

**Presbytery of Genesee Valley**

**Stated Meeting January 31, 2017**

**Irondequoit Presbyterian Church, Rochester New York**

Announcements were made beginning at 3:55 p.m.

A musical celebration in honor of Val Fowler's faithful service as Stated Clerk is being organized. If you are interested in performing please see Jim Renfrew the producer/director of the celebration.

Registration for Church Leadership Development Day is being done only on-line. Karen Kingsbury is here to help anyone register.

Greetings from the host church were given by the Rev. Gene Fowler. He shared where to find the bathrooms and gave directions concerning dinner and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. by the moderator. A quorum was attested to and the moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

**ROLL CALL**

**ACTIVE MINISTERS SERVING CHURCHES (P = Present; Ex = Excused; A = Absent)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Nov</b>
Alkhour, Roula – <i>First, Batavia</i>	P					
Becker, Steven – <i>Perinton, Fairport</i>	EX					
Benjamin, Catherine – <i>Lyndonville, Lyndonville</i>	EX					
Boak, Bruce – <i>First, Pittsford</i>	P					
Boyer, Twyla – <i>First, Albion (Interim)</i>	P					
DeRosia, Melissa – <i>Gates, Rochester</i>	P					
DeVuyst, Larry – <i>Webster, Webster</i>	P					
Farmer, Carin – <i>Central, Avon</i>	P					
Fowler, Gene - <i>Irondequoit, Irondequoit</i>	P					
Fry, Laura – <i>United Church, Covington</i>	P					
Fry, Michael – <i>First, East Avon (Interim)</i>	P					
Gardner, Tom – <i>First, Holley</i>	Ex					
Hanselman, Marie – <i>John Calvin, Henrietta</i>	A					
Haven, Jeanine – <i>First, Wyoming</i>	EX					
Hershey, Kevin – <i>Twelve Corners, Rochester</i>	P					
Hoener, Ed – <i>Union, Scottsville (Interim)</i>	Ex					
Langford, Martha – <i>Third, Rochester</i>	P					
Lowmaster, Nancy – <i>Central, Genesee</i>	Ex					
Luddy, Tim – <i>Brighton, Rochester</i>	A					
Michelinie, Kay – <i>Christ Clarion, Pittsford</i>	P					
Mitchell, Carrie – <i>First, Pittsford</i>	A					
Moler, Martha – <i>Dewey Avenue, Rochester</i>	P					
Mouser, Carson – <i>Summerville, Rochester</i>	P					
Neff, Aaron – <i>United, Corfu</i>	P					
Pepper, David – <i>First, LeRoy</i>	A					
Peters, Daniel – <i>Perinton, Fairport</i>	P					
Pritchard, Colin – <i>First, Victor</i>	P					
Pullano, Tedd – <i>Ogden, Spencerport</i>	P					
Reiff, Marsha Rose – <i>Dansville, Dansville</i>	P					
Renfrew, James – <i>First, Byron</i>	P					
Roberts, Charles – <i>John Knox, Rochester</i>	P					
Schram, William – <i>Caledonia, 1<sup>st</sup> – Interim</i>	P					
Sparks, Lynette – <i>Third, Rochester</i>	P					
Spratt, Robert – <i>Bethany, Rochester</i>	Ex					
Styrt, Katie Jasa – <i>Gates &amp; Laurelton</i>	P					
Sumption, Michelle – <i>York</i>	P					
Sumption, Ron – <i>Medina</i>	P					
Swift, Deborah – <i>South, Rochester</i>	A					
Thaine, Susan – <i>Penfield, Penfield</i>	P					
Therese, Barbara – <i>United, Warsaw</i>	Ex					
Tipton, Barbara – <i>First, Elba &amp; East Bethany, E. Beth.</i>	Ex					
Vanderzwan, Eileen Borduin – <i>Webster, Webster</i>	A					
Wilkinson, John – <i>Third, Rochester</i>	P					

Wilkinson, William – <i>Trinity Emmanuel, Rochester</i>	P					
Wooten, Brandi Chase – <i>First, Chili</i>	P					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>30</b>					
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>9</b>					
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>6</b>					

### MINISTERS IN VALIDATED MINISTRIES / MINISTERS AT-LARGE

(V = Validated ~ AL = At-large)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	Jul	Sept	Nov
Bagnuolo, Ray (V) <i>Director, That All May Freely Serve</i>	P					
Baker, Christine (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester General Hospital</i>	A					
Benier, Philip (AL)	A					
Berlik, Viktoria (AL)	A					
Bindig, Kathryn (AL)	P					
Byron, Gay (V) <i>Professor of New Testament, Union, NYC</i>	A					
Chalmers, Andrew (AL)	Ex					
Falter, Jeff (AL)	P					
Fowler, Amy Williams (V) <i>Presbytery Leader</i>	P					
Fry, Michael (V) <i>Episcopal Senior Living</i>	P					
Holmes, Douglas (AL)	A					
Hwang, Ho Dong (AL)	P					
Kenyon, Jamie (AL)	A					
Krug, Ernest (V) <i>Parish Associate, Third</i>	P					
Lee, Soonwoo (AL)	A					
Mullin, Nadia (V) <i>Protestant Chaplain, Nazareth College</i>	A					
Mitchell, Rosemary (V) <i>Presbyterian Mission Agency</i>	Ex					
Nelson, Laurel (V) <i>Lagö m Landing</i>	P					
Overgaard, Nancy (V) <i>Twin Cities Area, Minnesota</i>	Ex					
Picard, Sam (AL)	Ex					
Portillo, Trina (AL)	Ex					
Pullano, Tedd (V) <i>Berkshire Farm / PMIC</i>	P					
Ricciuti, Gail (V) <i>Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School</i>	Ex				Honorably	Retired
Russell, Lisette (AL)	Ex					
Sauve, Stephanie (V) <i>Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School</i>	Ex					
Schwind, Katey <i>St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rochester</i>	A					
Stimson, Kathryn (V) <i>Marriage &amp; Family Therapist</i>	A					
Stuber, Walter (V) <i>Wolcott Pres. Church, Presbytery of Geneva</i>	P					
Tiberi, Laurie (V) <i>Director of Protestant Ministry, U of R</i>	Ex					
Widboom, Jim (V) <i>Chaplain, Rochester Psychiatric Center</i>	P					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>11</b>					
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>9</b>					
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>10</b>					

### HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (If serving a church, service is noted in parentheses)

(Honorably Retired Ministers, if not present, are automatically marked as "excused.")

Name	Feb 6	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Anderson, James	Ex					
Anderson, Mary Lou	Ex					
Armstrong, Louise	P					
Beckhusen, Elizabeth (Lee)	Ex					
Billman, Bruce	Ex					
Booher, Robert	Ex					
Braggins, Pauline	Ex					
Brebner, Linda	Ex					
Brown, Virginia	Ex					
Evinger, Ann	P					

Evinger, Jim	Ex					
Fowler, Val ( <i>Stated Clerk</i> )	P					
Frohman, Roderic	P					
Frood, Neil	P					
Galusha, Merl	Ex					
Geyer, G. Robert	Ex					
Glover, J. Donald	Ex					
Gordon, Dane	P					
Grohman, Carolyn	P					
Hay, Judy Lee	P					
Heintz, Harry	P					
Heister, Jack	Ex					
Hockey, Bill	Ex					
Ichishita, Frank ( <i>Presbyter Emeritus</i> )	Ex					
Josephson, Louise	Ex					
Kaiser, Bob	Ex					
Lamme, Lucinda	Ex					
Layraman, Sudalak (Sudi)	Ex					
Lee, Charles					Deceased	
Lepport, Chuck	Ex					
Lindquist, Ray	Ex					
Loew, Cheryl	Ex					
Madigan, Kathleen	Ex					
Marlett, James	Ex					
McCann, Cheryl	Ex					
McConnochie, Harriet	Ex					
Morse, Alfreda	Ex					
Paul, Jerrold	P					
Reinert, Nancy	Ex				Transferred	
Rice, Robert	P					
Ricciuti, Anthony	Ex					
Ricciuti, Gail						
Roth, Donald	Ex					
Rossman, Kevin ( <i>Perry, Brick – Pastor</i> )	P					
Sallade, Ronald	Ex					
Schaedel, Mary Carol	Ex					
Seaburn, David	Ex					
Shafer, Patricia Lawrence	Ex					
Smith, David	P					
Stevens, Encie	Ex					
Strawbridge, Carol Anne	Ex					
Taylor, Tom	P					
Waasdorp, Anne	P					
Walker, George	Ex					
Watt, Jane Searjeant	Ex					
Webster, Gordon	P					
Wenhold, Walter	P					
Yoder, Dorthea	Ex					
Youngdahl, Pat ( <i>DUPC – Pastor</i> )	Ex					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>17</b>					

### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS – Voice and Vote

(Ministers of another Denomination or another Presbytery Serving Presbyterian Churches in PGV)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Ashby, David ( <i>Presbytery of Geneva / Honeoye Falls, Interim</i> )	P					
Dailey, Alan ( <i>United Church of Christ First, Brockport</i> )	P					
Duttweiler, Ron ( <i>Wesleyan Church Trinity, Nunda</i> )	P					
Farnsworth, Robert ( <i>American Baptist Ch. Pike Community, Pike, NY</i> )	A					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>3</b>					
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>	<b>0</b>					
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>1</b>					

### COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES

Church Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Albion, First						
Attica, First						
Avon, Central	Gail Wright					t

Barre Center						
Batavia, First	Bob Ayers					
Bethany (1)						
Bethany (2)						
Brighton	Louise Frost					
Brockport, First						
Byron, First	Luan Riner					
Caledonia, First	Steve Russ-Clar					
Caledonia, Stone						
Calvary/St. And.						
Chili, First						
Christ Clarion						
Corfu United	Kate Riegel					
Covington	Barbara Sturn					
Dansville, First						
Dewey Avenue						
Downtown United						
East Avon, First						
East Bethany						
Elba, First						
Gates (1)	William Dassero					
Gates (2)	Sally Christensen					
Geneseo, Central						
Groveland Fed.						
Holley, First						
Honeoye Falls (1)	Martha Kumler					
Honeoye Falls (2)	Mary J Faulk					
Irondequoit						
John Calvin						
John Knox	Priscilla Thomas					
Laurelton	Karen Kingsbury					
LeRoy, First						
Lima, Lima	Colleen Ailen					
Livonia, First						
Lyndonville						
Medina, First						
Mendon	Jim Shoots					
Mt. Morris, United						
Mumford, First						
New Life	Barbara Durfee					
North Bergen						
Nunda, Trinity						
Ogden						
Ossian, First						
Parkminster						
Penfield						
Perinton (1)	Catherine Agar					
Perinton (2)						
Perry, Brick	Tim Bucknam					
Pike Community						
Pittsford, First (1)	Sylvia fix					
Pittsford, First (2)	Dianne Brown					
Pittsford, First (3)						
Rochester Korean						
Scottsville, Union	Bill Naal?					
South	Sue Tedesco					
Sparta, First						
Stone, Bergen	Ruth Stewart					
Summerville	Mary Haverfield					
Third (1)	Karenco Pryor					
Third (2)	Mary Cowden					
Third (3)	Judy Gordon					
Trinity Emmanuel (1)	Roger Miller					
Trinity Emmanuel (2)	Joyce Burwell-Miller					
Tuscarora, First						
Twelve Corners	Katherine luli					
Victor, First						
Warsaw United						
Webster	Alan Durbin					
Wyoming, First						

York	Nancy Richenberg					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>32</b>					
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>						
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>	<b>40</b>					

### ADDITIONAL ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(Appointed by presbytery to correct elder-clergy imbalance)

Name	Church	Relationship	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Bruins, Barbara		Personnel Co-chair						
Carter, Ralph	Third	Nominating Chair	P					
Crane, Barbara	Covington	Synod C'missioner	P					
DeHORITY, John	Downtown	Comm. on Prep.	P					
Denson, Fred	Webster	Former Moderator	A					
Ellis, Bill	Ossian	CRE	A					
Estes, Roger	Mumford	CRE	P					
Fish, David	N. Bergen	CRE	P					
Foerster, Cathy	Lima	CRE / Moderator	P					
Gotcsik, George	Third	Former Moderator	P					
Grammer, Vernie	Third	Synod C'missioner	A					
Haag, Ann	Third	Stewardship	A					
James, Barbara	Summerville	Trustees Chair	Ex					
Martin, Anne	Livonia	CRE	P					
Mecredy, Bob	Third	Treasurer	P					
Minemier, Betty	Dansville	Former Moderator	Ex					
Orman, Ed	York	BD&O						
Orr, Susan	Laurelton	Presbyter for Mission & Education	P					
Peet, Rose		Personnel Co-Chair						
Ross, Mark	Stone B'gen	CRE					Retired	
Simmons, Heze	Pittsford First	Moderator Elect	P					
Sloat, Lacey	Byron	Synod YAAD	A					
Smith, Brad	Attica	CRE	P					
Sprenkle, Nancy	Pittsford 1 <sup>st</sup>	Former Moderator	P					
Swain, Jerry	Mt. Morris	CRE	A					
Tubman, Donald	Scottsville	Synod C'missioner	A					
VanNostrand, Kay	Lyndonville	Former Moderator / Mission & Ad.	P					
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>			<b>14</b>					
<b>TOTAL EXCUSED</b>			<b>2</b>					
<b>TOTAL ABSENT</b>			<b>7</b>					

**CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS** (Certified Christian Educators, if not present, are automatically excused. Those who are ordained Ruling Elders have voice and vote.)

Name	Jan31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Badger Becker, Elder Linda <i>Certified Christian Educator (Voice &amp; Vote)</i>	Ex					
D'Angelo Vietch, Rebecca (Third) <i>Assoc. Cert. Christ. Ed. (Voice only)</i>	Ex					
Orr, Elder Susan (Laurelton) <i>Associate Certified Christian Educator</i>	Listed	Under	Add'l	Elder		Comm.
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>						

### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ENROLLED FOR THIS MEETING

Name	Presbytery / Agency
The Rev. Bronwen Boswell	Temporary Stated Clerk

### PRESBYTERY STAFF (Not members of PCUSA)

Name	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Weaver, Beth – <i>Office Administrator</i>	P					
Battaglia, Cheryl – <i>Financial Administrator</i>	P					

### REGISTERED VISITORS (current meeting)

Includes CREs not serving churches

Deanne Warren	Scottsville Union
Ron Hansen	Trustee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pres

Edna Wenhold	East Bethany
Rose Peet	Third Presbyterian
Tom & Rose Swartz	Summerville
Theresa L. Baum	
Luis Torres	Rochester Workers Center
Ruby Jennings	Rochester Workers Center
Lola Emerson Rivas	Rochester Workers Center
Sallie Williams	Rochester Workers Center
Katrina Wortman	Rochester Workers Center

SUMMARIES FOR EACH MEETING	Jan 31	Mar 25	May 23	July	Sept	Nov
Total Minister Commissioners Present*	62					
Total Elder Commissioners Present	46					
Parity (expressed in terms of Elders, + or -)						
Total Minister Commissioners Absent, Unexcused**						
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders***	40					
Total Churches Unrepresented by Elders and Pastors****						
Total Registered Visitors	11					
<b>TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>159</b>					

The docket was approved

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## MAILED DOCKET

### For the Meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Irondequoit Presbyterian Church

Stated Meeting

Rochester, New York

Page Reference

Mailed Taken

3:55 PM

**Announcements**

- *Celebration Concert for Rev. Dr. Val Fowler*
- *Church Leadership Development Day*
- *Greetings from the Host Church*

Karen Kingsbury  
Gene Fowler

4:00 PM

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

**Introductory Business**

- *Approval of Docket*
- *Appointment of Tellers*
- *Greeting New Commissioners*
- *Enrollment of Corresponding Members*
- *Privilege of the Floor*

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**Omnibus Motion**

- *Lifting of Motions for Discussion*

**Call for New Business**

**Report from Presbytery Leader**

Amy Williams Fowler

5-6

**Presbytery Council**

- *Action on Amendments to the Book of Order*
- *Updates from Vision & Strategy Committee*
- *Update from Healthier Congregations and Neighborhoods Visioning Team*

*Extension of Agreement with the Rev. Bronwen Boswell as Acting Stated Clerk*

Brandi Wooten

7-31

**Report of the Lakeside Administrative Commission**

- *Action to Dissolve the Administrative Commission with deep thanks*

Laura Fry  
Sue Tedesco/Ann Haag

5:00 PM

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**Trustees Report**

- *Approve a Grant to Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church*
- *Authorize Scottsville Union Presbyterian Church to Sell Manse*

George Gotcsik

**Budget Development and Oversight Committee and Treasurer's Report**

- *Report on 2016 Financial Statements*

Ron Hansen

**Mission and Advocacy Committee Report**

- *Report from Kirkhaven*

Ed Orman  
Bob Mecredy

Kay VanNostrand

Report from Presbyter for Mission and Education

Self-Development of People Report

- *Conkey Cruisers*
- *P.O.W.E.R.*

5:35 PM 33-34

Committee on Ministry

- *Approve East Bethany Presbyterian Church Request to Grant Status of Pastor Emeritus to the Rev. Walter Wenhold, HR*
- *Approve the Commissioning of RE Martha Mitchell to Pastoral Service with Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen, NY*
- *Grant Status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Raymond Bagnuolo*

5:45 PM 35-37

Worship

- *Commissioning of Ruling Elder Martha Mitchell to serve Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen*
- *2016 Necrology Report*

6:15 PM Dinner

Tellers for the meeting were appointed by the moderator

New commissioners were introduced

There were no corresponding members

Privilege of the Floor was granted to those invited to give reports who are not members of the presbytery.

The omnibus motion was approved as written

## **OMNIBUS MOTION**

### **Presbytery of Genesee Valley**

#### **January 31, 2017 – Irondequoit Presbyterian Church**

*The purpose of an Omnibus Motion is to enable a governing body to deal with routine business expeditiously, thus freeing up time for other activities.*

#### **How to lift items for discussion or debate:**

*An opportunity will be given for presbyters to request that action items be lifted from the Omnibus Motion. Simply go to the microphone and when you are recognized, request the item you wish to lift out.*

*Items lifted out for discussion will be dealt with during the committee report associated with that particular item. The remaining items will be approved in one motion.*

#### **Omnibus Motion: Items for Presbytery Action**

**The Stated Clerk moves that the presbytery:**

**Approve** the Minutes of the November 29, 2016 stated meeting of Genesee Valley Presbytery, held at Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, NY.



**Receive the Treasurer’s Report**

**Approve** TE William Wilkinson as the Presbytery of Genesee Valley’s alternate to the Mission and Ministry Commission of the Synod of the Northeast.

New Business: There will be an intensive confirmation class offered at Camp Whitman this summer. All churches are welcome to send youth. The cost is \$250 per participant.

**Report form the Presbytery Leader**

Amy W. Fowler shared the statement prepared by J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the PCUSA concerning refugees. {Insert statement by J Herbert Nelson}

At the end of the statement Amy stated, “You do not have to agree with the statement but you need to hear it.” She invited the presbytery into a time of silence asking for God’s help and ended in prayer.

**Council Report**

Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order were debated and voted on;

	For	Against	
16.A. Child and Youth Protection Policy	85	0	passed
16.B. Parity in Committees	88	2	passed
16.C. Ordered Ministry Titles (1-8)	42	43	defeated
16.D. Relationship to the Pc(USA) of a Person who has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church	78	0	passed
16.E. Certified Service requirements	75	0	passed
16.F. The Ministry of Members	83	2	passed
16.G. Access to the Lord’s Table	93	0	passed
16.H. Revised Directory for Worship	88	1	passed

**Motion:** to reconsider 16-C (1-8) seconded, approved by a vote of 53 yes, 33 no.

***The body returned to Amendment 16.C . Further debate occurred. Vote 54 For, 30 against changing the result to passed.***

**Update from the Vision & Strategy Committee**

The Vision and Strategy Committee has followed up the September meeting in a thoughtful way. Laurie Ferguson facilitated a retreat for Council. This past weekend

HR's, Validated and anyone else interested took part in conversations with Laurie. Vision & Strategy will share the comments made during the conversations with Council and will bring recommendations to the February Council meeting and March Presbytery meeting.

### **Update from Healthier Congregations and Neighborhoods Visioning Team**

The Team updated the Presbytery on the formation of the Healthier Congregations Team.

It was reported that the Council extended the contract with the Rev. Bronwen Boswell as acting Stated Clerk until the end of March.

### **Report of the lakeside Administrative Commission**

The Commission shared its concerns with the Presbytery about the current outcome of the work of the commission as it did not have the outcome hoped for. The Presbytery had previously approved the sale of the building but the terms could not be agreed upon. The Commission wants the childcare center to remain when the building is sold.

It was explained that the childcare center is self-sufficient and currently covers the expenses of the building. Ron Hanson, a member of the Trustees, read a statement from the chair of the Trustees, Barb James, concerning their understanding of the situation and for moving forward.

**MOTION:** To dissolve the Lakeside Administrative Commission with deep thanks. Motion approved

### **Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside Meeting Minutes June 16, 2015**

Present: Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, Carson Mouser, Amy Fowler

1. Carol Ann Strawbridge opened us in prayer.
2. Introductions of the members of the Commission were made.
3. What is an Administrative Commission and its scope of work? Amy Fowler. The task of the AC is to explore missional uses of the building, and make a recommendation to the Presbytery concerning the future use of the building/site. The reserved funds remaining from the dissolution of the church are being held by the Presbytery Trustees, pending the work of the AC and the recommendation may include the use of these funds for ministries that may be located there. The Lakeside Child and Family Center continues its work in the building, and the license is being transferred to Creative Beginnings Childcare Center (a 501c3 organization).
4. Susan Orr, Presbyter for Mission and Education will serve as Presbytery staff to the AC.
5. What Resources may be available for the future use of the property for mission? Tom Swartz will share the New Beginnings material from Lakeside Church. Tom reviewed some of the local history including Charlotte High School, the other local churches, the Day Care, the Historical Society, and the Development Corp., and the Neighborhood Association (Charlotte Association), the Lighthouse Historical Society, and the Highrise apartments. Tom also shared the assessed

value of the building and property is \$450,000. There has also been some interest by Cameron Community Ministries to looking at the building for use.

6. Carol Anne Strawbridge and Tom Swartz will Co-Chair the AC and Karen Kingsbury will take meeting minutes.
7. A meeting plan and process was discussed as well as sharing of the emails to form a listserv for communicating.

## **Presbytery Administrative Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2015 – 5:00 pm**

1. **Introductions** – Tom Swartz, George Gotcsik, Susan Orr, Karen Kingsbury, Martha Moler Carol Anne Strawbridge, Karen Kingsbury, Carson Mouser

2. **Devotions**

Carol Anne led us through a history of the Charlotte Lighthouse which opened our eyes to the wonderful history that this neighborhood embodies.

3. **Gifts & Challenges**

**Gifts (with which we have to work)**

- Building – good condition and good parking
- Location
- Endowments – LPC
- Dewey Avenue Presbyterian's commitment to Child & Family Center (\$500/month)
- Child Care Center
- Landmark Society resources – for example of alternative use
- Experience
- Cameron Community Ministries interest
- Presbytery's support
- New Beginnings process
- Openess to purpose or re-purpose
- History
- Community connections
- Congregation desire/dedication to use the facility for Christian/benevolent purpose

**Challenges (with which we have to work)**

- Future financial support
- Determine community needs
- 60% catholic neighborhood (majority)
- Changing community – new vs. old; railroad bridge is dividing line
- Politics
- Presbytery not set up to be property managers
- Positive cash flow – sustain LCFC services
- Resources – who will do the potential work;

- Two constituencies – visible & invisible
  - Visible – Homeowners (Denise Leadership or Association Businesses on Lake Ave.)
  - Invisible – low income residents in high rises (including disabled & seniors) and those that live above businesses; minorities (diverse moderate to low income)

**4. New Beginnings Report –**

We looked at the new beginnings report and Tom led us through some statistical analysis that resulted

Boundaries of Charlotte neighborhood where LUPC resides: Cemetary north to lake, east to O'Rourke Bridge; west to ½ mile up Lake Ave.; other side of Greenleaf Meadow; Denise Rd. in Greece

**What are some dreams/visions for future of the building**

- Open for services – walk-ins
- Vitality, vibrancy for building
- Be supportive of child care center
- Services that support and supplement child care center
- Place of gathering – missional outpost, church without walls
- Place of outreach as well as places to go to
- New worshipping community – community center
- Hybrid community – component for profit for cash flow
- Urgent care center

**5. How to proceed for future meetings**

Speakers – possibly Jennifer Muniga from Cameron Community Ministries

Tom Swartz will gather a list of organizations that were interested originally

Would a shurette be possible/consult with Deb Swift as South Presbyterian went through that process; \$40,00 needed to do it

President of Charlotte Association

Molly Clifford – on Board and Chair of Farmer's Market initiative

Respectfully submitted

Karen Kingsbury

Elder, Laurelton United Presbyterian Church

Present: Carol Anne Strawbridge, Carson Mouser, Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, George Gotcsik

Opened with a reflection from Tom Swartz and he opened us with prayer

Introduced ourselves

Review and approve minutes.

Reflections from last meeting:

Carson –

1. Snug Harbor residents/situation; feeling that there will be repairs made; feeling it is in the city's best interest to make repairs; located south of Pattonwood Dr.; off of Denise rd.; 75 townhouses; there have been kids in the daycare from there; some identified drug trafficking and gang activity; all subsidized housing residents have been moved out
2. gentrification in future; Pattonwood is dividing line; north is "developable" –more commercial; general agreement that that is okay
3. Charlotte H.S. being a boy's academy; what happens to the families where children may have gone there before it changed? Only ½ of school is occupied by academy. Only about 25% of School #42 children are from Charlotte; 75% come from southwest and Joseph Ave. Schools would not be open if there was not busing. Has been true for quite a while. Change in RTS policy changes in downtown

Tom –

1. Lakeside's endowment is now in the Presbytery's hands. \$150,000. Endowment if not used will go to 4 different charities or initiatives. In separate fund (?)

Carol Anne –

1. What is our end charge? Make a recommendation for action by Presbytery. Would benefit from a specific proposal. Serve entire community. Service oriented (by what is needed) i.e. WIC site, out-patient dental. Want compatibility with day care
2. How much responsibility does presbytery want? Does not want to be landlords. Giving or selling building.

Molly Clifford, Member, CCA/Clare Stortini, President CCA – Charlotte Community Association  
Vision for neighborhood – safe, accessible, welcoming community; mixed ages, family friendly community; more recreational opportunities for kids that is close; senior citizens (get isolated; struggling with homeless population especially in summer (they are long-timers-they have been reached out to) Monroe County parks has good relationship with area.

History is a big piece of role; Claire would like to build on day care and it's foundation and history; engaged with Community Design Center of Rochester (architects) – goal to preserve history and revitalize; Claire likes the idea of a senior center and/or community center  
Issues – safety, homelessness; happy with RPD with reorganization of the department; feel they are on the cusp of positive change; Rochester Marathon will be coming through (as water stop) on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>; looking to strengthen association

Question –

Community Center model –what does community feel about homeless; would like a soup kitchen in Charlotte; mix of bars in neighborhood adds to; how would center be monitored; would it mean more homeless come here(?); parents of daycare might mind; “not in my backyard”

George: Is there a strategic plan (like when the bridge was built)? Claire not aware of plan – point of design center engagement; port of charlotte by different group;

Charette process – probably a couple of years; looking to form steering committee; Port of charlotte

Port of Rochester started movement.

Edgewater Development – all up in the air; CCA has communicated that developer has not answered questions; leader out of Michigan; when he attends mtgs. There are a lot of questions ; Edgewater development – Phase I; Phase II is expansion of Marina

CCA Newsletter will be shared;

George – Charlotte is community of transitions; if city is going forward with development; city may fund shurette – cost is \$20,000 to \$40,000; original planning was old port; identify needs of community that don't effect design or etc.

Martha – sure we looking for Christian use or civic use;

Susan – presbytery is not in position to run the mission; gifting the building

Tom Swartz handed out list of Organizations that were interviewed during discernment process of Lakeside closing. Group reviewed list.

Next meeting – Jennifer Muniga, Cameron Community Ministries

Next steps/ideas

Creative beginnings merger – interested in taking over rest of building??

Next speakers:

Pat O'Neil/Pam Postgate – history

Creative Beginnings Day Care Director

George – who might manage the bldg.? buffalo church that moved to LLC; made church profitable; independent board; would presbytery give over running to someone using endowment; would we consider LLC with board of Directors ; Landmark Society of Western NY;

Carson – would funds be made available? George funds are held until changes made – manage a trust fund?

**Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2015**

Present: Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, Susan Orr, Martha Moler,

Absent: Carson Mouser, George Gotcsik

Guests: Jennifer Muniga, Executive Director, Cameron Community Ministries, and Board Members

1. Carol Anne opened us in prayer and read the parable of Jesus and the boat; where is our faith?
2. Reviewed and approved minutes

Discussion started by Jennifer Muniga talking about Cameron. Service to the community including meals, services to children, clothing closet, neighbor drop-in, job training, school supply; They believe in strengthening neighborhoods. 40 kids in the afterschool program which is their maximum capacity and they have a waiting list every year; neighborhood school has 700 children; they do not have a day care as there is no room for one. They are licensed for 4 sites; teachers are employed by Cameron. They have maximized their current space.

Cameron's questions to Lakeside: They are not familiar with the neighborhood; is there a soup kitchen nearby; do they have services for children- Cameron helps with academics; prenatal and parenting and GED help?; Cameron does not have experience with Seniors

Tom Swartz comment is there is a wide open door for seniors; the kitchen could be shared; daycare currently uses it

Comments:

No new assessments from New Beginnings

CCA wants to do a Shurette

Senior High Rises have 200-40 in each building with many needs by occupants

There is no senior center

Do they have Meals on Wheels program at center – undure

They do bring food in from Foodlink to seel

CCA – passion and excitement for DayCare with Senior Center and/or youth center

Carol Anne asked what would appeal most to Cameron – Ownership or Lease? There are pros and cons to both

The American Baptist organization that underwrites Cameron as part of the National Neighborhood Project of the denomination

They make sure they perpetuate the ministry

They do not mortgage or lease – they donate the rent – their contribution \$50,000 is on Cameron's revenue line

Cameron is funded by grants, personal contributions and the American Baptist organization has a seat on the board

The American Baptist funding ties into the national funds of grants from denomination

Cameron's next step to discern and due diligence; there are 11 Board members at Cameron.

The Lakeside Commission as well as the Cameron guests took a tour of the building.

**Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside  
Meeting Minutes**

**October 8, 2015**

Present:, Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser

Absent: Carol Anne Strawbridge , Susan Orr, Martha Moler

Guests: Cristin Cook, Director and Jennifer McGrath, Pre-K Lead Teacher, Lakeside Child & Family Center  
Patrick O'Neill & Pam Postgate, neighbors and supporters of Lakeside property

3. Tom Swartz opened us in prayer and read a meditation on "What this World Needs"
4. Reviewed and approved minutes
5. Cristin & Jennifer gave us an overview and history of the Lakeside Child & Family Center

Notable items:

- Small family based day care
  - They are a Universal Pre-School (part of Rochester City School District); get \$87.07 per child with 18 children limit; means before and after school care
  - They advertise in CCA newsletter – their events and dinners – Harvest Dinner, Holiday dinner, Thanksgiving lunch
  - They have an additional program starting for 3-year olds – the City school district finds the kids; 14 kids based on lottery; will start in January; \$9,000/child; they will be hiring a new teacher
  - Have a Summer Leap program; funded by the Greater Rochester Health Foundation and City School District; 6 week program – extension of Universal Pre-K (UPK); for those going into Kindergarten; 2X per week
  - They have a moving up ceremony in June
  - They have a Wrap Around Program – parents pay for; Before and After School program
  - They shared their budget and other written information about their program
6. Pat O'Neill and Pam Postgate visited the Lakeside Commission because of their history and concern about the Charlotte neighborhood and their dedication to helping with the Lakeside property since it is no longer a church  
Pat's main idea (which he handed out a sheet on) was that it should be promoted as a space for low cost weddings or other special events of a spiritual nature. Events would be self-service in that Lakeside would provide the facility but all else would be brought in by the groups and/or families using the space including the kitchen and possibly the sanctuary.  
This came from his view that he thought the sanctuary was an important piece of the church to remain on site. See handout.

Other notes about conversation with Pat & Pam about the Charlotte neighborhood at large:

Both had resigned from the Board of CCA

Pat has a job at the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration); Pam works in investments at RBC

They came to Charlotte 8 years ago – for their desire to acquire a nice older home

Bought 2 original homes – both had been vacant for 5 years – bought another home (out of defense); bought another home next to Lakeside

Their investments created an interest in what will happen to Lakeside and the Charlotte area

Pam brought up other organizations that may be models of something that Lakeside could undertake – Saints Place – which has a tutoring program; Mary's Place at Edgerton; Rochester Children's Nursery – which is a 10 family day care Center for refugees.



## Lakeside Administrative Commission

### Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

**Present:** Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, Anne Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik

**Absent:** Carson Mouser

Carol Anne led us in prayer to open the meeting.

Reviewed the minutes, motion to approve and seconded. Correction of \$8,707 instead of \$87.07 per child.

Reviewed the conversations and guest proposals to bring everyone up to speed that weren't at the meeting.

Started the conversations about the draft of vision statement

#### **Questions/Comments/Concerns:**

Daycare was actually and has been managing the building for last 12+ years. So could another entity come in and use the bldg. with the daycare managing the bldg.?

Will the trustees sell to daycare ?

Maximize the assets of this property to benefit the other missions of the Presbytery; usually the viewpoint is to sell the property not for the Presbytery via the Trustees to be landlords.

Can't find "umbrella" organization if you don't know what you have to offer them. If the trustees won't agree to "hand over" property. Can we sell to other not for profit organization?

At one time there was a thought that it could be used by UPT as an operational center for offices and mission.

Challenge to sell to not for profit as they usually don't have the funds. So could it be a long term lease? But who is property manager? Trustees are not property managers.

An LLC or Benefit Corporation can be set up. Day care is a Not for Profit LLC.

If trustees said no to any relationship then the only other option is to put it up for sale. Could be another church (?).

Need clear statement and clarification from trustees. Then decision is made.

Tom Swartz commented about "Abundance Grace" church. Growing congregation. Meet in bank building up the street. Looking for sanctuary, food cupboard, tutoring (other services). They do not have the \$\$ to purchase. They have a national organization. Interested in long term lease. Do not want to manage the bldg. Rev. Banks is coming to tour the building on 11/22 at Noon.

George Gotcski added that lets not discount a sale to Abundance Grace – in his experience things happens when a negotiation is started

If the scenario of keeping the assets of Lakeside under the Presbytery of Genesee Valley works – if there was a major building repair – could the endowment be put into a fund used for repairs and use towards the bldg.

1) would have to formalize who manages the bldg.

2) do we want to put funds into capital maintenance fund but then who manages the fund – what is relationship between trustees and LLC. Trustees don't serve forever. So how is the historical agreement kept going? Who insures the building? How does the use of the building get managed between the 2 entities?

Lots of questions were brought up that only the Trustees could answer. Carson Mouser sits on the Trustee Board and will try to get time on an agenda for discussion and possible answers to questions.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2016

### **Lakeside Administrative Commission**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 19, 2016**

**Present:** Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, Anne Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser

**Absent:** None

Meeting started at 5:05 p.m. and began with prayer.

Reviewed the minutes, motion to approve and seconded.

Tom Swartz, Carol Anne Strawbridge and Susan Orr attended Trustees Meeting.

Meeting was challenging, discouraging and not what was expected. Hoped to obtain some advice but came away without helpful guidance and re-affirmation that the Presbytery does not want to be landlords.

Amy Fowler's advice (through Susan Orr) is that this Commission needs to be direct and to develop proposal to put "best foot forward".

Carol Anne thought some of the background of what is happening in the current "climate" of a number of churches closing or potentially closing was setting in at the Presbytery and an overall feeling of "panic" about this situation was setting the tone. Susan concurred with reaffirming with examples like East Rochester that was closed and sold, the current challenging situation at Brighton Presbyterian and ongoing conversations about PMIC.

Reiteration of our findings that childcare is crucial to the community and we need to preserve the childcare center.

We distilled down discussion to the following options:

1. Give building to the Childcare Center. Endowment goes to the Presbyter (~\$125,000; negotiate funds to stay with center for maintenance.
2. Put building up for sale; stipulate the childcare center as a tenant; endowment funds stay with center
3. Consider selling/leasing the building to an entity like Abundant Grace Church and/or Catholic Family Center

Tom talked to the United Way; both LifeSpan (Anne Marie Cook) and the Catholic Family Center (Scott Barbo-facilities manager). Charlotte community is certainly on their “radar screen” as a concern. And they want to be “kept in mind” as things move forward.

Abundant Grace Church –

- Very interested as they are outgrowing the old Marine Midland Bank; they do 2-3 services on Sunday and the bank only holds about 50 people
- Looking for Sunday school rooms – a couple of day care rooms might be available
- Looking for “clothing closet” type space
- They are in their current building until May 2016
- They would need handicapped accessibility
- Interested in leasing to start
- Unclear if they have a national body for their denomination

George Gotcsik –

- Thinks we should enter into a negotiation with Abundant Grace church.
- Abundant Grace is willing to talk to us
- We could fall back to searching for another organization but Trustees/Presbytery needs a proposal
- We could list the property also; see who appears making sure to include the caveats for the tenant (childcare center)
- The Option 1 of giving it to the Childcare center – they won’t use the space up front so would they lease it?

Tom Swartz

The opinion of the Childcare consultant – Chris – they would prefer if another entity owned the property and they were the tenant; it is a daunting task to take care of the building.

Motion was presented, seconded and passed that George Gotcski and Tom Swartz would meet with Abundance Grace Church personnel to begin a negotiation conversation. Carson Mouser would be a backup replacement if Tom Swartz could not make a scheduled meeting.

Appraisal of property was discussed. Motion was presented, seconded and passed for an independent appraisal be done on the property funded by the leftover budget (available funds).

Next scheduled meeting: March 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m.; No February meeting to give time for a potential meeting with Abundance Grace Church

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

## **Lakeside Administrative Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 22, 2016**

**Present:** Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, Anne Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser

**Absent:** None

Meeting started at 5:05 p.m. and began with prayer.

#### **Appraisal Results:**

Appraisal is \$415,000 as of May 2014 which is the building and the property. Trustees want to use this figure. Most churches do not sell for their appraised value.

#### **Abundant Grace Church conversation:**

Have met with Abundant Grace church staff twice since the last meeting. Meeting consisted of 2 parts – 1 – discussed building and room use with tour; 2 – discussion of finances and money need to raise and possible funding sources for the church.

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> part of meeting George gave them information regarding capital campaigns.

They were going to deliberate on all the information they received. They feel their going to their denomination/national body is not a viable option as the denomination rarely gives loans for building purchases.

#### **Building use discussion:**

- Sanctuary would be used by AG (Abundant Grace)
- Downstairs and playground – used by Day Care
- Eastside of building would be used by AG for Sunday School – 2 rooms
- Fellowship Hall – the northend would be used by the Day Care and the southend would be used by AG – they are thinking a clothing closet
- Day Care will move partition so that the bathrooms can be accessed
- Kitchen – used Monday through Friday for Day Care; Sunday AG would use kitchen if needed
- Ferguson Lounge (room w/ Furnishings) – AG would like to use for bible study or Sunday School; weekdays Day Care could use
- Meeting Room – AG would like to use; Day Care uses for music instruction and staff use

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor offices – AG (Rev. Banks) would like to use the front room near sanctuary for offices. It is now used by the Day Care; this would need to be worked out.
- The other part that is viewed as a “hanging thread” something up for discussion and unknown impact – is the City School District wants a 2<sup>nd</sup> class of 3-year olds (14 of them) and that will mean the Day Care will need the meeting room to be a classroom.
- The Sanctuary holds 200+
- Thoughts from Board of Day Care – they feel it would be a change in overall culture of the building; they do know AG; they are glad that it is this organization that has approached the Commission. They will miss the use of fellowship hall for active play.
- AG rarely has needs to use the building during the evening. They were thinking a possible food pantry in the summer but that is on a wish list at this time.

#### Financial Discussion:

- Handicapped access is a challenge; there are only steps into the sanctuary. A lift would need to be built or installed from the other entrance; cost would be incurred.
- There is a contract for the ongoing use of the building by the Day Care which is renewable; specifics would now need to be included if there is a different owner or an additional organization sharing the building.
- The sale would need to include a negotiation regarding the use of the building by the Day Care.
- George provided capital campaign information to AG. The organization is Church Financial Services. Third church used them for their capital campaign.
- George went to AG’s denomination website. It does have info on loans and does also have info on capital campaigns
- For illustration purposes on how a capital campaign would work. If their income is \$92,000 per year and multiply is by 3 (usually is a figure used) that would equal \$276,000. Four times would equal \$368,000.
- Income - The cash flow from the rental by the Day Care would be \$24,000 per year and 2 months @ \$2,400 equaling \$28,800.
- \$28,800 @ 15-year mortgage @5% is \$270,000.
- With scenario of balloon payment (trustees holds for 3 years) and they collect on capital campaign.
- Church endowment would go back to the Presbytery but outlined requests for how it gets dispensed taken into consideration.
- Endowment\* could be used in negotiating
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\*How endowment was outlined originally:

40% to FoodLink  
 10% to Day Care  
 10% Rochester Children’s Network  
 10% Local habitat for humanity organization/project  
 10% Cameron Community Ministries  
 10% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance PC(USA)  
 10% Alternative for Battered Women – now known as Willow

Tom brought up the idea of perhaps using the endowment to “close the gap” if needed in negotiations if AG could not meet a full amount that they would need to purchase. Carol Anne commented that perhaps the endowment could be used to settle the “hanging threads”/issues of the lift requirement and the need for a 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom for 3 year olds.

The final report from the Commission goes to the Presbytery (not directly to the Trustees). The Commission creates a proposal. Reviewed by trustees. Goes to Presbytery Meeting agenda and voted on.

Next steps

Meeting will be scheduled with AG and the team of Tom Swartz, George Gotcsik and Carson Mouser and they will put a price on the table.

Motion to present a proposal to AG – seconded and passed.

FYI – for reference – next meeting dates for Trustees is May 2<sup>nd</sup>; next Presbytery Council meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>; next Presbytery meeting to fit this schedule would be July or September.

Additional comment that AG could go month to month in using the building.

The former Lakeside church’s organ was presented for discussion. Unfortunately, church organs have no value on the open market.

FYI - The “books” are being closed for the Lakeside Church organization finally dissolving the congregation through the NYS Supreme Court.

Next scheduled meeting: April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

**Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside  
Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2016**

Present: Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Martha Moler

Absent: Carson Mouser, Carol Anne Strawbridge, Susan Orr

Tom Schwartz opened us in prayer at 5:13 p.m.

Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Results of Negotiating Team regarding building use – Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, George Gotcsik

Tom Swartz reviewed the floor by floor and room by room use of the building for Abundant Grace and the Day Care so the details were clear about what the Day Care needs were including the basement, 1<sup>st</sup> floor at the far end by the sanctuary, the current lounge where they hope to make a Clothing Closet, the main floor, Fellowship Hall – both north and south end, and the stage.

Abundant Grace is in discussion with Charlotte community Development Corp. about potential performances at the church. They would need a sliding petition for that to happen. Abundant Grace has the intention of renting to CCD Corp.

George Gotcsik reviewed the financial discussion that was conducted between George, Tom and Abundant Grace. \$276,000 – 3-year payment plan then Balloon payment. Getting \$30,000 from Day Care which could go against payment. Discussed what a capital campaign strategy would look like. They will have expenses – insurance, handicapped access and others. They offered a sale price of \$253,00. We are selling it for \$276,000. Settled on and asking price of \$260,000. Asking if Presbytery would consider 4 years @ \$30,000 per year - \$120,000 then a balloon payment of \$140,000. They have started talks with a Capital Campaign advisor.

Discussion with Barbara James – Chair of Trustees and is a lawyer. Would a down payment be needed? Would they consider a land Lease deal. But Presbytery does not want to be landlords. Presbytery lawyer – Mel Olver would consider writing up the lease agreement between Abundant Grace and the Day Care.

Next steps – Write up proposal; which is put in front of Trustees at next meeting (May 2<sup>nd</sup>); then goes to Presbytery Council; then to Presbytery Meeting. George will compose a financial draft. Tom Swartz, Carol Anne Strawbridge and Carson Mouser (Trustee) will be at Trustees meeting.

Question came up about Endowment disbursement if sale goes through. It was decided there would be an addendum to the proposal will be the endowment disbursement of \$150,000 (approx.) \$40,00 leftover from Operating Budget could be escrowed for the period of the sale contract for any contingency expenses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Kingsbury

**Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside  
Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2016**

Present: Carol Anne Strawbridge , Tom Swartz, Ann Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser, Susan Orr  
Absent: Martha Moler

Carol Ann opened the meeting with a “Litany of Light” devotion.

This was a meeting for information sharing before the Presbytery Meeting.

Carson Mouser will not be at Presbytery Meeting.

Addendum will not be part of the meeting. Questions may be asked.

George Gotcsik – two choices: 1. Presbytery will be “holding mortgage” and the payment from Abundant Grace will be going to the Presbytery. Title of building is transferred immediately. Or 2. This is a Land Purchase – until the total is paid off then the title is then transferred.

Carol Anne & Tom will have 10 minutes on the Docket.

Trustees will revisit addendum in June.

Other questions/information for going forward:

Dismissing of Commission – when will that be done? September?

Tom Swartz is being asked a lot of questions.

Abundant Grace will take possession when the contracts are signed.

**Presbytery Administrative Commission for Lakeside  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2016**

**Present:** Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Susan Orr, Martha Moler, Anne Evinger, Karen Kingsbury, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Barbara James – Chair of Trustees (standing in for Mel Olver); Abundant Grace

**Why are we here –**

AG (from here on known as Abundant Grace Church) – secured Matt Ryan as their lawyer after finding out the California lawyer would not work out for this transaction. Need NY lawyer as AG are not incorporated.

AG went through the incorporated process and they received it a less than a month ago and are ready to proceed.

Matt Ryan put together lease agreement for Presbyter/AG.

They will rent until the buy – lease to buy.

AG is requesting a “Option to Extend” for 2 years. Which is a concern.

There is another church interested in the property – Zion Dominion. This came about as one of the members is also an Assistant in the child care program at Lakeside. Found out about sale of the church and asked Day Care operator what the status was at this time.

AG is not a religious corporation – they need to be a 501c3.

The engineering study was done over the summer.

The capital improvements documents were shared by Tom Swartz.

Barbara James concerns -

Contract is vague; land contract is not typically done in New York; no terms for sub-lease; Presbytery will be short term landlord.

At 5:34 p.m. Abundant Grace personnel joined the meeting.

AG – NYS lawyer was secured to do business transaction; it took 4 weeks to correspond between the two lawyers; incorporated process took time;

Four things to be completed:

1. Lease to buy – not the same as Land Contract
2. Date of closing
3. Religious organization – 501c3
4. Lease for Day Care



6:15 p.m. AG personnel left and Zions Dominion personnel joined the meeting; They were Pastor Roger Hemmings and his wife Pamela Hemmings; Karen Moore Administrative trustee.

Some background on church. They are a COGIC – Church of God in Christ church. Established in 1993 in Downtown Buffalo with 20 members. They bought a German Presbyterian church in downtown Buffalo. The outgrew that church and bought 14 acre piece of land and went from 20 members to 4,200 members and employ 25 people. They ended up with members from Rochester so have a satellite church in Rochester that does bible study and do a Saturday on Sunday program. They were going to purchase a place in Rush but that fell through as the property needed a lot of work. They are currently in East High and are involved in the United Way Anti-Poverty Campaign. They have about 200 people that meet at East High. Their permit to meet in East High expires on 12/18/16. That is why they are looking for a new place.

Discussion about Lakeside Property:

The only concern they see is constraints of building use with day care in the building. But they have shared space before.

After Zions Dominion staff left Carson Mouse brought up the possibility of their organization being interested in the New Life Presbyterian Church property since it is for sale. He will reach out to see if they want to arrange a time to see it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Lakeside Administrative Commission  
Meeting Minutes, November 21, 2016

Present: Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz, Susan Orr, George Gotcsik, Carson Mouser, Martha Moler, Ann Evinger.

Absent: Karen Kingsbury.

Meeting began with prayer by Carol Anne at 5:00 p.m.

Carson announced that Abundant Grace has backed out of the negotiations to buy the Lakeside church building. The following documents were presented to the Administrative Commission for the purpose of clarity: (attached)

- 1) Summary of terms of purchase from Matthew Ryen, lawyer for Abundant Grace. This was sent to Mel Olver, lawyer for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.
- 2) Proposed response to the Summary of Terms, prepared by Trustees, sent to Matthew Ryen.
- 3) Summary of telephone conversation between Tom Swartz and Pastor Leonard Banks.
- 4) Email from Carson Mouser to Barbara James, with concerns about Trustees' responses to Abundant Grace.

The following discussion ensued:

- Speculation about why the Trustees changed the terms.
- Concern that the Trustees did not understand the proposal.

- Confirmation that the Trustees don't want to be landlords.
- Speculation that the daycare's significant financial role in the purchase was missed by the Trustees .
- Concern that the Trustees' action killed the trust of Abundant Grace in the process of the Presbyterian Church.
- Concern that putting the Lakeside building up for sale will result in the loss of the building for a missional use for the neighborhood, including housing for the long-standing daycare center and potential neighborhood food cupboard.
- Feelings that the Trustees disregarded both the work of the AC and the vote of the Presbytery.
- Confusion about why the Presbytery formed an Administrative Commission in the first place.
- Belief that lawyers could have worked it out if they had met face to face.
- Concern that the contract should have gone to Presbytery.
- Desire to bring Abundant Grace and Trustees together for a conversation.

The following action was decided:

Carson will contact Barbara James to see if the Trustees are open to a meeting with Abundant Grace. The purpose of this meeting would be to explore if a future successful negotiation is possible. If the Trustees express interest in such a meeting, Tom will call Pastor Banks to see if Abundant Grace is interested in such a conversation. If this conversation occurs, George and Tom will represent the Administrative Commission.

Closed with prayer by Carson Mouser, 6:30 p.m.

## **Lakeside Administrative Commission Minutes from meeting held on January 17, 2017**

Members present: Ann Evinger, George Gotcsik, Carol Anne Strawbridge, Tom Swartz  
Members excused: Karen Kingsbury, Carson Mouser, Martha Moler, Susan Orr

Meeting began at 4:30 with devotions and prayer.

Tom Swartz moved to accept the agenda. George Gotcsik seconded the motion. Commissioners voted to approve the agenda.

Tom Swartz moved to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. George Gotcsik seconded the motion. Commissioners voted to approve the minutes.

The Lakeside Administrative Commission Final Report draft was presented. This draft had been previously circulated via email to all commission members who shared their comments, edits and suggestions to the co-chairs. George Gotcsik moved to accept the report. Ann Evinger seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Ann stated that the report should note the length of time that the Child Care Center Care has existed in the Lakeside Presbyterian Church building. The following was added to the report, "This child care center began in the Lakeside Presbyterian Church building in 1982. It has

continuously served the community since that date.” Commissioners voted to accept the revised Final Report.

Tom Swartz made a motion to request the Presbytery to dismiss the Lakeside Administrative Commission. George Gotcsik seconded the motion. Commissioners voted to accept the motion.

An updated version of “Observations and Insights” was passed out to Commissioners. Commissioners felt that it was confusing and too abstract. Tom Swartz passed out the original version of “Observations and Insights.” Discussion followed. Commissioners stated that the original version expressed their thoughts better. Tom Swartz moved to send the original version to the Trustees with a cover letter requesting time on the Trustees agenda to discuss the observations and insights. George Gotcsik seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted to accept the motion.

Conversation was held concerning the Lakeside Administrative Commission’s report on the floor of Presbytery. It was decided that Carol Anne Strawbridge will write the report and George Gotcsik will present it. All possible Commissioners are encouraged to be present. Commissioners agreed that the Presbytery report should refer Presbyters to the Lakeside Administrative Commission Final Report for the details of the failed Abundance Grace negotiations. Instead of recounting details, the docket time will be used to do the following: 1. Remind the Presbytery that they voted to accept the recommendations of the Lakeside Administrative Commission on May 24, 2016. Although the negotiations with Abundant Grace were not successful, it is still possible to honor that vote in future negotiations by stipulating that the Creative Beginnings Child Care Center continue to be housed in the Lakeside Presbyterian Church building. 2. Encourage the Presbytery to honor their vote of May 24, 2016 to place monies received from the sale of the Lakeside Presbyterian Church building in the Grace Fund. 3. To encourage the Presbytery to be a missional presence to those living in poverty in urban Rochester.

The meeting closed with prayer at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Anne Strawbridge

The Moderator asked the vice-moderator Hezekiah Simmons to moderate the meeting. Heze commended the body for the respect they have shown one another in the conversations this afternoon.

### **Trustees Report**

**MOTION:** The Presbytery Board of Trustees recommends that the Presbytery approve a grant to Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of up to \$10,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to defray the costs of a building condition report, as a part of a consultation process through with the church will assess its future prospects and vision. Motion approved

**MOTION:** The Presbytery Board of Trustees recommends that the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, Inc. authorize the Union Presbyterian Church (Scottsville) (the "Church"), One Browns Avenue, Scottsville, New York 14546, to sell and convey real property known as the Manse and located at 31 Rochester St, in the Village of Scottsville, Town of Wheatland, Monroe County, New York (Tax Parcel No. 265602-200-060-0001-037-000), which property was acquired by the Church by Deed dated November 27, 1855, and recorded in the Monroe County Clerk's Office on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1856, at Liber 132 deeds, page 32, to Nicholas Brown (Buyer) for the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000.00) with Seller concession of Five Thousand Dollars \$5,000 (net \$175,000), such sale to take place in accordance with a Purchase and Sale Contract between the parties dated January 8, 2017, with Counteroffers last dated January 14, 2017, the net proceeds of such sale to be placed in the Unrestricted Reserves of Union Presbyterian Church for future use by the church as deemed necessary by the Church Council.

This authorization shall be subject to approval of a Supreme Court Justice for the judicial district in which such property is located.

*[Note: This sale was approved by the Congregation of the Church at a duly-called Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation held January 22, 2017} Motion approved*

#### **Budget Development and Oversight Committee**

It was reported that Per Capita giving exceeded the budgeted amount for 2016. Committees held their spending and though Council needed to go over budget there is a \$19,987 carry over/surplus. This will be used in budget support,

If your congregation has not yet sent in an estimate of giving for 2017 please do so.

#### **Mission and Advocacy Committee Report**

The handout concerning Kirkhaven was highlighted. They are renovating and remodeling the household dining rooms.

#### **Presbyter for Mission and Education,**

Susan Orr, reported that Self Development of People (SDOP) receives 32% from One Great Hour of Sharing. Only 22 presbyteries have local SDOP committees and Genesee Valley is one of them! It is more important than ever to give to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Susan then introduced Theresa Lou Bowick from Conkey Cruisers, a recipient of a 2016 SDOP Grant. We watched a video about the group. This group of bicycle riders have ridden over a million miles while changing their Rochester neighborhood.

We were then introduced to Rochester Workers Center another recipient of a 2016 SDOP Grant. They are working with Home Health Workers and Workers Rights. Inviting Churches to a meeting to discuss how they can be supportive of the work.

#### **Committee on Ministry**

**MOTION:** Approve the request of the East Bethany Church to grant the status of Pastor emeritus to the Rev. Walter Wenhold, H.R., effective January 1, 2017. The congregation elected the Rev. Wenhold as Pastor Emeritus on October 23, 2016. Motion Approved

**MOTION:** Approve the commissioning of Ruling elder Martha Mitchell (Albion) to pastoral service with the Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen, NY effective January 1, 2017. The Commissioning Service will be incorporated into the worship service at the close of this meeting. Motion approved

**MOTION:** Grant the status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Raymond Bagnuolo, effective December 31, 2016. If the way be clear, he will be serving a United church of Christ congregation, in Sayville, NY. He will remain honorably retired member of our presbytery. Motion approved Prayer was given.

### **Three Key Things to Take Home**

Aaron Neff was given the task, his three things to take home:

1. February 6 is the deadline for the Church Leadership Development Day. There are many workshop opportunities.
2. Summer Camp confirmation Class at Camp Whitman
3. Stewardship – It is important that we know the money we give is used. Share the video of Conkey Cruisers!

The Presbytery moved into worship which included the Commissioning of Ruling elder Martha Mitchell to serve Stone Church Presbyterian Church, Bergen and the 2016 Necrology Report.

**MOTION:** To adjourn, seconded, approved

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bronwen Boswell

Stated Clerk