**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN WATERS STATED MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**First Presbyterian Church, Duluth, MN**

**February 3, 2018**

Rev. Rich Blood, Moderator, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters to order at 10:11 AM with Responsive Psalm 136, asking us to repeat as a response, “For God’s steadfast love endures forever.” He reminded us that The Book of Order and The Book of Confessions are the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and asked us to be thinking of the part of the Book of Order F.103- Calling of the Church. *“The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.* Hesaid we are to be a people of deep hope because a better day is coming.

Prior to the Call to Order, Mary Voss held Orientation for New Commissioners. No one came for prayer time, so we will need to discuss if we want to continue with this practice.

Rev. E. Bradley Carloss, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum.

Rev. Jeremiah Knabe welcomed the Presbytery to the First Presbyterian Church of Duluth. This church was the first worshipping community in the city of Duluth. They helped found the Presbytery of Northern Waters.

First time elders were introduced and given flowers.

 David Utley – Lakeside

 Patti Lindelof - Pioneer Parish

**CLERK’S PAPERS**

* E. Bradley Carloss greeted the Presbytery and read from the Book of Order – The Great Ends of the Church.

 *The great ends of the Church are:*

 *the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;*

 *the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.*

 *the maintenance of divine worship;*

 *the preservation of the truth;*

 *the promotion of social righteousness, and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the*

 *world.*

* The Presbytery Approved the docket.
	+ With the approval of the docket was also the approval of the consent agenda. Opportunity was provided to remove the items from the consent agenda and they were not removed
* Presbytery has a pretty good balance of ruling elders and teaching elders.
* Corresponding Members
	+ Rev. Carolyn Mowchon (ECLA) pastor at West Minister Presbyterian Church in Duluth was seated as a corresponding member.
* Ann Gerlich was appointed Roll Clerk and Betty Starkey, Minutes Clerk
* There are no pastors working outside of bounds at this time.

**The roll, formed from the registration, follows:**

**Roll of Teaching Elders-Minister Members**

Matthew Arneson P Corey Larsen P

Rich Blood P Elizabeth Liebenstein E

James Deters E Chris McCurdy P

Nancy Deevers P

Connie Dorn P Kathryn Nelson E

John D. Gibbs P Tony Oltmann P

Paula Gaboury P Chips Paulson E

Kalvin Hanhart P Karen L. Schuder E

Calvin Harfst A Arlin Talley P

Janelle Harrison E Kerry Clark Tomhave A

Joel Huenemann P Lon Weaver E

Kimbrel Johnson E Robyn Weaver P

Kari L. Jutila P Doug Workman E

Jeremiah Knabe P John Yingling E

Katie Kolmodin P

Honorably retired

Duane Aslyn – HR P Robert Hickman- HR E

Wm. P. Anderson – HR E Charles House – HR E

Bruce Calbreath – HR E Sharon J. Johnson – HR E

Brad Carloss – HR P Nancy Knapp – H E

Harry Colquhoun-HR E Robert Light – HR E

Peggy Cooper - HR E Margaret Z Morris – HR E

James De Smidt – HR E Eric Nielsen – HR - E

David Gabriel – HR E John Pressler -HR E

John G. Gibbs – HR E Darrel Robertson – HR E

Robert Goodin – HR P Barbara Streng – HR E

Sue Goodin – HR P Roger Waid – HR E

Graden Grobe – HR E

David T. Guthrie – HR E

Merle Harberts – HR E

Ron Henley-HR E

 Churches Ruling Elder Commissioners

Ashland-Presbyterian-Congregational

Babbitt-Woodland

Bayfield-Bayfield

Bemidji-First

Bigfork-First

Bigfork-Bowstring

Blackduck-First

Bovey-Lawron Joan Beach

Brule-Brule

Calumet-Community Peggy Smith

Carlton-Paine Memorial

Chippewa Falls-First

Cloquet-Presbyterian Church of Cloquet

Coleraine-First United Tammy Holl

Cornell-First

Duluth – First Ted Policka

Duluth-Glen Avon Deb Sauer

Duluth-Lakeside David Utley

Duluth-Pike Lake

Duluth-Westminster Paul Rigsted

Eau Claire-First Tim Niemen

Eau Claire-North

Ely-First

Goodland-

Gordon-First

Grand Rapids-Community

Hannibal-New Hope

Hibbing-First

Hurley-First

Iron River-Calvary

Ironwood-First

Keewatin-Cong. of the Good Shepherd

Lac du Flambeau-Community

Lake Nebagamon-First

Manitowish Waters-Community

McGrath-Calvary

McGregor-Round Lake

Park Rapids-Trinity

Phillips-First Denise Arneson

Rice Lake-United

Saxon-Saxon-Gurney Community

Silver Bay-United Protestant

Solon Springs-First

Superior, Country Peace Sue Hendrickson

Superior-Pioneer Parish Patti Lindelof

Superior-United Jackie Ranko

Tamarack-First

Tower- St. James

Two Harbors-United Lenore Johnson

Virginia-Hope Community

Wahkon-McGrath

Warba-Presbyterian Church

Willow River-First Deb Stewart

Winter-First

Wrenshall-First Christine Merritt

**Corresponding Members:**

Carolyn Muchown

**Commissioned Ruling Elders**

Betty Starkey – Willow River

Leslie Anderson- Pioneer Parish

Jack Fashbaugh - Iron River

Deb Emery – Pike Lake

**Council Members (Those not accounted for elsewhere)**

Mary Voss, Vice Moderator

**Under Care**

**Visitors, Observers**

Sheryl Carloss

Candy Deal

Steve Spina

**Staff**

Jay Wilkinson

Anne Gerlich

Ken Ribe

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Items approved by the Council on behalf of the Presbytery (Consent Agenda):

November 1, 2017: Council approved via e-mail vote to suspend the Presbytery’s use of the bookkeeping services of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for an indefinite period and request that Treasurer Jay Wilkinson pick up these duties directly.

Note: On October 30, 2017 the Synod dismissed their entire accounting staff consisting of a Director of Financial Services and a Business Manager.

January 16, 2018: Council approved the Minutes of the October 27-28, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest and also approved the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Special Meeting of the Presbytery at the Presbytery Office in Superior, WI.

January 16, 2018: Council voted to confirm the 2018 Stated Presbytery Meeting dates: February 3, 2018—First Presbyterian Church, Duluth; May 3, 2018—First Presbyterian Church, Ely; October 26-27, 2018—Presbyterian Clearwater Forest.

January 16, 2018: Council approved, with one abstention, the Personnel Committee motion to hire Ken Ribe as Presbyter for Pastoral Care.

* Ken will begin on Feb. 1

 Personnel committee discussed with council whether Ken should

COM meetings and if he should continue as COM member. We will monitor how this plays out.

January 16, 2018: Council approved that the Presbytery withdraw from using the Cafeteria Benefits Plan (aka Flexible Spending Plan) of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and establish a plan for the Presbytery. The plan will be administered by the Presbytery Treasurer. Note: This is also related to the staff changes at the Synod that were initiated October 30, 2017.

B. Items approved by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery (Consent Agenda):

November 14, 2017: COM approved The Reverend Garry Tarrio (ELCA) as Temporary Supply at the Cloquet Presbyterian Church. Area reps will meet with the Session to go over his contract.

November 14, 2017: COM approved giving the family of Dawn Shoberg $500.00 out of the Care and Nurture Fund to assist with travel expenses to visit a son that was wounded in Afghanistan, now recuperating at Fort Lewis, WA.

November 14, 2017: COM voted to receive the Rev. Connie Dorn (Virginia, Hope Community) into the Presbytery of Northern Waters transferring from Shenandoah Presbytery.

November 14, 2017: COM voted to accept the concept of Karl Hanhart going to ¾ time effective January 1, 2018 subject to a congregational vote and acceptable terms of call submitted to the COM.

Note: The Chippewa Falls, First Presbyterian Church was considering reducing the call to help balance their budget. Subsequent to the COM action, the congregation voted against reducing the call.

December 12, 2017: COM approved that we support Chips Paulson in his 3-month sabbatical and that The Reverends Steve and Nancy Russell (UCC) be approved as Moderators.

**COUNCIL REPORT**

Personnel Committee report

Communication was sent via email and the U.S. Postal Service to members of the Presbytery of Northern Waters concerning the application process for the new position of Presbyter for Pastoral Care. The deadline for applications was December 11, 2017.

Two applications were received for the new position. On December 29, 2017 the committee interviewed these two applicants. We were blessed to have two qualified applicants. The committee presented to the Presbytery Council on January 16, 2018, Candidate Rev. Ken Ribe, for this new position of Presbyter for Pastoral Care and Council concurred.

As a result of the Synod’s termination of its financial staff, PNW staff is now performing the bookkeeping functions. It is anticipated to take about two hours per week plus some additional time doing month-end reports.

The Personnel Committee will be reviewing the PNW Resource Person position. The two-year contract with Jay Wilkinson ends in May of 2018. Jay has indicated a willingness to continue in this position if the committee and Council desire.

* Leslie introduced Rev. Ken Ribe, who has been hired as Presbyter for Pastoral Care.
	+ Ken told some of his background and said he hopes to meet with pastors through worship and/or various activities of the congregations. Pastors should expect an e-mail from him.
	+ Jay Wilkinson spoke to the financial staff situation at the Synod and that the bookkeeping functions are now being provided by the PNW staff.
1. **Recommendations to the Presbytery**

January 16, 2018: Council voted to recommend to the Presbytery that the following dates and locations be approved for Stated Meetings of the Presbytery in 2019:

**Saturday, February 2, 2019** – Duluth, Lakeside Presbyterian Church (the Council has requested an invitation from the church, but it has not yet been confirmed)

**Saturday, May 4**, **2019** – Phillips, First Presbyterian Church with possible seminars on Friday afternoon and/or evening

**Friday-Saturday, October 25-26, 2019 –** Presbyterian Clearwater Forest

**Presbytery approved the Recommendations**

**Overtures and Bylaws Report**

1. September 26, 2017: On behalf of the Overtures & Bylaws Committee, the Presbytery Council recommends a second reading and action on the following change to the Bylaws:

VII C Membership of Committees

Committee members shall be elected for three-year terms. ~~with no person eligible for consecutive terms aggregating more than six years except as otherwise stated in the Bylaws or the Book of Order~~. A ~~member~~-chairperson of a committee having served a total of six years as chair shall then be ineligible for re-election as chair to that committee for a period of at last one year.

Rationale: It is a fact of life that the Presbytery continues to shrink in numbers and it is more difficult these days getting committee positions filled due to fewer people to draw from. It seems that we can no longer arbitrarily restrict people from serving more than 2 3-year terms on a committee without time away. A rotation of people on committees is desirable, but sometimes not practical. Nothing in this change would require the nominating committee to propose the continuation of committee members who have served two terms (our present limit), but gives more flexibility if or when that flexibility is needed to properly conduct the business of the presbytery. This is a change to the Bylaws (not the Manual of Operations) and requires a first reading and then allows for action at the subsequent meeting of the Presbytery. The plan is to bring this back to the February 2018 meeting for consideration.

Rev. Jeremiah Knabe and Rev. Corey Larsen spoke against the motion.

Rev. Carolyn Mowchon spoke for the motion.

Rev. Matthew Phillips, Chair of the Nominating Committee spoke to the motion. The Nominating Committee is aware of the rational and approves the recommendation.

Rev. John Gibbs spoke against the motion.

Rev. Karl Hanhart spoke both for and against the motion.

Rev. Tony Oltman spoke against the motion.

Elder Sue Hendrickson spoke in favor of the motion.

E. Bradley Carloss spoke to other options.

Elder Lenore Johnson, Two Harbors **made a motion to amend the change from six years to nine years. Motion failed.**

Presbytery voted 17-16 for the amendment.

**Action to Amend the By-laws failed to achieve a two-thirds vote as per XIV of the Presbytery Bylaws.**

**XIV AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THESE BYLAWS**

Amendment of these Bylaws may be made at any stated meeting by two-thirds vote of Presbytery.

**Finance & Budget Report**

The committee has not met since the before the October Presbytery meeting at which time the 2018 budget was approved. The 2017 accounting year has been completed and Treasurer, Jay, has provided to the accounting firm information for them to perform a review of the financial statements.

At the end of October, the Synod terminated its accounting staff and as a result our Presbytery has assumed the responsibility for the preparation of the monthly financial statements. We are fortunate that Jay has access to the program that the Synod uses and we have not missed any monthly reporting periods.

The financial results for the year 2017 are in the material for this meeting. Jay will answer any answer questions you may have. I am providing the following comments:

1.We remain in a strong financial position with net assets of $705,551.52. While this is an approximate decline from the previous year of $15,000.00 it was a result of the payment of the grant to the Phillips church for its building project. Without that, the assets would have risen.

2.Income was $8,658 below budget. Per capita collected was $1,630 below budget. The Presbytery continues to pay the full per capita to GA and Synod even though it is not collected in full from all of the churches in the Presbytery.

3.Operating expenses were under budget by $52,928 mainly because of the reduction in the administrative assistant expenses.

4.Program and mission expense were $10,218 under budget.

Because of the above items the year ended December 31 provided net income of $39,470.53 compared to the budgeted deficit of $15,017.00.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for the early part of March.

Bill Gravelle, Chair

Finance and Budget Committeed Budget

Presbytery of Northern Waters Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2017

Acct Last Year

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1010 Nat'l Bank Commerce-Checking | $ 58,746.92 | 57,112.76 |
| 1110 Nat'l Bank of Commerce-Savings | 109,585.29 | 139,470.05 |
| 1210 Mission Market Fund (PILP) | 117,559.37 | 116,972.73 |
| 1300 Accounts Receivable | 0.00 | 8,361.76 |
| **Total Current Assets** | **285,891.58** | **321,917.30** |
| **Property and Equipment** |   |   |
| 1600 Office Equipment | 87,155.82 | 87,200.07 |
| 1615 Remodeling | 78,599.15 | 78,599.15 |
| 1650 Accum Depr-Office Equip | (82,860.73) | (85,919.84) |
| 1665 Accum Depr-Remodeling | (48,269.00) | (44,339.00) |
| **Total Property and Equipment** | **34,625.24** | **35,540.38** |
| **Other Assets** |   |   |
| 1310 Good Faith Loan Receivable | 3,750.10 | 8,750.02 |
| 1410 Investments-Missions-NCF | 116,224.51 | 104,560.88 |
| 1420 Investments-Church Devel NCF | 172,773.98 | 157,849.96 |
| 1430 Investments-Mission-PILP | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 |
| 1450 Camp Galilee Fund | 75,934.98 | 69,861.22 |
| **Total Other Assets** | **398,683.57** | **371,022.08** |
| **Total Assets** | **$ 719,200.39** | **728,479.76** |
|   | **LIABILITIES** |   |
| **Current Liabilities** |   |   |
| 2001 GA Unified Mission | $ 2,315.17 | 2,807.17 |
| 2002 GA Designated Mission | 5,847.50 | 1,182.00 |
| 2003 Christmas Joy Offering | 1,831.12 | 2,303.50 |
| 2004 One Great Hour of Sharing | 1,068.32 | 224.00 |
| 2005 Peace & Global Witness Offer | 668.33 | 116.67 |
| 2006 Pentecost Offering | 465.00 | 20.00 |
| 2007 Theological Education Fund | 0.00 | 190.00 |
| 2021 Synod Unified Mission | 1,386.60 | 804.50 |
| 2025 Peacemaking-Synod Share | 66.83 | 0.00 |
| 2075 BOP Dues Assistance-synod | 0.00 | 0.22 |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **13,648.87** | **7,648.06** |
| **Long-Term Liabilities** |   |   |
| **Total Long-Term Liabilities** | **0.00** | **0.00** |
| **Total Liabilities** | **13,648.87** | **7,648.06** |
|   | **FUND BALANCES** |   |
| **Undesignated Fund Balances** |   |   |
| 3000 Undesignated Net Assets | $ 81,334.60 | 62,089.30 |
| **Designated Fund Balances** |   |   |
| 3005 Working Capital Reserve-4 mos | 81,283.00 | 89,969.00 |
| 3010 Fixed Asset Reserves | 35,540.38 | 39,634.81 |

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| Acct | Presbytery of Northern Waters Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2017 | Last Year |
| Church Devel/Redevelopment | 175,763.78 | 161,349.96 |
| Leadership Schol/Speakers | 29,696.08 | 34,028.78 |
| Phillips Church Bldg Grant | 0.00 | 50,000.00 |
| Seminary Debt Assistance Grants | 75,321.40 | 94,321.40 |
| Office Equip Replacement | 0.00 | 2,974.25 |
| Legal Fees | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Revolving Loans | 80,000.00 | 80,000.00 |
| PNW Peacemaking | 10,175.23 | 9,329.97 |
| Seminarian Scholarships | 547.71 | 47.71 |
| DE RE Morris Memorial | 1,819.00 | 1,819.00 |
| CA Oberg Memorial | 336.74 | 336.74 |
| Camping Scholarships | 1,980.91 | 1,180.91 |
| Restoring Creation Enabler | 431.50 | 820.50 |
| SDOP | 1,119.01 | 1,155.26 |
| Mission Trips | 3,810.33 | 6,808.55 |
| Bicentenl CRE Training | 3,429.01 | 3,082.14 |
| Youth Triennium | 3,278.85 | 1,278.85 |
| Cornelius | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Camp Galilee | 75,934.98 | 69,861.22 |
| Portugal Travel | 618.03 | 618.03 |
| Argetsinger | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| **Total Designated Funds** | **584,585.94** | **652,117.08** |
| **Restricted Fund Balances** |   |   |
| Jalmer | 160.45 | 160.45 |
| **Total Fund Balances** | **666,080.99** | **714,366.83** |
| **Current Year Operating** | **39,470.53** | **6,464.87** |
| **Total Net Assets** | **705,551.52** | **720,831.70** |
| **Total Liabilities & Fund Balances** | **$ 719,200.39** | **728,479.76** |

Presbytery of Northern Waters

Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2017

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Current Month | Year to Date | Budget to | Annual | Budget | Last Year |
| **INCOME** |   | Date | Budget | Remaining | to Date |
|   |   |   |   |
| 4001 Per Capita Apportionment $ 10,332.53 | 134,098.10 | $ 144,090 | 144,090 | (9,992) | 127,584 |
| 4002 Prior Year Per Capita 0.00 | 8,362.40 | 0 | 0 | 8,362 | 5,578 |
| 4050 CPS Staff Support 0.00 | 17,029.95 | 18,225 | 18,225 | (1,195) | 18,563 |
| 4101 Presbytery Mission Income 5,396.40 | 46,126.63 | 50,000 | 50,000 | (3,873) | 46,295 |
| 4301 From Bicentennial Fund 25 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,000 | 2,000 | (2,000) | 2,000 |
| 4305 From Camp Galilee Fund 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,800 | 2,800 | (2,800) | 3,634 |
| 4310 From Portugal Fund 0.00 | 0.00 | 618 | 618 | (618) | 1,000 |
| 4401 Interest-Operating Fund 586.64 | 684.31 | 1,000 | 1,000 | (316) | 555 |
| 4402 Interest/Mission Fund 12,089.78 | 13,716.13 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 3,716 | 11,985 |
| 4410 Miscellaneous Revenue 151.15 | 157.16 | 100 | 100 | 57 | 1,351 |
| Total Income 28,556.50 | 220,174.68 | 228,833 | 228,833 | (8,658) | 218,545 |
| **OPERATING EXPENSES** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Total Resource Person 3,030.23 | 36,217.07 | 33,530 | 33,530 | (2,687) | 27,178 |
| Total Stated Clerk 569.93 | 10,091.49 | 8,200 | 8,200 | (1,891) | 10,486 |
| Total Treasurer 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 9,300 | 9,300 | 1,300 | 8,396 |
| Total Administrative Assist 928.49 | 10,222.39 | 61,016 | 61,016 | 50,794 | 46,591 |
| Total Insurance 1,721.75 | 3,143.00 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 1,357 | 3,103 |
| Total Pres Office Expenses 1,881.27 | 19,451.33 | 23,700 | 23,700 | 4,249 | 19,528 |
| Total Presbytery Judicatory (94.00) | 3,627.73 | 3,700 | 3,700 | 72 | 3,711 |
| Total Pres Committees/Pro 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (32) |
| Total Other Expenses 0.00 | 265.83 | 0 | 0 | (266) | 0 |
| Total Per Capita Apportion 5,123.21 | 61,478.52 | 61,479 | 61,479 | 0 | 62,073 |
| Total Operating Expenses 13,160.88 | 152,497.36 | 205,425 | 205,425 | 52,928 | 181,034 |
| **PROGRAM & MISSION EXPENSES** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Total COM 2,106.21 | 4,018.90 | 6,650 | 6,650 | 2,631 | 5,694 |
| Total CPM 1,716.00 | 4,716.56 | 8,500 | 8,500 | 3,783 | 1,515 |
| Total Nominating 0.00 | 0.00 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 0 |
| Total Programs (94.08) | 67.10 | 500 | 500 | 433 | 1,122 |
| Total Camping 2,000.00 | 17,640.00 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 360 | 16,840 |
| Total Program Strategy 0.00 | 45.19 | 750 | 750 | 705 | 279 |
| Total Structure 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 3,687 |
| Total Council Programs & 0.00 | 419.04 | 1,125 | 1,125 | 706 | 607 |
| 6610 Northern Lakes Regional C 0.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 0 | 1,300 |
| Total Program & Mission 5,728.13 | 28,206.79 | 38,425 | 38,425 | 10,218 | 31,044 |
| Total Expenses 18,889.01 | 180,704.15 | 243,850 | 243,850 | 63,146 | 212,078 |
| TOTAL OPERATING & $ 9,667.49 | 39,470.53 | $ (15,017) | (15,017) | 54,488 | 6,467 |

Presbytery of Northern Waters
DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY
Recap of Income and Expenses
For the Period Ending December 31, 2017

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DESIGNATED FUND |   | Year-to-Date | Acct # | Last YTD |
|   |   |   |
| Church Devel/Redevelopment | $ | 161,349.96 | 3610 | 161,349.96 |
| Church Devel/Redevelopment-inc |   | 15,413.82 | 4610 | 0.00 |
| Church Devel/Redevelopment-exp |   | (1,000.00) | 7610 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 175,763.78 |   | 161,349.96 |
| Leadership Scholarship/Speaker |   | 34,028.78 | 3615 | 34,028.78 |
| Leadership Schol/Speak-income |   | 0.00 | 4615 | 0.00 |
| Leadership Schol/Speak-expense |   | (4,332.70) | 7615 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 29,696.08 |   | 34,028.78 |
| Phillips Church Bldg Grant |   | 50,000.00 | 3620 | 50,000.00 |
| Phillips Church Bldg Grant-inc |   | 0.00 | 4620 | 0.00 |
| Phillips Church Bldg Grant-exp |   | (50,000.00) | 7620 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 0.00 |   | 50,000.00 |
| Seminary Debt AssistanceGrants |   | 94,321.40 | 3623 | 94,321.40 |
| Seminary Debt AssistGrants-inc |   | 0.00 | 4623 | 0.00 |
| Seminary Debt AssistGrants-exp |   | (19,000.00) | 7623 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 75,321.40 |   | 94,321.40 |
| Reserve-Office Eq Replacement |   | 2,974.25 | 3626 | 2,974.25 |
| Reserve-Office Eq Replcmnt-inc |   | 0.00 | 4626 | 0.00 |
| Reserve-Office Eq Replcmnt-exp |   | (2,974.25) | 7626 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 0.00 |   | 2,974.25 |
| Reserve for Legal Fees |   | 1,500.00 | 3629 | 1,500.00 |
| Reserve for Legal Fees-income |   | 0.00 | 4629 | 0.00 |
| Reserve for Legal Fees-expense |   | 0.00 | 7629 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 1,500.00 |   | 1,500.00 |
| Revolving Loan Funds |   | 80,000.00 | 3632 | 80,000.00 |
| Revolving Loan Funds-income |   | 0.00 | 4632 | 0.00 |
| Revolving Loan Funds-expense |   | 0.00 | 7632 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 80,000.00 |   | 80,000.00 |
| PNW Peace Projects |   | 9,329.97 | 3635 | 9,329.97 |
| PNW Peace Projects-income |   | 845.26 | 4635 | 0.00 |
| PNW Peace Projects-expense |   | 0.00 | 7635 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 10,175.23 |   | 9,329.97 |
| Seminarian Scholarships |   | 47.71 | 3638 | 47.71 |
| Seminarian Scholarships-income |   | 500.00 | 4638 | 0.00 |
| Seminarian Scholarships-expens |   | 0.00 | 7638 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 547.71 |   | 47.71 |
| DE & RE Morris Memorials |   | 1,819.00 | 3641 | 1,819.00 |
|  |  |  |  |
| DE & RE Morris Memorials-inc | 0.00 | 4641 | 0.00 |
| DE & RE Morris Memorials-exp | 0.00 | 7641 | 0.00 |
|   | 1,819.00 |   | 1,819.00 |
| CA Oberg Memorial Fund | 336.74 | 3644 | 336.74 |
| CA Oberg Memorial Fund-inc | 0.00 | 4644 | 0.00 |
| CA Oberg Memorial Fund-exp | 0.00 | 7644 | 0.00 |
|   | 336.74 |   | 336.74 |
| Camping Scholarships | 1,180.91 | 3647 | 1,180.91 |
| Camping Scholarships | 8,720.00 | 4647 | 0.00 |
| Youth Camping-expense | (7,920.00) | 7647 | 0.00 |
|   | 1,980.91 |   | 1,180.91 |
| Restoring Creation Enabler | 820.50 | 3650 | 820.50 |
| Restoring Creation Enabler-inc | 0.00 | 4650 | 0.00 |
| Restoring Creation Enabler-exp | (389.00) | 7650 | 0.00 |
|   | 431.50 |   | 820.50 |
| SDOP Education | 1,155.26 | 3653 | 1,155.26 |
| SDOP Income | 1,200.00 | 4653 | 0.00 |
| SDOP Education-expense | (1,236.25) | 7653 | 0.00 |
|   | 1,119.01 |   | 1,155.26 |
| Reserve for Mission Trips | 6,808.55 | 3659 | 6,808.55 |
| Reserve for Mission Trips-inc | 0.00 | 4659 | 0.00 |
| Reserve for Mission Trips-exp | (2,998.22) | 7659 | 0.00 |
|   | 3,810.33 |   | 6,808.55 |
| Bicentl CRE Training | 3,082.14 | 3662 | 3,082.14 |
| Bicent CRE Training-income | 1,716.00 | 4662 | 0.00 |
| Bicent CRE Traing-expense | (1,369.13) | 7662 | 0.00 |
|   | 3,429.01 |   | 3,082.14 |
| Youth Triennium Reserve | 1,278.85 | 3665 | 1,278.85 |
| Youth Triennium Income | 2,000.00 | 4665 | 0.00 |
| Youth Triennium-expense | 0.00 | 7665 | 0.00 |
|   | 3,278.85 |   | 1,278.85 |
| Cornelius Fund | 2,000.00 | 3668 | 2,000.00 |
| Cornelius Fund-income | 0.00 | 4668 | 0.00 |
| Cornelius Fund-expense | 0.00 | 7668 | 0.00 |
|   | 2,000.00 |   | 2,000.00 |
| Camp Galilee | 69,861.22 | 3671 | 69,861.22 |
| Camp Galilee-income | 6,073.76 | 4671 | 0.00 |
| Camp Galilee-expense | 0.00 | 7671 | 0.00 |
|  |  | 75,934.98 |   | 69,861.22 |
| Portugal Travel Fund |   | 618.03 | 3674 | 618.03 |
| Portugal Travel Fund-income |   | 0.00 | 4674 | 0.00 |
| Portugal Travel Fund-expense |   | 0.00 | 7674 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 618.03 |   | 618.03 |
| Argetsinger |   | 0.00 | 3677 | 0.00 |
| Argetsinger-income |   | 0.00 | 4677 | 0.00 |
| Argetsinger-expense |   | 0.00 | 7677 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 0.00 |   | 0.00 |
| Total Designated Funds | $ | 467,762.56 |   | 522,513.27 |
| RESTRICTED FUND |   |   |   |   |
| Permanently Restrict Jalmer | $ | 160.45 | 3800 | 160.45 |
| Jalmer-income |   | 0.00 | 4800 | 0.00 |
| Jalmer-expense |   | 0.00 | 7800 | 0.00 |
|   |   | 160.45 |   | 160.45 |
| Total Restricted Funds | $ | 160.45 |   | 160.45 |

Rev. Matthew Arneson spoke to the finance report and thanked the Presbytery for the grant money. He asked that the minutes reflect that the grant to the Phillips church not be listed as a negative statement. He stated that the Phillips Church will have their first service in the new building on April 4 and on Thursday of next week a Substance Abuse Group will begin meeting in the building. Dedication of the building will be sometime in May.

Jay Wilkinson responded that the grant money was in no way a negative statement. This is just the way it has to be presented in the books.

Jay Wilkinson responded to questions concerning the termination of the Synod accounting staff and the suspension of Presbytery use of Synod accounting.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**B. Recommendations to Presbytery for approval**

November 14, 2017: COM recommends that the Presbytery of Northern Waters restore Steve Spina’s ordination when he has established a mentor relationship with someone who is willing to report to COM of The Presbytery of Northern Waters and The United Methodist District Superintendent and Bishop on a monthly basis, and to report to these groups, the following:

Note: The Reverend Steve Spina requested in 1995 that his ordination be set aside. There being no disciplinary actions in process or contemplated, his ordination was set aside. During 2017, he has requested that he be reinstated as a member of the Presbytery of Northern Waters. He is working for a church in Michigan under the supervision noted above.

**PRESBBYTERY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION**

Rev. Rich Blood read the questions to Steve Spina as his ordination was restored.

Rev. E Bradley Carloss thanked Steve for putting up with the time the process took. Steve expressed his thanks to the Presbytery and to Bradley for their work with him.

Matthew Arneson asked questions of COM.

 How does COM determine what constitutes the Consent Agenda and what goes to Presbytery for approval.

 Rev. Robyn Weaver replied that Council approves the agenda and the recommendations for approval.

 He asked if it were proper to bring up concerns about churches in the Presbytery at this meeting and Robyn

 responded that it would be best if this were first done at a COM Meeting.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

 Worship and Sacraments class was taught last weekend by the Revs. Bob and Sue Goodin and Jackie Ranko.

A Pastoral Care class will be led by Rev. Jeremiah Knabe and Rev. Kate Kolmodin

**Nominating Committee**

Rev. Matthew Arneson stressed that the committee continues to work all year round to find people for

 The various committees. He expressed thanks for he good discussion today.

 The committee nominates Jackie Ranko to the Program Strategy Committee

 **The Presbytery approved the nomination**

**Program Strategy Committee**

The Reverend Karel Hanhart, Chair, reported that the primary responsibilities of this committee were to plan programs and worship for the presbytery meetings. Also, it is responsible for our international partnership with Portugal and overseeing the Youth Triennium.

At the May meeting in Ely, we are planning a presentation by the Reverend Kara Root, pastor of the Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, on her work in church revitalization.

At the October meeting at Clearwater Forest, we are planning to include presentations by the Reverend Tom Boomershine on Biblical storytelling.

**Synod Commissioner**

No Report

**Presbyterian Women**

Jan Lestos, Moderator of Presbyterian Women wanted to make sure that all women of the congregation are part of Presbyterian Women. Churches are not expected to have an organization, but they are encouraged to support PW.

* The Spring Meeting will be held at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Duluth on May 10. PW Synod Representative to India will be the main speaker.
* Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is in Louisville in August 2-5. The theme is “Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come” Registration booklets are available.
* 15 women from our Presbytery went to South Dakota for the Synod Gathering.

**Clearwater Forest**

Rev Corey Larsen reported that Rich Swartwood, director of Clearwater Forest has accepted a position as Camp Director at Camp Lake Stevens in Mississippi. He stated that Clearwater Forest continues to have a strong and dynamic board. Program staff and training staff are pretty much in place for the summer. There will be several listening sessions and Presbytery members are encouraged to take part. He told about lots of exciting things that are happening. Look on the web site for all the events taking place. Please contact him if you would like someone to come to your church to speak. He said we should think about how our own sessions and churches can best use these facilities.

Rev. Jeremiah Knabe gave the Meal Blessing and a delicious lunch was served by members of First Church.

The Presbytery reconvened for Worship at 1 PM

Rev. Carolyn Mowchan, pastor at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Duluth led worship. She preached on the lectionary for the week – Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39. She had people write out prayer requests to be used in Prayers of the People.

The Offering from this meeting will go to One Great Hour of Sharing

Rev. Robyn Weaver and Rev. Dorothy Duquette led in the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Rev. E. Bradley Carloss was installed as the State Clerk and Jay Wilkinson was installed as the Treasurer. Both were installed for 3 year terms beginning January 1, 2018.

Rev. Rich Blood then called forward to be commissioned those who were planning on going on the PDA Mission Trip to New Orleans. There are 25 going.

Worship concluded with the singing of “The Church’s One Foundation and the Benediction.poke

Rev. Corey Larsen spoke about Social Media for the Local Congregation. He suggested that all churches have websites if possible, but at least the church should have a Facebook and Twitter account. In this day and age of technology that is where people go to find a church. Make sure people know how to get to your church (address) and a number to contact for more information. If you would like a copy of the information he shared you can e-mail him at corey@elypresbyterian.org.

Rev. Bob Goodin informed Presbytery that there will be a “Blessing of the Port” at the Marine Museum on Canal Park on April 19 at 5 p.m.

Nancy Deevers asked for prayers for her Theological Mission to Cuba.

**Report of Roll Clerk and offering received:**

 Pastors 20

 Commissioners 15

 Commissioned Lay Pastors 4

 Corresponding Members 1

 Council/COM 1

 Under Care

Visitors 3

Staff 3

 47

 Offering Received: $ 412.00

Moderator, Rev. Rich Blood closed the meeting by asking people where they had seen God at work in the meeting. Some responses included: in the dialogue, in the music, in Carolyn’s message, Steve’s reinstatement, relationships, workers, good lunch, conversations.

Presbytery voted to adjourn at 3:19 PM. Rev. Rich Blood closed with prayer.

Betty Starkey

Minutes Clerk

**Next meetings of the Presbytery of Northern Waters**

**Thursday, May 3, 2018, Ely, MN**

**Friday & Saturday, October 26 & 27, 2018 – Clearwater Forest**