



Presbytery of Boston Council Minutes

February 10, 2022

Attendance:

Voting: Katie Cole, Trina Portillo, Drew Hanson, Su Young Kim, Kathy Barnes, Meagan Manas, Ivy Turner

Non-Voting: T. J. DeMarco, Andy Parmelee

Convene

The duly elected moderator, Trina Portillo, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Meagan Manas led the council with prayer. The moderator declared that a quorum was present. The council approved the docket as presented. The date of this meeting was shifted from February 17 to February 10 to accommodate schedules.

The council approved the minutes from its January 20, 2022, meeting and January 27, 2022, meeting.

Electronic Votes

The council approved the expenditure of \$1250 for a training for the anti-racism task force. Funds for this project will come from the Presbyterian Leadership Cohort fund.

Treasurer

Andy Parmelee

The treasurer closed the books for 2021 on February 1. Individual giving increased in 2021. An elder from the Bethany Presbyterian Church found an old banking account and donated the funds to the Presbytery. The total was \$4,403. The trustee accounts increased and the treasurer and distributed the capital gains in accordance with Presbytery policies.

Committee on Representation

Kathy Barnes

From Congregations - 2021 Annual Statistical Report is due Feb 17 (next week)

- All pastors/clerks were contacted asking for them to send their ASR directly to COR
- Of 20 churches, 5 have returned their reports
 - Note: Newton surveyed members - of 46, 9 returned results
- Once deadline passes, all remaining churches will be contacted again
- After a week, each individual church which has not responded will get an individual email and / or phone call
- Hopefully, all 20 will send data before April
- If not, data will be available from Stated Clerk later in the year

From Teaching Elders - there is no regular annual reporting

- In March/April, will email all TEs in Presbytery
- After a week, COR will divide the TEs that have not yet responded, and send out individual email and / or phone calls
- Will add information on any new TEs to POB throughout year

For both churches and TE combined:

- By end of April will provide Nominating (and Stated Clerk) with results

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Drew Hanson

CPM met on February 8. They had a consultation with Mike Motia. He is certified ready to receive a call.

Nominating Committee

Katie Cole

The nominating committee continues to meet and will have a report for the March meeting.

Personnel Committee

Meagan Manas

The council reviewed the personnel policy proposed by the current personnel committee. This is a major revision which will come to Presbytery in March for a vote.

Stated Clerk

T. J. DeMarco

Follow-Up With Synod

I met with our Synod Leader SanDawna Ashley to follow-up with our discussion on a presbyter for transition vs. hiring a consultant. She felt that either option could work and could see the rationale of hiring a consulting firm. She warned that if we hire a consultant, there needs to be specific deliverables and we would likely need to do some work discerning what we would want a consultant to do.

Needham Task Force

The council **voted to recommend** the following task force to the Presbytery.

Needham Task Force:

1. Assess the value and costs of the property.
2. Determine potential uses, including the highest and best uses.
3. Discern options that serve the mission of the Presbytery.
4. Recommend to Presbytery next steps for the Needham building.
5. Upon making a recommendation to the Presbytery, this task force shall be dismissed.
6. A designee of council will serve as a liaison to council.

Shekinah Task Force

The council **voted to recommend** the following task force to Presbytery:

Shekinah Task Force:

1. Develop an understanding of Shekinah ministries and submit a report to council. This report should include information related to worship, community life, mission, locations, and financial reporting within Shekinah Ministries.
2. Discern what is needed from the Presbytery to support this ministry.
3. Meet with Paulo Lima and the governing boards of the Shekinah congregations to develop an understanding of the visions of the ministries.
4. Estimate translation/interpretation costs needed for Presbytery to support Shekinah Ministries.
5. Submit a recommendation for further action by the Presbytery.
6. A designee of council will serve as a liaison to council.

September Presbytery Meeting

The council **voted to recommend** that Presbytery changes its September meeting to September 29.

Whitinsville Administrative Commission

The Stated Clerk continues to work with the Whitinsville Administrative Commission. The group is working with the session and congregation on the ongoing conflict.

Presbytery Meeting and Docket

The council **voted** to hold a virtual meeting of the Presbytery in March.

The council **voted** to donate worship offering funds to the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon's new Peace and Justice Center.

The council reviewed the docket for the March Presbytery Assembly meeting.

The Stated Clerk will coordinate with the presbyter at PSNE to begin plans for a Pentecost event with PSNE and POB.

I plan to take a vacation from April 18-24.

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM with prayer.