http://www.heartlandpby.org/kaleidoscope)

Kencht reported that there is a draft version of the partnership with Northern Mexico is now available. April 16-17 two persons representing PSK will travel to Mexico to attend the Chihuahua Presbytery meeting for the signing of the partnership agreement. Later in the spring, eight to twelve (8-12) persons representing PSK will travel back to Mexico to help with an Evangelism project. A PSK Task Force will be established to work out the details of mission trips to Northern Mexico.

### Congregational Ministries

Jeanette Marks presented the committee’s report.

**A motion prevailed** that communion to be served during the Youth Council’s gathering “Sleep Less in Sterling” March 20-22, 2009.

Jeanette reported that the Leadership Training forums held in January 2009 were very successful. Attendance at the Grace Presbyterian Church was 83, at First Presbyterian Church, Coffeyville it was 29 and at the Presbyterian Church of Garden City attendance was 73.

Information on the “Emerging Church Forum” being held March 4-5 at Sterling College, Hutchinson Community College and Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, was presented.

A service of Installation of the Moderator, Angela Madden and Moderator Elect, Kay Hull included the Lord’s Supper.

### Report of Temporary Committee

**A motion prevailed** to pay \$1,016 in vouchers as presented

Installation Worship Service offering for the Presbyteries of Northern Mexico partnership was \$367.36.

Council will meet March 10, 2009. The next meeting of Presbytery will be held March 31, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City.

Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer and Benediction from Moderator, Angela Madden. A reception followed the Presbytery meeting.

Rebecca New  
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane  
Journal Clerk