

2023 Wycliffe Presbytery Minutes

Moscow Church of the Nazarene, Moscow, ID

September 26-27, 2023

September 26

Open and welcome by Presiding Minister Randy Booth with prayer at 9:00 am.

Mark Balthrop led a devotional from James 2 and we sang a hymn.

Delegates seated:

Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS: Pastor Derek Hale, Elder Joshua Luper

Church of the Redeemer, West Monroe, LA: Elder Ed Lang

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sulphur, LA: Pastor Rob Hadding, Elder James Nabours

Redeemer Reformed Church, Oklahoma City, OK: Pastor Mark Balthrop, Elder Brad Billheimer

All Saints Presbyterian, Ft. Worth, TX: Pastor Jeff Niell, Pastor Steve Jeffrey

Christ Church Boerne, Boerne, TX: Pastor Gabe Wetmore

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, TX: Pastor Roy Bradley, Elder David Alders

King's Cross Reformed Church, Buda, TX: Pastor Garrett Craw, Elder Jordan Vimont

St. David's Church, Tomball, TX: Pastor Adam McIntosh

Also present: Presiding Minister, Randy Booth and secretary, Jonathan Landrum (non-delegates)

Also present were 18 visitors.

The Credential Commission, made up of Rob Hadding, Steve Jeffery, and Steve Wilkins, recommended that we receive Dylan Stinson as a minister in the CREC for Kings' Cross Reformed Church, Buda, TX. Approved.

Brad Billheimer (Redeemer Reformed Church, Oklahoma City, OK) was examined by the ordination committee (Jeff Niell, Garrett Craw, Roy Bradley).

Presbytery was moved to executive session for discussion. Mr. Billheimer was recommended by the ordination exam committee for approval with instructions for further study in eucharistic theology, categories and discernment of sin regarding inclination and action, and divorce and remarriage. Approved.

A point of order raised by Adam McIntosh regarding moving the Presiding Minister's Report to executive session. Motion was made by Adam McIntosh and seconded by Gabe Wetmore to move that meeting out of executive session. Motion failed.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, TX nominated Christ Fellowship Church, Taylor, TX, to be received as a member church. Approved. Pastor Jeff Ripple and Elder Caleb Ripple took the membership oath.

King's Cross Church, Buda, TX, moved to nominate Muldoon Baptist Church, La Grange, TX, as a candidate church. Motion was seconded by Rob Hadding. Motion approved.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Nacogdoches, TX, moved to nominate Cornerstone Reformed Church, Terrell, TX, as a candidate church. Motion was seconded by Jeff Niell. Motion was approved.

Church reports were received and prayers were made for each church.

Presbytery moved to executive session with select visitors from St. David's attending. Executive session scheduled to continue on the following day. (See Executive Minutes). The meeting was closed at 3:15 pm.

September 27

Our meeting was opened at 9:05 am with a devotional from Galatians 4 led by Jeff Niell.

PM Booth resumed our executive session.

Return to open session at 10:30 am.

PM Booth turned the chair over to PM pro-tem Rob Hadding to lead the discussion on the 100-word memorials. Discussion and advice for the council delegates on the following memorials:

1. Homosexuality: the first sentence introduces ideas that are not included in the extended version.
2. Worship: noted that comments about psalm singing were left out.
3. Abortion: preferred more nuance in the last sentence.

PM pro-tem Hadding yielded the chair back to PM Booth.

Discussion about the constitutional review committee proposal.

Discussion about the sacramental cooperation committee proposals. There was general agreement that Proposal 2 or 4 plus the Hus Presbytery recommendation would be acceptable.

Discussion on the arbitration item on the council agenda. PM Booth will make it clear at Council that this was not approved by Wycliffe Presbytery but that it is his own proposal.

There was no change to our presbytery list of ordained ministers.

Discussion on selecting a new PMoP if PM Booth is elected as PMoC pro-tem at Council. The motion was made by James Nabours and seconded by Derek Hale that Mark Balthrop would become PMoP pro-tem if PM Randy Booth is elected at council as PMoC pro-tem. Approved.

Our meeting closed with prayer by Jordan Vimont and singing the Doxology at 12:00 pm.

Submitted by
Jonathan Landrum
Secretary