PROPOSED STATED MEETING Minutes

The Presbytery of Northern Waters

Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 9:00 am

Via ZOOM

Call to Order and Constituting Prayer (Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator)

* Opening of Meeting
  + Moderator, Rev. Jim Deters, opened the meeting with a reading and prayer at 9:06 a.m.
* Declaration of Quorum
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum.
* Approval of Docket (See Figure 2)
  + There were no requested modifications to the docket. There was no discussion.
  + **(MSC) A motion to accept the docket as written was moved by Sue Hendrickson, RE; seconded by Phil Peterson, RE; and carried by presbytery.**

Report of the Stated Clerk (Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk)

* Standing Rules (page 2 of docket packet).
  + Rev. Brad Carloss addressed the need to adopt the standing rules
  + An emphasis on the importance of muting one’s microphone, explaining acronyms the first time they are used, identifying oneself, adopting the parliamentary procedures of Robert’s Rules creating an atmosphere for discussion, and noting that the meeting is recorded until minutes are completed.
  + **(MSC) Brad moved to adopt, Hendrickson seconded, no discussion, carried by presbytery.**
* Appointment of the Roll Clerk and Minutes Clerk
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, appointed Amanda Keppers as both the Roll and Minutes Clerk.
  + Roll will be compiled from the meeting registration.
* Seating of Corresponding Members
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, moved to seat Rev. Ken Green, Board of Pensions Representative, as a corresponding member.
  + **(MSC) Moved by Stated Clerk, seconded by Ken Ribe, no discussion, and carried by presbytery.**
* Redress of Imbalance
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, acknowledged the fact that there are more Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery than there are congregations. This addressed the redress of the imbalance.
  + **(MSC) Brad Carloss moved the acceptance of the redress of imbalance, seconded by Sue Hendrickson, no discussion, and carried by presbytery.**
* Special Announcements
  + Suspension of Bylaws (page 3 of packet)
    - The Presbytery Council moves that the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Northern Waters be suspended for a period of nine months to allow for the election of Rev. Arlin Talley, Minister of Word and Sacrament (MOWS) to serve as Chair of the Program and Strategy Committee from February 5, 2022, until the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters in October 2022.
      * This request is in accordance with the following paragraph of the Bylaws of the Presbytery:

**XIV AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THESE BYLAWS**

Bylaws, Page 31

Temporary suspension of the Bylaws may be made for a period longer than a single meeting, provided that a resolution containing the specific Bylaws to be suspended, and the period of time of the suspension, has been presented in writing at least ten (10) days before the stated meeting and is passed by a two-thirds vote of that stated meeting of Presbytery.

* + - * **(MSC) The motion that the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Northern Waters be suspended for a period of nine months to allow for the election of Rev. Arlin Talley, Minister of Word and Sacrament (MOWS) to serve as Chair of the Program and Strategy Committee from February 5, 2022, until the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters in October 2022 was moved by Brad Carloss, seconded by Lawrence Lee, no discussion, and carried by 94% of the presbytery.**
* Consent Agenda (Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator) (See pages 4-12)
  + Lawrence Lee, co-chair of Committee on Ministry (COM), reported a typographical error in the contract between Rev. Kathy Smith and Rice Lake. The contract as recorded lists vacation and education times that does not meet Presbytery requirements. This has been addressed by COM and was approved with the understanding that the necessary corrections be made.
    - A motion to lift the contract between Rev. Kathy Smith and Rice Lake from the consent agenda was made by Rev. Lawrence Lee and seconded by Rev. Brett Foote. This contract will be discussed during the COM report. There was no need for a vote.
  + **(MSC) The motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (removal of contract between Rev. Kathy Smith and Rice Lake) was moved by Sue Hendrickson, seconded by Phil Peterson, no discussion, and carried by the Presbytery with the recognition of Paul Rigstads’ dissent.**

Report of Synod Meeting (Cathy Hecht)

* Cathy Hecht was excused.
* A written report was provided. (See page 13 of packet.)

Council Report and Committees of Council Reports

* Council Report
  + Dorothy Duquette, chair, reported.
  + Action 1: Council recommends that there be a suspension of the Bylaws to allow Arlin Talley to serve on Program Strategy for one year.
    - This action was moved, seconded, and carried under the Stated Clerk Report. (See Stated Clerk-Special Announcements- Suspension of Bylaws.)
  + Action 2: Council nominates Rev. Matthew Arneson as Chair of the Nominating Committee and Rev. Lindsay Biddle to serve on the Nominating Committee.
    - **(MSC) Council moved to accept the nominations of Matthew Arneson, chair, and Lindsay Biddle to serve on the Nominating Committee, with no discussion, carried by the presbytery.**
      * Rev. James Deters, Moderator, acknowledged the missed nomination from the floor. A point of order was not raised.
  + Report concluded.
* Overtures and Bylaws (Rev. Barry Boyer, HR)
  + Rev. Barry Boyer reported. (See page 13 for written report.)
  + A small working group has formed to begin the process of revising the Presbytery of Northern Waters Manual of Operations and Bylaws.
  + Their strategy is to take small portions at a time beginning with COM.
  + They are happy to have the process underway.
  + Report concluded.
* Personnel Committee (Rev. Doug Workman)
  + Rev. Doug Workman was excused.
  + No report. (Page 14 of packet.)
* Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Rev. Lon Weaver)
  + Rev. Lon Weaver was excused.
  + No report. (Page 14.)
* Program Strategy
  + Rev. Matthew Arneson, former chair, gave no report.
  + Brett Foote, as a member of the committee, reported what his focus has been.
    - Duluth- Westminster has been exploring the possibility of planting a new church with them funding it and working with Program Strategy and Committee on Ministry for a steering committee.
  + Rev. Kari Jutila asked about Program Strategy’s status regarding Triennium.
    - Rev. Arlin Talley stated they have not met since October but will meet soon and address Triennium issues.
    - Rev. Matthew Arneson apologized for not addressing Triennium issues during his short time as Program Strategy Chair.

Committee on Ministry (Co- Chairs, Rev. Robyn Weaver and Rev. Lawrence Lee)

* Rev. Robyn Weaver, co-chair reported.
* A recognition of Paul Rigstad’s input regarding the acceptance of contracts not meeting Presbytery standards was given.
* A recognition of committee members and their engagement with their churches and congregations around the presbytery was provided.
* There were no actions, besides addressing the extracted contract from the consent agenda, for the Presbytery to address.
* Requests for recognition and celebration of new relationship of Rev. Dorothy Duquette as she is now the minister for three churches. As well as the work that Chip Holt put into walking them through this process and transition.
* There have been great conversations regarding joining and sharing of ministry.
* The committee celebrates the fact that moderators have been found for the churches in need.
* There was recognition of the struggles and losses we have experienced over the last couple of years.
* The committee is thankful for the labors, prayers, and news of which God is working.
* Most of the committee’s work was in Consent Agenda.
* Rev. Kathy Smith and Rice Lake Contract
  + Rev. Lawrence Lee, co-chair, spoke on this and all other contracts. The Committee on Ministries focus is to ensure the clergy are receiving proper time off and funding. All clergy should receive the minimum standards of 4 weeks and 4 Sundays vacation, 2 weeks and 2 Sundays continuing education regardless of full- or part-time status.
  + The minimum standards are based on the understanding that a person working part-time will still be working every Sunday. COM tries to be flexible with each arrangement churches have. This applies to pastors working almost every Sunday.
  + **(MSC) A motion to approve the contract between Rev. Kathy Smith and Rice Lake, pending the changes being made to bring the vacation and continuing education up to the minimum standards, was moved by the committee, seconded by Sue Hendrickson, and carried by Presbytery.**
* Celebration of the retirements of Rev. Kate Stangl and Rev. Chips Paulson.
  + Rev. Chips Paulson retired after 27-years with the Manitowish Waters.
  + Rev. Kate Stangl retired from Virginia. This will be her second retirement.
* Report concluded.

Finance and Budget (Doug Workman)

* Rev. Doug Workman was excused.
* Rev. Richard Blood reminded the Presbytery that the Financial Information was included in the Docket Packet pages 14-22.
* Jay Wilkinson, Treasurer, pointed out that the committee had budgeted a deficit for the year but ended up with a surplus. This was due to investment returns being higher than budgeted and expenses being kept in check by committees and members of the Presbytery.
* No actions were required.
* Report concluded without questions.

Nominating Committee

* Rev. Dorothy Duquette reported as a chair had not yet been elected prior to the February meeting.
  + Refer to page 23 in packet.
  + Nominating Committee members were elected during the Council report. (See Council Report - Action 2)
    - Rev. Matthew Arneson has been elected Chair of the Nominating Committee.
    - Rev. Lindsay Biddle was elected to serve on the Nominating Committee.
  + An action to approve Rev. Arlin Talley as Chair of Program Strategy, as made possible by the suspension of Bylaws, was needed.
    - Bylaws were suspended as Rev. Arlin Talley has already served two consecutive terms as chair of Program Strategy. (See Stated Clerk Report – Special Announcements- Suspension of Bylaws)
    - **A motion to approve Rev. Arlin Talley as Chair of Program Strategy was moved by Council, no discussion, and carried.**
    - Rev. Matthew Arneson, as newly elected chair of Nominating Committee, thanked Rev. Arlin Talley for being willing to serve as Char of Program Strategy again.
  + The Nominating Committee wishes to nominate Phil Peterson to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.
    - **(MSC) A motion to elect Phil Peterson, Ruling Elder, to serve as Vice- Moderator of the Presbytery was moved by committee, and carried.**
    - Rev. Lawrence Lee stated that Phil Peterson is an excellent nominee, who is an elder of Bayfield, and has served as their clerk.
    - Phil Peterson thanks the Presbytery for their confidence.
    - Brad Carloss, stated clerk, clarified the need to elect Phil Peterson as Vice-Moderator.
      * Jim Dunning resigned as he hadn’t realized he was being elected. Council accepted his resignation which allowed for the election of Phil Peterson.
  + Election of General Assembly Commissioners
    - **(MSC) A motion to elect Rev. Sue Goodin and Sue Hendrickson, Ruling Elder, to be the Presbytery of Northern Waters General Assembly Commissioners was moved by committee, and carried.**
      * Sue Hendrickson asked about the possibility of alternates.
        + The Nominating Committee will begin working on finding alternates.
      * Rev. Brett Foote asked if YAADs have been nominated. He has many youths and parents interested.
        + The Nominating Committee will be continuing the search for YAADs.
  + Report concluded.

Break

* A ten-minute break was taken.

Board of Pensions Presentation

* Ken Green, Board of Pensions Representative, presented to the Presbytery.

Old Business (Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator)

* There was no old business to address.

New Business (Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator)

* Rev. Robyn Weaver reported that a Boundary Training Day has been set for March 9th via zoom with Deb DeMeester.
  + Almost all ministers are due to complete this training.
* Rev. James Deters announced that his church in Ashland has recently elected retired pastor, Darrell Robertson, as Pastor Emeritus.

Report of Roll (Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk)

* Brad Carloss reported the roll for the Annual Presbytery Meeting on February 5, 2022, via zoom as follows:
  + Ministers of Word and Sacrament/ Teaching Elders 20
  + Ruling Elders/Commissioners 16
  + Commissioned Ruling Elders 1
  + Council Members 0
  + Inquirers/Candidates 0
  + Corresponding Members 1
  + Staff 2 (3 registered as TE)
  + Visitors/Observers 7
  + Total 48
  + Offering Received To be announced
    - (Please send to the Presbytery Office)

Worship

* Leader: James Deters, Moderator
  + Rev. James Deters, Moderator, led the meeting members in the Service of Worship.
* Music: Jackie Ranco
* Offering: Peace and Global Witness & Christmas Joy
  + Due to the meeting being virtual, it was asked that any offering be sent to the office of the Presbytery of Northern Waters with a notation of Annual Presbytery Meeting offering in the memo line.
* Installation of Vice-Moderator
  + The installation of the Presbytery of Northern Waters Vice-Moderator, Phil Peterson, Ruling Elder occurred as written in the docket.
  + **The Presbytery of Northern Waters confirmed the call of God to our brother Phil Peterson as Vice- Moderator of the Presbytery.**
* Installation of General Assembly Commissioners
  + **The Presbytery of Northern Waters confirmed the call of God to our sisters Sue Goodin and Sue Hendrickson as General Assembly Commissioners.**

Closing Prayer and Adjournment (Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator)

* **A motion to close the meeting with prayer and adjourn at 11:53 am was moved by Sue Hendrickson, seconded by Mary Voss, and carried by the Presbytery.**
* Jim Deters, Moderator, declared the meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings of the Presbytery of Northern Waters:

To be announced.

May 2022 – tentatively May 6th or 7th

October 2022

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Amanda Keppers

Minutes Clerk

Presbytery of Northern Waters