Stated Meeting Minutes

The Presbytery of Northern Waters

October 7 & 8, 2022

Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, MN

**Friday, October 7, 2022**

**10:00 am**

Call to Order and Worship

Rev. James Deters, Moderator, called the stated meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Constituting Prayer

James Deters, Moderator, led with a constituting prayer.

Opening Hymn

Arlin Talley and Robyn Weaver lead the opening hymn, *As the Wind Song*.

Declaration of a Quorum

Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum.

Approval of Docket

* **MSC- A motion to approve the docket as written was moved by Brett Foote, seconded by Corey Larsen, and carried by Presbytery.**

Host Greetings and Announcements

* Lance spoke on behalf of Clearwater Forest. Providing information regarding the updates that have been done over the last couple of years.

Introduction of First Time Elders

* Ann Pellman, Ruling Elder of Brule Presbyterian Church, Brule
* Lori Moe, Ruling Elder of River’s Edge Church, Carlton
  + Lori updated the Presbytery regarding the recent arrangement between their Presbyterian Church and the neighboring Bethesda Lutheran Church.
* Ed Williams, Ruling Elder of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Hannibal

Introduction of New Ministers

* Rev. Wendy Christianson, currently serving as Stated Supply at Hope Community Presbyterian Church, Virginia
* Timm High, currently serving as Stated Supply at Lac du Flambeau Community Presbyterian Church
* Terry Muck, currently serving as Interim Pastor at Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church

Report of Stated Clerk

* Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, reported.
  + Thanks was given to Amanda Keppers for putting the packet together.
* Adoption of Standing Rules
  + **MSC- A motion to approve the standing rules for the stated presbytery meeting was moved by , seconded by Brett Foote and carried by the Presbytery unanimously.**
* Appointment of Parliamentarian and Roll Clerk
  + Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, appointed Arlin Talley the Parliamentarian for the October 2022 Stated Meeting with no objections from the Presbytery.
  + Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, appointed Amanda Keppers the Roll and Minutes Clerk for the October 2022 Stated Meeting with no objections from the Presbytery.
  + There were no objections to these appointments.
* Seating of Corresponding Members
  + **MSC- A motion to seat the corresponding members, Alonzo Johnson, presenter, and Margaret Mwale, presenter, was moved by Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, seconded by Dianna Bell, and carried by Presbytery unanimously.**
* Synod Minute Reading of Presbytery Minutes
  + The minutes review resulted in notations only.
  + The stated clerks decided that when minutes are done, things can be wrong due to inaction of the Presbytery or committees of the Presbytery. The policy was changed as a result. Instead of granting exceptions, a flag stating the items need to be addressed in the next year or so.
* Recognition – Outgoing Council and Committee Members

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| **Recognized Member** | **Committee Served** |
| Duane Aslyn | Finance and Budget |
| Barry Boyer | Overtures and Bylaws Chair, Council |
| Dorothy Duquette | Council Chair |
| Russell Fish | Committee on Ministry |
| John Gibbs | Committee on Ministry |
| Bob Goodin | Twin Port Ministry to Seafarers, Inc |
| Cathy Hecht | Synod Commissioner |
| Ron Hendrickson | Finance and Budget |
| Sue Hendrickson | Nominating Committee |
| Lawrence Lee | Committee on Ministry Co-Chair |
| Cindy Martinson | Committee on Ministry |
| Jackie Ranco | Program Strategy Committee |
| Ken Ribe | Committee on Ministry |
| Arlin Talley | Program Strategy Chair, Council |

Consent Agenda (Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery)

* **MSC - A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written and published in the meeting packet was moved by Robyn Weaver, seconded, and carried by Presbytery.**

Presentation by General Assembly SDOP

* The report for SDOP of the Presbytery of Northern Waters was presented/referred to on pages 26 and 27 of the meeting packet.
* The speakers were introduced by Arlin Talley.
  + General Assembly SDOP representatives Alonzo Johnson and Margaret Mwale presented the Presbytery with information regarding the PC(USA) Self Development of the People.
  + Recommended books: *The Problem with Wealth* by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty and *Evicted* by Matthew Desmund.

Report of General Assembly Commissioners

* Jackie Ranco, Ruling Elder General Assembly Commissioner spoke on her experiences at the 2022 General Assembly serving on safety and welfare.
* Highlights of Jackie Ranco:
  + Led a worship service after getting the opportunity to.
  + The effect the Roe vs. Wade decision, which occurred while they were there, had on everyone.
  + Thinking of what it meant to be in the state of prayer.
  + They participated in a sing off. Which concluded with “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”.
  + The PCUSA decided that as a church Indigenous People Day should be celebrated Monday.
  + Start thinking what it is to be totally aware we only believe in people.
  + Celebrate People- everyone.
  + Church together while talking about people one is always talking about God.
  + Be thankful, God is there for us and we are there for God.
* Thanks, and prayers were given to Jackie for her work as commissioner and for her health.

Lunch

* **MSC- A motion for recess for lunch was moved by Timm High, seconded by Robyn Weaver and carried by Presbytery.**
* Rev. Richard Blood prayed over the meal.

Call to Order

* James Deters, Moderator, called the meeting to order following the meal at 1:08 pm.

Nominating Committee/ Committee on Representation.

* Arlin Talley, Parliamentarian, requested a temporary suspension of the Bylaws.
  + **MSC- A motion to wave the ten-day requirements to needed to set aside the bylaws was moved by Arlin Talley, seconded by Timm High, and carried with more than 2/3 vote.**
  + **MSC- A motion to set aside the bylaws that limit terms of six-years to serve on a committee was moved by Arlin Talley, seconded, and carried by the Presbytery.**
    - This motion was requested so that Lon Weaver can continue to work with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as they had not been actively working until last year.
* Matthew Arneson, chair of Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of Phil Peterson; Ruling Elder of Bayfield, as the Presbytery Moderator was carried by the Presbytery.**
    - A Vice- Moderator was not elected at this meeting.
  + **A motion to approve the chairs of committees, as follows, was moved by Arlin Talley, seconded by Brett Foote, and carried by the Presbytery.**
    - **Presbytery- Committee on Ministry Co-Chairs: Robyn Weaver (TE) and Corey Larsen (TE).**
    - **Presbytery- Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Lon Weaver (TE)**
    - **Presbytery- Nominating Committee Chair: Matthew Arneson (TE)**
    - **Presbytery- Program Strategy Committee Co-Chairs: Brett Foote (TE) and Jason Schilling (TE)**
    - **Council Committee- Finance and Budget Chair: Doug Workman (TE)**
    - Council Committee- Overture and Bylaws Chair: none
    - Council Committee- Personnel Chair: none
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the following new members to the Committee on Ministry: The motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Dianna Bell (TE, Honorably Retired)**
    - **Kathy Smith (TE, Honorably Retired)**
    - **John Mann (TE, Honorably Retired)**
    - **Karen Schuder (TE, Member-at-Large)**
    - **Dorothy Duquette (TE, Coleraine, Bovey, Calumet)**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The Committee on Ministry moved to approve the election of Jan Letsos (RE, Superior, United) to the Sexual Misconduct Response Committee was carried by the Presbytery.**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the following new members to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Lon Weaver (TE, Duluth, Glen Avon)**
    - **Jack Fashbaugh (RE)**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The Nominating Committee moved to approve the election of Sue Goodin (TE, Honorably Retired) to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Ordination Readers was carried by the Presbytery.**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the following new members to the Program Strategy Committee, the motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Claudia Welty (RE, Duluth, Glen Avon)**
    - **Ken Ribe (TE, Honorably Retired, Presbytery Pastoral Care)**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the Lindsay Biddle (TE, Duluth, Chaplain) to the Permanent Judicial Commission, the motion was carried by Presbytery.**
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the following new members to Finance and Budget, the motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Tim Nieman (RE, Eau Claire, First)**
    - **Cameron Campbell (RE, Superior, United)**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of the following new members to Personnel, the motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Elizabeth Liebenstein (TE, Duluth Chaplain)**
    - **Angela Michler (RE, Phillips)**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- Council moved to approve the election of the following new members to Personnel, the motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Doug Workman (TE, Tower)**
    - **Hope Dougherty (RE, Manitowish Waters)**
  + **MSC- Arlin Talley, on behalf of the Self-Development of the People Committee (SDOP), moved to approve the election of the following new members to, the motion was carried by Presbytery:**
    - **Ron Henley (TE, Honorabley Retired)**
    - **Steven Davis (Duluth, Temple Israel)**
    - **Helen Davis**
    - **Lynette Swanberg**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of Ken Ribe (TE, Honorably Retired, Presbytery Pastoral Care) to the Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Board, the motion was carried by Presbytery.**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.
  + **MSC- The nominating committee moved to approve the election of Dianna Bell (TE, Honorably Retired) to the Seafarers, the motion was carried by Presbytery.**
    - There were no nominations from the floor.

Committee on Ministry

* Robyn Weaver, co-chair of COM, reported to Presbytery.
  + The 2023 Proposed Minimum Salary Report was presented, and a vote was not required.
  + Robyn recognized new ministers, the work done by committees to fill pulpit, and recognized how churches are still standing following the pandemic.
* Bill Gravelle, RE of Duluth, Glen Avon and representative of the Administrative Commission of Duluth, First Presbyterian Church, reported on behalf of the Administrative Commission.
  + The Administrative Commission formed in November 2020.
  + A meeting Tuesday to discuss the proposal for the building.
  + Joel Huenemann was thanked for his work with First Presbyterian’s session on behalf of the Administrative Commission.

Conversations with Speakers

* Alonzo Johnson and Margaret Mwale continued their SDOP presentation.

Sabbath

* A prayer for Sabbath occurred prior to breaking for Sabbath.

Meal Blessing and Supper

* A blessing was given before supper.

Evening Worship

* The evening worship was led by Rev. Wendy Christianson of Virginia, assisted by Mary Schidler CRE of Grand Rapids, and music was led by Darcy Reich of Grand Rapids.
* Worship consisted of the following:
  + Sharing of the Word
  + Offering: Peace and Global Witness & Christmas Joy
  + Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
  + Necrology Report

Fellowship

* The meeting closed for the evening and was followed by fellowship.

**Saturday, October 8, 2022**

**8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast- Message from Clearwater Forest

Moderator Calls Meeting to Order

* James Deters, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer at 9:09 am.

Morning Worship and Installation of Moderator

* James Deters lead morning worship and the Installation of Phil Peterson (RE, Bayfield) as Moderator.
* **Phil Peterson was accepted and installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Waters.**
* Phil Peterson continued the meeting as the newly installed moderator.

Report of Synod Meeting

* Sue Goodin was not present at the Saturday meeting.
* The report was not presented but will be presented at the February meeting.

Finance and Budget

* Doug Workman, chair, reported and presented two actions from the committee.
* **MSC- The motion, from committee, that the Presbytery accept the outside accountants, Bauman Associates, Ltd, statements was carried by Presbytery.**
* **MSC- The motion, from committee, that the Presbytery accept the recommended 2023 budget was carried by Presbytery.**
  + Clarification regarding whether or not the Presbytery office move to Glen Avon was reflected in the office was requested.
    - The Presbytery move to Glen Avon, Duluth, will not be reflected in the 2023 budget.

Council Report

* The report was accepted by consent at the Friday meeting.
* There were no questions or items brought forth for discussion by the Presbytery.

Overtures and Bylaws

* Arlin Talley, chair, presented two motions from Overtures and Bylaws.
* Council created a Task Force to rework the Manual of Operations
* **MSC- The committee moved to consider the publication of the revision of the Bylaws as the first reading. The motion was carried by the Presbytery.**
  + The revised Bylaws were published on pages 59-68 of the meeting packet.
* **MSC- The committee moved to remove all forms from the Manual of Operations, to replace them with the following revised forms, and to make the revised forms available by means of a separate link on the Presbytery’s website, northernwaters.net; the revised forms will not be considered part of the Manual of Operations. The motion was carried by Presbytery.**
  + The rationale for this motion was that the forms have all been revised to have similar language and format, and may, from time to time, need to be revised for administrative purposes.
  + The updated forms were available on pages 69-95 of the meeting packet.

Personnel Committee

* Doug Workman, chair, reported.
* The Presbytery has great staff. There is good communication among the staff members.
* Thanks was given to staff for all their hard work.

Presbyterian Women

* Hope Dougherty, chair, provided a written report located on page 96 of the meeting packet.

Committee on Preparation

* Leslie Anderson, member of committee, on behalf of Lon Weaver, chair, reported.
* The committee has developed a training, examinations and service form.
* The committee has the following people currently going through training:
  + Andrew MacGregor of Ashland.
  + Ed Williams of Hannibal.
  + Lori Kangas-Olsen of Grand Rapids.
* There were three Commissioned RE’s and one RE in training present at this meeting.

Program Strategy

* Arlin Talley, former chair, referred to the written report located on page 97 of the meeting packet and welcomed one of the new co-chairs, Brett Foote to present.
* Brett Foote spoke regarding the Presbyterian Youth Triennium Beyond event. The event was presented by Sara Gannon, Jennifer Bluntach, and Laura Foote. The event will take place February 17-19, 2023, at Camp Amicon. Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome. The theme is “Play and Joy with God”. The cost is $25 per student. Funding will be provided by the Triennium Fund.
* Richard Blood spoke regarding the upcoming Mission Trip. The Mission Trip will be in Lake Charles, Louisianna on February 11-19, 2023. The focus will be on repairing damage from flooding and winds. Twenty people are welcome. The registration fee is $100 to be paid by individuals or church sponsors.
* Arlin explained why the Phillips request for funds is located under New Business and not Program Strategy. This is due to the amount of the request.

Unfinished Business

* Alonzo Johnson and Margaret Mwale completed their presentation. They were sent forward with prayers for safe travels and gifts following the presentation.
* Richard Blood presented James Deter with his gift of thanks for his time as Moderator of the Presbytery.

New Business

* Request from Phillips for funding
  + Arlin Talley reported.
    - Program Strategy received a request for funds from the Congregational Vitality Fund from Phillips for $50,000.
    - The request was in regard to the redevelopment program a few years ago. At that time Phillips had requested $100,000 and $50,000 was approved by the Presbytery and received by Phillips.
    - A handout of the Grant Application was provided by Matthew Arneson.
    - A motion for the Presbytery to approve the grant request for $50,000 was moved by Arlin Talley, seconded by Timm High, and discussed.
      * Brett Foote requested clarity around the motion regarding the amount. He asked if the $50,000 would be used to pay off the mortgage. The response was yes.
      * A sub-motion to defer to Program Strategy, then to Council, then to Trustees, and then to the Presbytery was suggested as this is protocol.
        + **MSC- A motion to refer the request from Phillips for funding to the next Program Strategy meeting was moved by Brett Foote, seconded by James Deters and carried with 18 votes for and 5 votes against.**

The rationale for this motion was to follow the process protocol.

* Lake Nebagamon Administrative Commission (AC)
  + **MSC- A motion for the formation of an AC for the dissolution of Lake Nebagamon church and the sale of the building with proceeds to go to Brule Presbyterian Church was moved by James Deters, seconded by Lori Moe, and carried by the Presbytery after discussion.**
    - A question was raised regarding whether there was a reason to or to not give the proceeds to Brule.
      * The protocol is for the funds to go to the Presbytery.
      * The reason to was because they are just closing the building. Members have already merged with Brule Presbyterian Church which is within the Pioneer Parish.
    - There have already been four offers for the church building.
  + Lawrence Lee volunteered to be part of the AC.
  + Leslie Anderson requested the AC form as soon as possible.

Mission Trip

* Members of the Ashland Mission Trip “Re:Member” were not able to attend the October meeting. James Deters spoke regarding the trip on their behalf.
* The focus of the mission was building relationships, and peace building between Pine Ridge and white man.
  + This would be done by traveling to and taking part in weeklong classes. They would also work alongside one another rebuilding homes.
* The first day they shared a meal and experienced a pow wow. After the pow wow a staff member tested positive for COVID. Tribal policy was no additional contact with those outside the tribe.
* The Ashland members were sent home with a refund. They plan to return to the next event to be scheduled soon.

Break

* A break occurred at 10:45 am.

Report of Roll Clerk and Offerings Received

* Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, presented the report of the Roll Clerk and Offerings Received.

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|  | **In Person** | **Zoom** |
| **Teaching Elders** | 15 | 5 |
| **Ruling Elders** | 5 | 7 |
| **Commissioned Ruling Elders** | 2 | 0 |
| **Council Members** | 0 | 0 |
| **Inquirers/Candidates** | 0 | 0 |
| **Corresponding Members** | 2 | 0 |
| **Staff** | 4 | 0 |
| **Visitors/Observers** | 4 | 1 |
| **Total** | 32 | 13 |
| **Combined Total** | 45 | |
| **Offering Received** | $241 | |

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| **Minister of Word and Sacrament** | **Status** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Matthew Arneson | Tech, Phillips | In-person |
| Dianna Bell | Honorably Retired | In-person |
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| Wendy Christianson | Worship Leader, Virginia | In-Person |
| James Deters | Moderator, Ashland | In-Person |
| Dorothy Duquette | Council Chair, Bovey, Calumet, Coleraine | In-Person |
| Brett Foote | UPC Superior | In-Person |
| Paula Gaboury | Two Harbors | In-Person |
| Robert Goodin | Honorably Retired | Zoom |
| Sue Goodin | Synod Representative, GA Commissioner, Honorably Retired | Zoom |
| Timm High | Lac du Flambeau | In-Person |
| Joel Huenemann | Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Kari Jutila | Lakeside Duluth | Zoom |
| Corey Larsen | Ely | In-Person |
| Lawrence Lee | COM Co-Chair, Bayfield | Zoom |
| Terry Muck | Manitowish Waters | In-Person |
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| Darrel Robertson | Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| C. Arlin Talley | Parliamentarian, Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Karen Schuder | Member-at-large | Zoom |
| Kate Stangl | Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Robyn Weaver | COM Co-Chair, Glen Avon Duluth | In-Person |
| Doug Workman | Personnel and Finance and Budget, Tower | In-Person |

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| **Commissioned Ruling Elders** | **Status** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Leslie Anderson | Pioneer Parish | In-Person |
| Chip Holt | Bemidji | In-Person |

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| **Corresponding Members** | **Status** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Alonzo Johnson | SDOP GA, Presenter | In-Person |
| Margaret Mwale | SDOP GA, Presenter | In-Person |

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| **Commissioners** | **Representing** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Phil Peterson | Vice-Moderator, Bayfield | In-Person and Zoom |
| Ruth Anderson | Bemidji | Zoom |
| Ann Pellman | Brule | In-Person |
| Lori Moe | Carlton | In-Person |
| Lynda Butek | Chippewa Falls | Zoom |
| Candy Deal | Coleraine | Zoom |
| David Uttley | Lakeside-Duluth | Zoom |
| Barb Meyer | Grand Rapids | Zoom |
| Ed Williams | Hannibal | In-Person |
| Angela Michler | Phillips | Zoom |
| Cameron Campbell | UPC Superior | In-Person |
| Dar Graden | Two Harbors | In-Person |

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| **Visitors/Observers** | **From** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Jackie Ranco | GA Commissioner, Ashland | Zoom |
| Bill Gravel | First AC, Glen Avon Duluth | In-Person |
| Kristen Larsen | Ely | In-Person |
| Darcy Reich | Music Leader, Grand Rapids | In-Person |
| Mary Schidler, CRE | Worship Assistant, Grand Rapids | In-Person |
| Denise Arneson | Phillips | In-Person |

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| **Staff** | **Status** | **In-Person or Zoom** |
| Richard Blood | General Presbyter, Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Brad Carloss | Stated Clerk, Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Ken Ribe | Pastoral Care, Honorably Retired | In-Person |
| Amanda Keppers | Office Administrator, Minutes and Roll Clerk | In-Person |

Closing Prayer

* Timm High led the Presbytery in singing the “Doxology” as the closing prayer.

Adjournment

* The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Departure-Safe Travels

Stated Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Amanda Keppers

Minutes and Roll Clerk

Presbytery of Northern Waters

***Meeting minutes approved by Council at the February 28, 2023, Council meeting.***