

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON RIVER
Presbytery Meeting
December 4, 2018

The Presbytery of Hudson River met in stated meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Stony Point Center, Stony Point, NY, and was convened at 10:00AM with prayer.

Note: "MSA" = moved, seconded, approved.

"MA" = moved, approved, motions coming from committees, needing no second.

MWS=Minister of the Word and Sacrament; RE = Ruling Elder, CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder.

PHR website: www.hudrivpres.org with a link to Hudson Happenings.

Call to Gather the Presbyters for God's Business

Moderator Keith Brokaw

Declaration of a Quorum

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Moderator Keith Brokaw declared a quorum was present.

Voting on the Docket

Motion: to vote on the Docket and Consent Agenda, with the following addition to the CA: The Budget, Finance and Property Committee met 13 November 2018 and took the following action: Approved the sale by the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, 400 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, New York of 2500 square feet of property for the sum of \$90,000. (Attachments I & II). **MSA**

The AA/EEO guidelines were followed during the search process for all of the MWSs and CREs listed in the Committee on Ministry report (Consent Agenda).

Introduction of New Ruling Elder Commissioners

The Moderator welcomed Ruling Elders who were attending as first-time commissioners.

Seating of Corresponding Members

MOTION: to seat Rev. Clifford Acklam for the duration of his service at Middletown United (Presbyterian Church of Scotland), and Thelma Bergonia-Watson (Giddings Lovejoy). **MSA**

Minutes Readers

MWS Katie Rivera-Torea and RE Beth Hoeffner (Montgomery).

Welcome from Stony Point Center

Rick Ufford-Chase & Paula Sandusky

Rick and Paula welcomed presbytery to Stony Point Center.

Worship (Attachment III)

General Presbyter, Deborah Milcarek, lifted up those with joys and concerns, for friends, family and colleagues.

Rev. Abbie Huff served communion. Rev. Gary Fox led worship. The offering was dedicated to and was divided equally between the Christmas Joy Offering and Emergency Disaster Assistance and totaled \$1125.

Committee on Ministry, Part 1

Erin Moore and Lisa Niven

Introduction of Those Serving in New Pastorates:

Cliff Acklam (interim- Middletown United)
Lynn Brown (interim- Pleasant Valley)
Ellen Clemot (interim- Larchmont)
Kathleen Genus (Port Chester)
Jane Ann Groom (interim-Irvington)
Matthew Jun (Korean PC of Westchester)
John Patrick Vaughan (interim- Bedford)

Moderator-Elect Lori Knight-Whitehouse assumed the chair.

60-Second Announcements

General Presbyter's Report

Deborah Milcareck

Deborah spoke of her first month's work at HRP, and a Leadership Facebook page she will launch.

Personnel

Paul Seelman

Motion: to elect Dan Love Temporary Stated Clerk. **MSA**

Motion: to elect Rev. Dr. Susan De George as Stated Clerk to another three-year term. With no nominations from the floor, **MSA**

Peter Surgenor was thanked for his great gifts and time spent as the Temporary General Presbyter, before Deborah arrived. A donation was made to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh, designated to PresbyBuild, in his honor, on a Giving Tuesday, which quintupled the donation!

James Ferguson and Richard Spierling, co-chairs of PresbyBuild, presented a letter of thanks to Peter, for the donation.

Budget, Finance, and Property/Trustees

Thomas Buchanan

Thomas presented the first reading of the 2019 Budget. (Attachment IV)
Discussion ensued and questions were answered.

12:30 PM Blessing for the Meal.

Reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Faith and Order Committee

Robert Trawick

Vote on overture 18F "Welcoming to the Table- On Amending W-4.0202" from 2018 GA—

The overture can be found at:

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>

Motion: to approve this overture to the Book of Order, as written in the above link. **MSA**

Memorial Minutes

For James Palm, Rick Ufford-Chase, speaking

For Henry Shaw, Angela Maddalone, speaking

Prayers were lifted up by Moderator-Elect, Lori.

Stated Clerk's Report (Attachment V)

Susan De George

- The minutes of the September 18, 2018 stated meeting of the Presbytery were read by Rev. Dorinda Violante and RE Kenneth Lott (Mahopac). They recommend approval.
- The Necrology Report is due by January 15, 2019. Email Ruling Elders' names, and other information, who died in 2018 to Jean Kaiser: jean@hudrivpres.org.
- December 7, 2018 is the start date for the Statistical Report submission. End date is February 14, 2019. It must be approved by session. The Statistical Report is different this year, with supplemental questions to be reported, so extra effort will be required to file it. Concerns and questions were raised about some of the supplemental questions. Susan will share those with the appropriate people in the denomination.
- Clerk of Session Day will be April 28, 2019, at Stony Point Center, 2:00PM. Hudson River University will be on a separate day to enable clerks to attend.
- Ordination Anniversaries were announced.

Pine Bush Administrative Commission

Bruce Baker

Motion: to dissolve the Graham's Presbyterian Church of Pine Bush as of December 31, 2018, and that the closing service of the church be held on December 30, 2018, and that the members of the Grahams church be transferred as of December 31, 2018 to the Hudson River Presbytery as members for one year (with no vote) or until such earlier time as they request a transfer to another church. **MSA**

Deep thanks for the AC were expressed. Prayers were lifted up for the congregation and the AC.

Grants Committee

Cathryn Surgenor

Completed Legacy Grant applications should be sent to: emily@hudrivpres.org, and to revcsurgenor@onwardever.net. This has been updated on the website.

Moderator Keith Brokaw assumed the chair

Stony Point Administrative Commission

Robert Trawick

Robert spoke about the Document of Discovery and its enduring impact on Indigenous Peoples. A response for reconciliation related to this will be presented at the January presbytery meeting by the Administrative Commission .

Committee on Representation and Nominations

Heather Benedict

The Committee on Representation and Nominations recommends the following:

MSA the following resignations:

RESIGN None

MA the following elections, with no nominations from the floor,

ELECT

Permanent Judicial Commission: MWS Dale Southern 2022

Committee on Ministry: RE Lisa Niven 2020

To the class of 2021:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: MWS Stephany Graham

Committee on Ministry: MWS Katie Rivera-Torea, MWS Abbie Huff

MA the following elections, with no nominations from the floor,

ELECT the following leadership for 2019, with no nominations from the floor:
Budget, Finance and Property/Trustees: MWS Peter Surgenor

If you are interested or know of someone who would be good and appropriate for any vacancies, please contact Heather Benedict, at hrbie1030@aol.com or 845-361-1002.

Committee on Ministry

Erin Moore & Lisa Niven

Honorable Retirement:

- Paul Alcorn-David and Linda Burpee spoke
A standing ovation ensued!

Motion: to approve the proposed sale of the Marlboro manse in accordance with the Manse Sale Policy of the Hudson River Presbytery. **MSA**

Cola Recommendation: 2.7% increase

Correction to the Consent Agenda: page 9, #10 the Moderator was Peter Surgenor not Jane Ann Groom.

New Business

No new business.

Attendance Proclamation

69 Teaching Elders and CREs
39 Ruling Elder Commissioners
15 Visitors, officers & staff
16 Other voters
TOTAL 139

Motion: to adjourn at 2:55. **MSA**

With no further business before the body, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:55PM. The next stated meeting will convene on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at the Stony Point Conference Center, Stony Point, NY, at 10:00AM, with registration at 9:30 AM.

Minister of the Word and Sacrament
Susan De George
Stated Clerk

Ruling Elder Wendy Spierling
Journal Clerk