

Presbytery Council
Presbytery of Eastern Oregon
March 14, 2009
Summary of Meeting

Present: Pastor Todd Bensel, Rev. Kate Bottorff, Rev. Duane Brudevold, Rev. Jean Hurst, Rev. Ginger Johnston, Elder Richard I. Patt, Sr., Rev. Linda Toth, Rev. Steve Toth, Elder Pete Wells

Approve minutes of January meeting of presbytery council with addition of Rev. Jean Hurst to the task force on mission priorities

Report from the executive presbyter.

Report from the mission funding task force for 2010 mission funding.

We expect approximately \$64,000 for presbytery and shared ministry. Recommended for 2010 will be \$6,500 for mission committee, executive office expense, ring praise, and Ukiah food bank for estimated \$13,000 for direct presbytery work. Shared ministry of \$20,400, total of about \$34,000 allocated. There is approximately \$30,000 remaining to be allocated.

Recommend that of the \$30,000 not allocated for 2009, set aside \$20,000 for church redevelopment work. Churches may submit proposals to the mission funding task force through Rev. Linda Toth. Approximately \$10,000 remains available for additional mission opportunities this year.

Rev. Linda Toth will contact members of the nominating and the peacemaking committees to ascertain moderators.

Based on the recommendation from the Board of trustees and as authorized at the February presbytery meeting, granted presbytery approval for the Lostine church to borrow up to \$40,000 for their building remodel project. The building expansion, rest rooms, and new stairway are in place with some finish work left to do. The additional funds are needed to construct a ramp to the basement. Construction is expected to begin in late May or June. The presbytery will ask Synod to make additional funds available if a request for those funds is forthcoming from the church and approved by the presbytery.

Heard a recommendation from the task force on the new form of government that study time be available at the presbytery meeting in April 17-18. The task force recommends that an hour or so be devoted to study and discussion of the paper What is Missional Ecclesiology by Paul Hooker. Read the paper here. A list of additional resources is available on the presbytery's web site, here.

Approved celebration of the Lord's Supper by Rev. Kate Bottorff at the Eastern Oregon Presbyterian Women's April 25 meeting and from time to time at Pendleton Cottages where Kate is a chaplain.

Approved a proposed agenda for the April meeting presbytery. The agenda will be posted on the presbytery web site, www.pbyofeasternoregon.org

Adjourned the meeting until the next scheduled meeting on September 12. This meeting will be held by telephone unless members of the council believe there is work that would be done best with a face to face meeting.