

**The Presbytery of the Alleghenies (POA) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)**  
**Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**November 18, 2017**

- 25-01 POA met for its 25th Stated Meeting, hosted by Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. Notice to the POA churches was given at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
- 25-02 The business meeting began at 9:15 am on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the Common Hall of Trinity School for Ministry (“TSM”).
- 25-03 Call to Order:** Moderator TE Nathanael Devlin called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. He then thanked host TSM for their welcome and introduced Aiden Smith, who brought greetings on behalf of Trinity School for Ministry. Moderator Devlin opened the meeting with prayer.
- 25-04 Quorum:** With concurrence of the Stated Clerk, RE Ray Kinat, Moderator Devlin declared a quorum.
- 25-05 Attendance of TE’s and RE Commissioners:** There were 32 Teaching Elders (TEs) and 33 Ruling Elder Commissioners (REs) present (excluding transitional members), according to the sign-in sheets. Those TEs in attendance are noted with (P), those excused with (E), and those not excused with (A):

<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
Amazing Grace	Roger Korsten (A)	
Ardara	(vacant)	Sherry McCune Fred Bright
Bay	(vacant) Carol Rettew (A) Matt Guertin (E)	Richard Gash
Bellefield	Josh Brown (P)	Larry Williams Carol Williams
Bergen EPC	Michael Merry (P)	
Berlin	Rick Negley (P)	
Bethany	Peter Dembroski (A)	
Bethel (Enon Valley)	(vacant)	

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<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
Bethel (Prosperity)	Eric Toohey (P)	John McCosby Judy Grice
Beverly Heights	Rick Wolling (P) Nate Devlin (P)	
Brighton Presby	(vacant)	
Center	Bill Woodman (P)	
Colonial Village	(vacant)	
Connellsville	Suzanne Zampella (P)	Paulette Dye Scott Brooks
Covenant (Ligonier)	Robert Cummings (P)	
Covenant (Sharon)	(vacant)	R George Ross Jim Braymer
CUP	Scott Graham (P)	Suzi Clark
Fairview	David Perry (P)	
Faith Fellowship	(vacant)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Presby – Bakerstown	(vacant) Jeremy Collins (A)	Howard Utz Alan Wettach
1 <sup>st</sup> Presby – Barton	(share with Lonaconing)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Presby – Beaver	Jeff Arnold (A) Henry Knapp (A) Marc de Jeu (A)	Mike Helms
1 <sup>st</sup> Presby – Bentleyville	Andy Scott (A)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Lonaconing	Thomas Morgan (P)	
Ft. Palmer	(vacant)	
Fourth Presby	Eric Amundson (P)	

<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
Gateway	Chris White (E)	
Graystone	Rick Hurley (A) Ryan Mowen (A) Joseph Stroup (E)	
Hanover	Jefferson Ellis (P)	
Harmony	Jeff Jones (P)	John Elmer
Hickory	(vacant)	
Hudson	Rob Sparr (E)	
Knox	(vacant)	
Lancaster	Kelly Negus (A)	
Lebanon	Bob Titus (A)	
Leicester (Union)	<i>(CP supplied)</i>	
Lighthouse	Anthony Bianchini (A)	
Manor	<i>(CP supplied)</i>	
Mansfield 1 <sup>st</sup>	(vacant)	
Memorial Park	Dean Weaver (A) Kevin Gourley (A) Betsy Rumer (E) Chris Matthewson (E)	
Middle Sandy	Tracy Edwards (P)	Bill Smythe Joe Schopfer
Millcreek	Harper Brady (P)	Jason Stanton
Mountville	(vacant)	Bruce Gallagher

<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
Mt. Carmel	Michael Anastas (A)	James Tatum
Mt. Lebanon	(vacant)	Bruce Tenenbaum
Mt. Olivet	Kevin Neal (P)	
Mt. Perry	Bryan Bushong (A)	
Mt. Pleasant	Richard Herbster (P)	Sara Beth Miller Ken Davis
Muddy Creek	Matthew Kail (P)	
New Bedford	Doug Runyan (P)	
New Covenant	Chris Curtis (E)	John Lockwood George Pisor
New Hope	Andrew Cooper (A)	
North Park	Dan Hendley (A) Ben Burkholder (E)	
Peters Creek	Doug Brandt (P)	
Petrolia	<i>(share with Fairview)</i>	Mitzi Wilkins
Pierpont	(vacant)	
Pine Run	Lanny Mellinger (E)	
Portersville	Dana Opp (E)	
Redeemer	(vacant)	Bob LeSuer Laurie LeSuer
Round Hill	Matt Stith (E)	
Shiloh	Scott Wiest (E)	
Slickville	<i>(CP supplied)</i>	

<b>Church</b>	<b>TEs</b>	<b>RE Commissioners</b>
St. Paul's	Anthony Myers (E) Mike Dunlap (A)	Jim Bandstra
Starkdale	G Carl Moore (P)	Bob Burnes
Summit	Tom Jones (P)	
Tabernacle	Rick Stauffer(E) Gary Koerth (A)	
Unionville	<i>(share with Muddy Creek)</i>	Gary Weir
United Presby Stone	(vacant)	
Venice	Gary Chorpenning (P)	
Westminster Community	(vacant)	Allan Brown
Windy Gap	Joseph Rearick (P)	

### **Out-of-Bounds**

- Robert Cappel (P)
- Lindon Fowler (E)
- John McElwain (A)
- David S.(withheld) (A)
- Scott Steltzer (A)
- Robert Stanley (P)

### **Administrators:**

- Bob Stauffer – POA (Church Revitalization Coordinator) (A)

### **W/O Call**

- Paul Becker (P)
- Matt Haberman (A)
- Dan Muttart (A)
- Carolyn Poteet (P)
- Bob Shull (A)
- Garnet Slatton (A)
- Mike Vonderau (A)

## **Retired – Active**

- Karen Anderson (A)
- Thom Burbridge (A)
- Jim Henkel (A)
- Don Hurray (A)
- Philip Makari (A)
- Lowell Meek (P)
- Tom Sawyer (P)
- Roger Woodworth (A)

## **Transitional**

### **Church**

Natrona Heights

### **TEs**

(vacant)

### **REs**

## **Associate and/or Inactive Status**

- Hu Auburn – retired (A)
- Bobby Brown – inactive (A)
- Dave Chambers – Chaplain (A)
- Adrian Ciganic – out of state (A)
- David Hunt – inactive (A)
- Daniel Lee – out of the country (A)
- David Massimi – retired (A)
- William Milligan – retired (A)
- William Pawson – retired (A)
- Doug Reinard – retired (A)
- Dick Rettew – retired (A)
- John Timmerman - retired (A)
- George Yates - retired (A)

**Observers/Visitors:** Neil Zampella (POA Treasurer); Debra Gerber, Glenn Meyers (Ardara); Barnett Hendrickson (Bellefield); Ray Peterson (Beverly Heights); Linda Braymer (Covenant – Sharon); David Zamora (Fourth EPC); Greg Anderson (Hebron PCUSA); Kay Atman, Eileen Tenenbaum (Mt. Lebanon); Lucas Waters, Craig Lahtinen, Nina Mazzei-Parrish, Rich Pierce, Mark Stefanini, (Mt. Pleasant EPC); Ray Marr (New Covenant); Bruce Allison (North Park EPC); Jarrod Crawford (St. John’s Reformed); Alice Buchanan, Kristin Spicer, Karen Mascolo, Patrice Spencer, Gayle Schrach, Thomas Edmiston, Eric Phillips, Jon Dresser, Shawn Duniver (Stow); Chris Scruggs (Presbytery of the Gulf South, transitional pastor at Bay EPC)

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**25-06 Docket:** Moderator Devlin requested adoption of the docket. It was so moved, seconded and carried, with no changes to the docket, given below.

<u>Agenda for Business Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 25<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting</u>	
<u>Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup></u>	
Call to Order	Moderator TE Nate Devlin
Opening Prayer	↓
Declaration of Quorum & Approval of Docket	
Report of the BA Committee	RE Mike Helms - Chairman
• 2018 Budget	
Report of Ministerial Committee	RE Ray Peterson – Chairman
○ Approval of Out of Bounds	
○ Acceptance of dismissal of Ft. Palmer	
○ Acceptance of dissolution of Call of Mike Anastas @ Mt. Carmel	
Report of the Executive Council	RE Ray Kinat – Stated Clerk
• Sept. MInutes	
Self-Introduction of Guests and Observers	Moderator TE Nate Devlin
Announcements	↓
Prayer and Adjournment	

25-07 Moderator Devlin explained the voting procedures for this 25<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting and reminded everyone that only TE's and RE Commissioners can vote. Moderator Devlin then reminded all TEs and RE Commissioners that they should have a packet that contains all of the written reports and forms that would be discussed at this meeting.

**25-08 Report of the Business Administration Committee (BAC):** Moderator Devlin called RE Mike Helms forward to give the report of the Business Administration Committee (written report included as Attachment A). RE Helms opened his report with prayer.

25-08A RE Helms referred to the proposed budget for 2018 included in the packet (Attachment A). He indicated that the proposed budget was presented at the 24th stated meeting for churches to review. The budgeted income, for 2018, is \$206,000 to be funded by an increase in the PMA from \$12.00 to \$14.50. RE Helms explained this is the first increase since the Presbytery of the Alleghenies was formed in 2011. RE Helms then motioned that the 2018 budget as presented be approved. After some discussion, the motion carried.

25-08B RE Helms indicated that this concluded his report for the Business Administration Committee.

25-09 Moderator Devlin then welcomed all those in attendance and asked first-time attendees to introduce themselves.

**25-10 Report of Ministerial Committee:** Moderator Devlin then invited RE Ray Peterson forward to give the report of the Ministerial Committee. RE Peterson opened the report with prayer.

25-10A RE Peterson then indicated there were three items, brought to the floor in an omnibus motion, from the Ministerial Committee and recommended for approval.

- Approval for those laboring out of bounds
  - Robert Cappel
  - Lindon Fowler
  - John McElwain

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- David S.(withheld)
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- In accordance with BOG 5-10, accept the request from the Congregational of Ft. Palmer to be dismissed from the Presbytery of the Alleghenies and the EPC.
- In accordance with BOG 14-2A & B, accept the resignation and mutual dissolution of the call to Mt. Carmel of Pastor Mike Anastas.

The omnibus motion was approved.

25-10B RE Peterson indicated that this concluded his report.

**25-11 Report of the Executive Council and Stated Clerk:** Moderator Devlin then invited Stated Clerk, RE Ray Kinat forward to give the report of the Executive Council and Stated Clerk. RE Kinat opened his report with prayer.

25-11A RE Ray Kinat indicated there was only one item to address at this time and that was to approve the Minutes of the 24th Stated Meeting (posted on the POA website for at least 30 days prior to the 25th Stated Meeting). Motion was made and carried.

25-11B RE Kinat indicated that this concluded his report.

25-12 Moderator Devlin then opened the meeting to any announcements concerning church activities and events.

- TE Jefferson Ellis led those gathered in prayer for EPC Missionary Andrew Brunson, imprisoned in Turkey and for our brothers and sisters in Southland Texas, as they deal with the aftermath of the shooting in their church during worship a few weeks previously.

25-13 Moderator Devlin indicated that this concluded the business of the meeting. He then entertained a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved at 9:36 am Moderator Devlin dismissed the body with prayer and invited TE Tom Sawyer forward to introduce the *Ministry Effectiveness* workshop.

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RE Ray Kinat, Stated Clerk

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TE Nathanael Devlin, Moderator



Attachment A

<b>POA Budget Analysis</b>		2017	2018
		Estimated	Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Per Member Asking		165000	180000
Designated Giving			
Interest			
GA Offset - RS Salary		25000	25000
Miscellaneous (Pastor's Retreat, etc.)		1000	1000
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>191000</b>	<b>206000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Staff Support</b>		<b>140048</b>	<b>153800</b>
Executive Council Staff		33000	33500
Stated Clerk		15000	15000
Moderator			
Administrative Assistant		17500	18000
AA Expenses		500	500
Church Revitalization Staff		98348	103700
		43576	45776
		28524	28524
		21248	22900
		5000	6500
Miscellaneous Payroll Assessments		4500	4000
		1000	1400
		3500	2600

<b>General Administrative</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>12600</b>
<b>Presbytery Meetings</b>		<b>600</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>		
<b>Committees Expenses</b>	<b>18100</b>	<b>19000</b>
<b>Ministerial</b>	8200	10400
<b>Church Development</b>	7600	6600
<b>Ministry Network</b>	300	0
<b>Business Administration</b>	2000	2000
<b>Sub-Total Operations</b>	<b>158148</b>	<b>172800</b>
<b>Church Planting/Development</b>	40000	30000
<b>Support for Trinity - Reformed Track</b>	5000	5000
<b>Engage 2025</b>	7500	7500
<b>Sub-Total Outreach</b>	52500	42500
<b>Total Expense</b>	210648	215300
<b>Net Increase (Decrease)</b>	-19648	-9300
<b>Unrestricted Balance from previous year</b>	46980	27332
<b>New Balance</b>	27332	18032