

The Presbytery of the Alleghenies (POA) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Minutes of the 29th Stated Meeting
October 13, 2018

- 29-01 POA met for its 29th 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.
- 29-02 The business meeting began at 9:15 am on October 13th in the Common Hall of Trinity School for Ministry (“TSM”).
- 29-03 Call to Order:** Moderator RE Bruce Tenenbaum called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. He then thanked host TSM for their welcome and introduced TE Marc De Jeu, who welcomed everyone to the Trinity School for Ministry. Moderator Tenenbaum opened the meeting with prayer.
- 29-04 It was moved that previous Stated Clerk, RE Bruce Allison be elected as Acting Stated Clerk in the absence of Stated Clerk RE Ray Kinat. Motion carried.
- 29-05 Quorum:** With concurrence of the Acting Stated Clerk, RE Bruce Allison, Moderator Tenenbaum declared a quorum.
- 29-06 Attendance of TE’s and RE Commissioners:** There were 23 Teaching Elders (TEs) and 13 Ruling Elder Commissioners (REs) present (excluding transitional members), according to the sign-in sheets. Those TEs in attendance are noted with (P), those absent are noted with (A), and those who have been excused are marked with (E):

Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Amazing Grace	Roger Korsten (P)	Gordan V Jardy
Ardara	(vacant)	
Bay	Carol Rettew (A) Matt Guertin (A)	
Bellefield	Joshua Brown (E)	Carol Williams Larry Williams
Bergen EPC	Brandt Hammock (P)	

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Berlin	Rick Negley (A)	
Bethany	Peter Dembroski (A)	
Bethel (Enon Valley)	Gerald Dodds(E)	
Bethel (Prosperity)	Eric Toohey (P)	
Beverly Heights	Rick Wolling (A) Nate Devlin (E)	
Brighton Presbyterian Center	Tim Luddy (E) Bill Woodman (A)	
Colonial Village	Jared Hoyt (E)	
Connellsville	Suzanne Zampalla (E)	
Covenant (Ligonier)	Robert Cummings (P)	
Covenant (Sharon)	Rick Stuaffer (E)	Ryan Zippie
CUP	Scott Graham (E)	Judson Herter
Fairview	David Perry (E)	
Faith Fellowship	(vacant)	
1 st Presby – Bakerstown	Paul Becker (E) Jeremey Collins (P)	Al Wettach Lou Ann Oyler
1 st Presby – Barton	Thomas Morgan (E)	
1 st Presby – Beaver	Jeff Arnold (P) Henry Knapp (E) Marc de Jeu (P)	

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Church

1st Presby – Bentleyville

TEs

Andy Scott (E)

RE Commissioners

First Lanaconing

share Thomas Morgan

Fourth Presby

Eric Amundson (A)

Gateway

Chris White (E)

Graystone

Rick Hurley (A)
Ryan Mowen (A)
Joseph Stroup (E)

Hanover

Jefferson Ellis (P)

Harmony

Jeff Jones (E)

Hickory

Trans – Chris Mathewson (E)

Hudson

Rob Sparr (E)
Tim Slager (P)

Knox

(vacant)

Lancaster

Kelly Negus (E)

Lebanon

Bob Titus (A)

Leicester (Union)

(CP supplied)

Lighthouse

Anthony Bianchini (E)

Manor

(CP supplied)

Mansfield 1st

Trans - Denny Finnegan (E)

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Memorial Park	Dean Weaver (E) Betsy Rumer (A) Kevin Gourley (A)	
Middle Sandy	(vacant)	
Mill Creek	Harper Brady (P)	Laura Narry
Mountville	Patrick Keeley(E)	
Mt. Carmel	(vacant)	
Mt. Lebanon	Trans – Carolyn Poteet (E)	Bruce Tenenbaum
Mt. Olivet	Kevin Neal (E)	
Mt. Perry	Bryan Bushong (A)	
Mt. Pleasant	Richard Herbster (P)	Kathleen Mihalow Beth Enders
Muddy Creek	Matthew Kail (E)	
New Albany	David Milroy (A)	
New Bedford	Doug Runyan (P)	
New Covenant	Chris Curtis (P)	George Pisor
New Hope	Andrew Cooper (A)	
North Park	Dan Hendley (E) Ben Burkholder (E)	Bruce Allison
Peters Creek	Doug Brandt (P)	
Petrolia	<i>(share David Perry)</i>	
Pierpont	(vacant)	

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Church	TEs	RE Commissioners
Pine Run	Lanny Mellinger (E)	
Portersville	Dana Opp (P)	
Redeemer	Douglas Kortyna (E)	
Round Hill	Matt Stith (E)	
Shiloh	Scott Wiest (A)	
Slickville	<i>(CP Supplied)</i>	
SOMA	<i>(shared with First Beaver)</i>	
St. Paul's	Tony Myers (E) Mike Dunlap (E)	
Starkdale	Carl Moore (A)	
Stone Church	(vacant)	
Stow	Bob Stanley (P)	
Summit	Tom Jones (A)	
Tabernacle	(vacant) Gary Koerth (P)	
Unionville	<i>(share Matthew Kail)</i>	
Venice	Gary Chorpenning (E)	
Westminster Community	(vacant)	
Windy Gap	Joseph Rearick (E)	

Out-of-Bounds

- Robert Cappel (P)
- Jarred Crawford (E)
- Lindon Fowler (E)
- David S. (A)
- Scott Steltzer (P)

Administrators:

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

W/O Call

- Michael Anastas (A)
- Matt Haberman (E)
- Michael Herring (A)
- Daniel Muttart - Transitional (E)
- Bob Shull (A)
- Garnett Slatton (A)
- Mike Vonderau (A)

Retired – Active

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

Transitional

Natrona Heights (vacant)

Associate and/or Inactive Status

- Hu Auburn – retired (A)
- Bobby Brown – inactive (A)
- David Chambers – OOB (A)
- Adrian Ciganic – OOB (A)
- David Hunt – W/O Call (A)
- Daniel Lee – W/O Call (A)
- David Massimi – retired (A)
- William Milligan – retired (A)

Observers/Visitors: Marlene Becker (Administrative Assistant Presbytery of the Alleghenies); Josh Schweitzer (Amazing Grace); Jim Hobby, Karen Stevenson (Anglican Diocese); Eric Phillips (Middle Sandy); Kay Atman

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(Mt. Lebanon); J Lucas Walters (Mt. Pleasant); David Champ, Elizabeth Champ, Miranda Nero (Westfield Presbyterian ECO);

29-07 Docket: Moderator Tenenbaum requested adoption of the docket. It was so moved, seconded and carried, with no changes to the docket, given below.

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Trinity School for Ministry

8:45 Welcome and Coffee/Snacks	TE Marc De Jeu, Host
9:15 Opening Prayer	RE Bruce Tenenbaum, Moderator
Declaration of Quorum &	
Approval of Docket	
Approval of Acting Stated Clerk (Bruce Allison)	
Report of Business Committee	TE Doug Brandt, Chair
Approval of 2019 Budget	
Status of PMA through August	
Report of Ministerial Committee	TE Eric Toohey, Chair
Approval of TE Transfer	
Adjourn 29 th Stated Meeting and	
Move to Church Planting Training	RE Bruce Tenenbaum, Moderator
9:30 Church Planting Training	TE Marc De Jeu
9:30-10:45am Session 1	
10:45-11am Break	
11-12:30am Session 2	
12:30-1:30pm Lunch	
1:30-2:30 Session 3	
2:30-3:30 Wrap up and Panel Q&A	
3:30 Adjourn/Closing Prayer	RE Bruce Tenenbaum, Moderator

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29-08 Moderator Tenenbaum explained the voting procedures for this 29th Stated Meeting and reminded everyone that only TE's and RE Commissioners can vote. Moderator Tenenbaum 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.

29-09 Report of the Business Administration Committee (BAC): Moderator Tenenbaum called TE Doug Brandt forward to give the report of the Business Administration Committee (written report included as Attachment A). TE Brandt opened his report with prayer.

29-09A TE Brandt gave instructions regarding the Committee's review process of Session minutes

29-09B TE Brandt then referred to the proposed budget for 2019 included in the packet (Attachment A). He indicated that the proposed budget was presented at the 28th Stated Meeting for churches to review. RE Brandt then motioned that the 2018 budget as presented be approved. After some discussion, the motion carried.

29-09C TE Brandt indicated that this concluded his report for the Business Administration Committee.

29-10 Report of Ministerial Committee: Moderator Tenenbaum then invited TE Eric Toohey forward to give the report of the Ministerial Committee. TE Toohey opened the report with prayer, especially acknowledging God's hand in freeing missionary TE Andrew Brunson.

29-10A TE Toohey then indicated that TE Michael Merry, former pastor at Bergen EPC, has requested dismissal from the EPC to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, where TE Merry has accepted a call to pastor a church. TE Toohey moved that the Presbytery accept the request for dismissal. Motion carried.

29-10B TE Toohey indicated that this concluded his report.

29-11 Moderator Tenenbaum 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 Tenenbaum dismissed the body with prayer and invited TE Marc De Jeu forward to introduce the *Church Planting Exploration* workshop.

RE Bruce Allison, Acting Stated Clerk

RE Bruce Tenenbaum, Moderator