

The session of Westminster Presbyterian Church (“WPC”) convened for a stated meeting on 11 October 2008 in the Oak Lodge at the New Hope Camp and Conference Center immediately following the annual joint meeting of the session and the diaconate. Acting Moderator Betty Berghaus was present and called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. Clerk of Session Doug Wellemeier was present.

Interim Pastor Jack Walchenbach was absent and excused.

Elders Sam Bryan, Bruce Cunningham, John Dancy, Mitch Dozier, Claudia Draffin, Dana Lange, Sara Pottenger, Shayne Ruffing and Holly Huffman Schmidt were present.

Elder Eric Wolf was absent and excused.

Elder-elect Jan McCallum was present.

WPC staff members Barbara Fletcher and Nancy Rozak were present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Acting Moderator, and the Acting Moderator declared a quorum present.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on 21 September 2008 were read. References on page 2 to “Ways & Means Committee” were corrected to read “Ways & Means Commission”.

The draft minutes of the Called Meetings of the Session on 14 September, 28 September and 30 September 2008 were read.

Motion: On a motion by Kathryn Bunch, the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on 21 September 2008 were approved as corrected, and the minutes of the Called Meetings of the Session on 14 September, 28 September and 30 September 2008 were approved as read.

EXAMINATION OF JAN McCALLUM FOR ORDINATION AS ELDER

At the Acting Moderator’s invitation, Jan offered a brief summary of her faith journey and responded to questions from members. Members shared thoughts together about their experiences in service as elders.

Motion: On a motion by Dana Lange, the examination of elder-elect Jan McCallum to be ordained as elder was sustained.

Jan’s ordination as elder will be on Sunday 2 November during the 11:00 A.M. worship service.

OLD BUSINESS

Training for Deacons to serve communion:

There was discussion about further steps needed to communicate the session’s prior decision to include elders and deacons alike when coordinating service of communion, and to provide opportunities for elders and deacons to receive training if desired. Betty will ask Alex Denson to

schedule one or more training sessions. An item will be included in an upcoming newsletter to inform the congregation about the change in procedure and the availability of training.

REPORTS

Worship: (Kathryn Bunch) The Worship Committee's 5 October 2008 meeting minutes were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 2 November 2008. Nancy reported that the youth will prepare the bread as part of the Sacraments Class she has been leading.

Christian Education: (John Dancy) The Christian Education Committee's 16 September 2008 meeting minutes were distributed via the Session Packet mailing.

Ways and Means: (Shayne Ruffing) WPC Financial Statements for September 2008 and an advance copy of a report by the Long Range Planning subcommittee were distributed via the Session Packet mailing. The Commission's 10 September 2008 meeting minutes, 10 October 2008 meeting agenda, and a "Wish Budget Summary for 2009" were handed out at the beginning of the meeting.

Youth Council: (Mitch Dozier) The Youth Council's 5 October 2008 meeting minutes were distributed via the Session Packet mailing.

Mitch handed out and explained a "Grocery Store Fundraising Proposal" for the Youth Mission Fund (copy attached). There was discussion about the suitability of such programs for church fundraising, and how the proposed programs would be staffed and supervised. Mitch explained that the intent is to involve the youth in all required promotional and administrative activities.

Motion: On a motion by Bruce Cunningham, the session authorized the proposal without modification, but with the understanding that every such proposal must stand on its own and separately be authorized by the session. There was one dissenting vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Sam Bryan volunteered to offer the opening devotion and Dana Lange volunteered to lead the closing prayer for the session's next stated meeting on Sunday 16 November 2008.

The Session's current business having been completed, the Acting Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by the Acting Moderator and the singing together of The Doxology at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Wellemeier
Clerk of Session

Betty Berghaus
Acting Moderator

Grocery Store Fundraiser Proposal Youth Mission Fund

Area grocery stores offer various fundraising programs for non-profit organizations. Lowe's Foods, Food Lion and Kroger offer programs for churches; however, Harris Teeter and Whole Foods do not. The Youth Council proposes that the **youth promote and lead participation** in the following programs to help cover expenses for the Senior High Mexico Mission and Junior High Summer Mission trips:

Program 1: Link 'Rewards/MVP' cards to WPC

- Lowe's Foods and Food Lion
- Set up WPC account at store and publicize to congregation to link their card to WPC's account
- Green Points at Lowe's Foods that can be used for gift certificates to Home Depot, etc.
- Up to \$1,400 per year at Food Lion

Program 2: Link 'rechargeable' gift cards to WPC

- Kroger
- Purchase \$5 gift cards linked to WPC to sell to WPC members
- Members add value to their cards at stores and use like cash to pay for groceries
- 5% of purchases go to WPC
- Example:
 - \$250 per month = \$12.50 monthly profit
 - \$12.50 x 12 months = \$150 annual profit
 - \$150 x 25 to 50 members = \$3,750 to 7,500 total for the year

Of course, the amount raised depends on how many families participate and how much they buy. Many of our families with young children will likely already be participating in this fundraiser at their children's schools. However, we have many "empty-nesters", single folks, etc. ... and EVERYONE has to eat! The beauty of this fundraiser is that a lot of money can be raised without any additional cost to our church members!