

Agenda
Presbytery of Boston Council
January 19, 2023
7:00 pm

7:00 Open with Prayer at 7:06pm by Kate Carlisle

Present: Kate Carlisle (Moderator); Kathy Barnes, Ken Grant, Ivy Jones Turner, Meagan Manas, Andy Parmelee, John Sweet,

Joined: Trina Portillo (Immediate Past Moderator); Rob Mark (chair, Needham Task Force)

7:05 Approve Agenda

Approval of November minutes - MSA

7:10 Stated Clerk's report

- Introduction of Rev. Paul Rack, former member of PoB in 1980s. getting & responding to emails (statedclerk@presbyteryofboston.org), phone: 908-625-1844 cell number; living in Ithaca NY area; will update Council contact info and send to Paul.

7:15 Moderator's report

- working on planning Yan Wang ordination service 1/29 at First United Cambridge, to be ordained and installed. Eric Markman will preach. Confirmed which Communion supplies to be provided, service will be bilingual. Requests from Yen - Would like to have wife translate for fellowship members, Lih Wen Lin will translate for assembly.

Motion made, seconded, and approved that offering to be designated to Fellowship.

- Yan applied for campus ministry grant, needed letter of endorsement, which Kate completed and submitted.
- -Please let know if any additional items for attention as Kate gets up to speed in role as moderator.

7:20 Treasurer's Report

- 77K (?)
- Andy speaking with congregations regarding sending in 2022 per capita.
- - Newton will submit funds to cover expenses for use of Needham building manager.
- Request for Anti-racism group cost of \$106, to approve and how to categorize? MSA to reimburse.

7:25 Reports from task forces'

- Needham Task Force (Rob Mark) will bring report to March meeting, with proposal to give building to Primera Iglesias. Proposal is for use of facilities to follow Matthew 25. Suggest to work with Resident Energy to add solar panels to roof (after repairs), anticipate would take 6 years to break even on funds. Would sell off 'extra' energy to community solar to manage 'selling-off'/distribution to community members. Primera would manage any other tenants using building. Question, which will include in report, does PoB have role to recognize 3-5 year contingency to steward and be responsive to Primera Iglesias needs with managing building? Potential funding sources Lynn redevelopment, etc.

* Question: what is request of Needham Task Force to Trustees committee? What decision or suggestion for moving forward with current leases? Please move forward with renewing leases, potentially with suggestion for better clarity of building management.

* Question: Is request for PoB to invest cost for roof repairs of \$200,000? Yes. PoB would need to be/more likely to be successful applicant for loan.

- Shekinah Task Force – will meet with GA Worshipping Community staff in January.

7:30 Discussion of potential Council retreat

- Synod offer to support PoB facilitate a retreat to develop PoB Vision, Staffing, & build community. Trina has been speaking with SNE, PNNE about shared staffing model. Takes 75 people to fully staff; what 1 or 2 things might PoB challenge self to do to make things better for churches, committees. Addressing burnout – if want work of churches to be meaningful this might need to shape work together. How to build community? How to find some time within next month or so to address staff questions – may need to be 2 conversations (stated clerk, second conversation is resource presbyter). Then return to bigger questions in future meeting. Council members asked to select one of 3 dates for Staffing Discussion, specifically on Presbyter role: Dates are 2/8, 2/15, 3/1 all 10-11:30, those able welcomed to continue conversations.

- Suggestion – follow-up Trustee committee – do we have the funds to support staffing (3k members need 30k);

7:45 Report from COR

- Have aggregate statistics for congregations and TE; submitting report shortly. Will develop demographic survey for TE as join PoB to ensure have information.

7:50 Report from COM

- Committee met early January. Will be gathering information to determine plan. Will meet with Jill, TJ and Paul in preparation for February report.

8:00 Report from CPM - no report

8:05 Report from Trustees

- Transition of assets: moving from Schwab to (NCTC) New Covenant Trust Company – were having some delays; Subcommittee met re job descriptions for Needham/Newton Building Manager – now shared between two churches so likely to result in sharing of costs, which MAY free some funds in PoB budget; Thatcher asked to step down from Trustees, Trustees committee currently short 2 people; Investment subcommittee defunct (no members) trustees will manage investment; Reviewed Needham Task Force report – to take next steps on leases, budget, and some deferred maintenance (approx. \$60,000 for roof repairs); Staffing – preliminary discussion of treasurer services, business continuity with Andy and personnel, will continue and follow-up discussions.
- Is there still option for churches to transfer their assets/investments to pair with PoB? Discount not available until assets move. Trustees can schedule presentation on during March Stated Meeting. Suggestion to email materials in advance, run announcements in newsletter, and invite church treasurers to attend March Presbytery meeting with questions. PILP (Sun Ju Park) will be in attendance at March stated meeting.

8:10 Report from Nominating (via phone)

- Aware of new Trustee president, Stated Clerk. Will have vacancies upcoming for Nominating, for which Council is responsible to identify candidates. Please let know if interested and anyone to nominate

8:15 Report from Personnel

- Christmas gifts provided to PoB staff, thanks for donations.
- Annual reviews with Ben and Andy to be scheduled shortly.

8:20 Old Business:

-Council meeting Schedule

- We're reviewing new date for Council meetings, postponed to new term. Meagan will send Doodle Poll via

email.

- Website issue

- Decision needed on whether to Update or Patch from 2021. Motion made, seconded, and approved to spend up to \$4,000 for upgrade to PoB website.
- Email vote for Stated Clerk pro tem
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved to ratify email vote approving Rev. Paul Rack as Stated Clerk Pro Tem
- Grant application
 - Jessi Killilea request of \$1050 to attend APCE January 22-28. Motion made, seconded, and approved. Trina will contact and learn to where & whom check should be drafted

8:40 New Business

8:45 Adjourn with Prayer

8:50 pm closed with prayer by Moderator: Kate

Next Council Meeting: February 16, at 7:00 pm (tentative, if not meet prior to this date)

Next Presbytery Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm