

Presbytery Meeting Highlights

The Boise Presbytery held its May 11, 2023, stated meeting at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Boise, and by Zoom.

Breaking Down Walls

After gathering briefly in the grove for our Call to Worship, the Presbytery took a walking field trip to Grace Jordan Elementary School, where Barbie Campbell (the school's social worker) spoke about some of the challenges facing our students and how churches can help.



She offered examples from the partnership between Southminster and Grace Jordan, including stocking the school's pantry and relieving school debt. Through prayer, our affirmation of faith, and our confession during the return trip, we acknowledged our Matthew 25 calling to be present in the world.



Megan Remaley, Director of Community Impact for United Way of Treasure Valley, spoke about Community Schools as another model for partnership. Her presentation can be found [here](#).

Randy Marshall preached and was installed as our new Presbytery Moderator.

Actions Taken

During our meeting, we welcomed Kevin Dutcher (Camp Sawtooth) and Rob Hagan (Presbyterian Foundation) to give helpful presentations. The Financial Management Committee, through Andrew Kukla, presented a dashboard of the Presbytery's financial situation, including investment vehicles it is using to increase



returns.



Rachel Yates (Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk) offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of former Stated Clerk and minister member, Rev. Richard Green whose memorial service was held on May 6. She also reported on the conclusion of a restorative justice matter with a woman who experienced sexual abuse in the church.

The Presbytery approved an extension of time and appointment of additional members to the Emmett Visioning Team, which requested that its visioning work be completed by February 2024.



COM's motions to amend Policy #15 of the Presbytery's manual were approved, requiring boundaries training of all active ministers, Presbytery staff, and people on the pulpit supply list, and allowing for comparable, alternative training to that offered by the Presbytery.

To clarify the geographical footprint of the Boise Presbytery, we approved the Board of Trustees' motion to include all of Malheur County, Oregon (not simply "areas around" Adrian and Ontario) and to exclude all of Nevada (omitting the Duck Valley Reservation). This petition will go to the Synod and eventually the General Assembly for approval.



Many thanks to our hosts at Southminster who made sure we didn't get "hangry" during our meeting and who kept our Zoom functioning well. A special thanks to Seth Wheeler who assisted with our Zooming during our field trip and meeting, so your Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk could pay closer attention to the business at hand!

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