

**Presbytery of Boston  
Council  
October 19, 2023  
Draft Minutes**

*Present:* Kathy Barnes, Katie Cole, Drew Hanson, Ken Grant, Meagan Manas, Trina Portillo, Lisa Carlin (Treasurer), Ivy Jones Turner (Acting Moderator), Ben Black (Vice Moderator-elect), Kate Carlisle (Stated Clerk),

**Call to Order**

The called meeting of the Council of the Presbytery of Boston was called to order on Zoom on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:04 pm, with prayer by the Acting Moderator, Ivy Jones Turner. A quorum was electronically present.

The purpose for the called meeting is to hear and discuss the reports of the Treasurer and Trustees and to discuss any related items (including any items related to stewardship of the Needham building and the Primera Iglesia transition); and to approve a recommended 2024 budget for Presbytery action. Council **accepted** the agenda without objection.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lisa presented the latest version of the proposed 2024 budget. Lisa and Ken talked through various details and answered questions. The new format of the budget incorporates additional detail and transparency, including breakdowns for unrestricted and restricted income/spending, the Needham project, and GLOW. A total of 45 minutes is allocated between the Treasurer, Budget Team, and Trustees in the the Presbytery docket, so that there is plenty of time for questions about our new bookkeeping system and the changes to the presentation of the budget.

The budget includes Donnie Dick's building manager position for 30 hours a week at the Needham building as the transition to Primera Iglesia continues. Newton has been paying the Presbytery for up to 10 hours a week of Donnie's time. Going into 2024, only the Presbytery's responsibility for 3/4 time is listed in the budget.

Cost of living adjustments (3%) for Presbytery staff are included.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to recommend that Presbytery adopt the budget as outlined.

**Trustees Report**

Upon recommendation of Trustees, Council approved the following 2023 debits without objection:

1. \$3,000 from East Boston Continuing Ed Fund as seed funding for the required '24 Boundary Training
2. \$5,000 from the Ft Square Fund for the New Worshipping Communities Investment Grant
3. Up to \$2,000 from the Lynn Redevelopment Fund for NE GLOW's work with urban congregations
4. Up to \$3,000 from the Robie Fund for NE GLOW's work on evangelism and church growth

Council affirmed these actions of Treasurer and Trustees, making the 2023 budget true with restricted funds.

### **Adjournment**

Ken adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:55 pm.

The next regular Council meeting is January 21.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery is December 14.