

**PRESBYTERY OF BOISE
STATED MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023**

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Boise, ID and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER & WORSHIP

Acting Moderator TJ Remaley called to order the meeting in the grove of Southminster Presbyterian Church and invited the participants into worship at 4:00 pm, finding a quorum present of at least three teaching elders and three ruling elders representing at least three churches. He began the meeting with prayer.

The assembly then walked (and Zoomed) to neighboring Grace Jordan Elementary School for its Matthew 25 field trip to learn about how the school, through partnership with Southminster, is combating poverty within its student population. During its return, the assembly paused in worship to offer blessing to the school and to confess our neglect of people in need.

Once back in the Southminster sanctuary, the Presbytery continued in worship, including the installation of Moderator Randy Marshall, who preached the message. Megan Remaley spoke on behalf of United Way, with a focus on school relationships.

Following the charge and benediction, Moderator Randy Marshall then presented the Consent Agenda. It was **approved by common consent**, with the following actions taken:

1. To record the business meeting of the Presbytery for purposes of drafting the written minutes that, when approved, will become the official record of the business of this meeting. The recording will not be retained after the draft minutes are prepared;
2. To approve the agenda of the stated meeting of May 11, 2023 (pp. 1-2);
3. To approve the minutes of the stated meeting of February 4, 2023;
4. To seat as a corresponding member with voice:
 - a. Linda Toth, Eastern Oregon Presbytery;
 - b. Paul Phillips, Presbytery of de Cristo (transfer is still pending);
 - c. Rob Hagan (Presbyterian Foundation).
5. To receive the following reports:
 - a. Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk's report (pp. 4-7)
 - b. COM report (pp. 8-9)
 - c. Synod Transitions Task Force report (p. 10)
 - d. Emmett Visioning Team report (pp. 11-12)
 - e. Presbyterian Women in the Boise Presbytery report (p. 13)
 - f. Financial reports (pp. 14-18)

Randy Marshall invited first-time elder commissioners and visitors to introduce themselves.

The first item of business was a report from Camp Sawtooth. Camp Director Kevin Dutcher delivered the report. Then Ministry Relations Officer Rob Hagan offered an update of services and opportunities for stewardship and investment through the Presbyterian Foundation.

Financial Management Committee moderator Andrew Kukla spoke about the state of the Presbytery's finances and the importance of congregational and membership giving to supplement the Presbytery's investments and Synod grants. The Committee is shifting investment funds for greater returns and continued liquidity, while also recommending that the Presbytery move toward a balanced budget for next year.

Rachel Yates gave the Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk's report, noting that one year ago she was hired to coordinate the Presbytery's transition. She also offered a time of remembrance for Rev. Richard Green, former Stated Clerk, who passed away on March 28, 2023. The restorative justice process related to a sexual abuse victim has been completed. Other items of significance from the Stated Clerk are included in the written report attached to these minutes.

Rev. Dr. Kevin Starcher brought a report and two motions on behalf of the Emmett Visioning Team. He identified the work that the team has done and the departure of two of its members. **The first motion was that the Presbytery of Boise extend the time for discernment and call for final report until February 28, 2024.** Rev. Heidi Smith brought a substitute motion that the Emmett Visioning Team be dismissed as originally planned as of May 31, 2023, and that the proceeds from the sale of any property, real or otherwise, be placed under the auspices of the Mission Strategy Committee. The substitute motion received a second. Moderator Randy Marshall then requested that both motions be perfected through questions or amendments. After both motions were declared perfected, the Moderator took debate and a vote on whether the substitute motion should become the main motion. The motion did not pass. The Moderator then entertained discussion on the original motion. **The original motion from the Emmett Vision Team was voted on and approved.**

The second motion from the team was that the Presbytery moderator appoint two additional individuals to the Emmett Visioning Team to fill the vacancies created by the departure of two of members. The motion brought by the Emmett Visioning Team carried.

Evelyn Cates gave the report for the Committee on Ministry. Because of changes to the Book of Order which will take effect on July 9, 2023, the **COM moved as follows: that Policy #15 of the Boise Presbytery, Section B "Mandatory Education" be amended by replacing the first sentence and inserting, "The Presbytery of Boise requires boundaries training of all ministers of Word & Sacrament actively engaged in ministry in the Presbytery, commissioned pastors, Presbytery employees, and anyone on the Presbytery's pulpit supply list."** After discussion, the motion passed.

The **second motion of COM** was to replace the third sentence of Section B “Mandatory Education” of Policy #15 with the following: **“Any person required to take this boundaries training may request an exemption from the Presbytery-sponsored training, by demonstrating to the Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk that the person is required to and has participated in alternative training as part of a formal program comparable in content and length to the Presbytery-sponsored workshop. Any exemption requested through the Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk shall be approved or disapproved by COM.”** After discussion, the motion carried.

Cindy Tyree, President of the Corporation, brought a motion from the Board of Trustees to adjust the boundaries of the Boise Presbytery because of vague language in our bylaws and a denominational effort to map those more clearly. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, she **moved that the Presbytery of Boise request that the Synod of the Pacific petition the General Assembly to include all of Malheur County, Oregon in the Boise Presbytery and to exclude all of Nevada.** The motion passed.

The Presbytery celebrated events in the ministries of the Presbytery. Randy Marshall adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Yates
Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Appendix I: Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk’s report with attachments
Appendix II: Attendance

Appendix I
Transitional Executive/Stated Clerk's Report
Boise Presbytery
May 11, 2023

Through my role, the Presbytery's Clerks of Session are in the process of reviewing minutes, registers, and mandatory policies. Most of the Clerks will be gathering on May 13 at Boone Memorial for that purpose. All annual statistical reports and other Office of General Assembly reports were completed on time, and the Presbytery's summary report is attached. Thank you, Clerks, for this responsibility of ensuring our decisions and membership are documented and that our processes are fair and inclusive!

At the General Assembly, sufficient presbyteries have voted on overtures for most of them to pass. A few are still being considered. Among those that have passed are congregational requirements for boundaries training, an anti-racism policy, an anti-harassment policy, and a family leave policy will be required, as of July 9, 2023. The Presbytery is working intentionally with Kendall and Eastern Oregon Presbyteries to collaborate on drafting these policies and looking at shared opportunities for training. The current voting on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order is attached.

As a reminder, the Presbytery of Boise has a Manual of Administrative Operations that include a Sexual Misconduct Policy (#15) and a Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (#16), which are available online at www.presbyteryofboise.com. We will be examining whether these need to be updated in light of General Assembly action or our increased awareness and ongoing learning.

A few personnel changes are to be noted: Stated Clerk of the General Assembly J. Herbert Nelson has announced his resignation, effective June 30, 2023. An Acting Stated Clerk will be appointed until a new Stated Clerk is elected at the 2024 General Assembly. Kathy Runyeon also has ended her service as Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Pacific. Seth Normington has been named Acting Stated Clerk while a search process begins.

Bonnie Lind (on behalf of the Personnel Committee) and I attended a national, mid-council consultation with the Board of Pensions in Denver, as part of its Season of Rebuilding. The BOP is working on changing its benefits plans. Changes (as yet undeveloped) will be announced in 2024 and implemented in 2025.

Bonnie reflected on the consultation: "It was a rewarding experience to participate in the BOP discussions about updating their health insurance plans. The current plan was developed in the 1980's when, as stated at the meeting, 'Pastors were cis-gender, hetero males with a spouse and 2.5 children.' In the 21st century pastoral roles are filled by a variety of ordained and lay individuals, and BOP realizes that their plans need to become more flexible and varied to meet the needs of this diverse group. It was interesting to meet people from across the country and to hear their many concerns and suggestions."

**Proposed Amendments to the
 Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)**

		Affirmative	Negative	Have Voted	To Vote	Needed to Pass
22-A	F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a)	117	4	121	46	Approved
22-AA	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7)	119	2	121	46	Approved
22-B	F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b)	118	3	121	46	Approved
22-BB	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8)	120	1	121	46	Approved
22-C	G-1.0501 MEETINGS (ROD-06 2)	128	1	129	38	Approved
22-CC	D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05)	75	31	106	61	9
22-D	G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1)	120	0	120	47	Approved
22-DD	D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3)	102	4	106	61	Approved
22-E	G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07)	84	34	118	49	Approved
22-EE	D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1)	106	2	108	59	Approved
22-F	G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15)	118	2	120	47	Approved
22-FF	AMENDING THE USE OF "THE ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2)	100	6	106	61	Approved
22-G	G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2)	115	8	123	44	Approved
22-GG	REPLACING THE CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE" WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION (ROD-03)	103	3	106	61	Approved
22-H	G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1)	119	3	122	45	Approved
22-I	G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06)	84	32	116	51	Approved
22-J	G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS (MC-08)	123	1	124	43	Approved
22-K	G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3)	119	4	123	44	Approved

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22-L	G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4)	119	3	122	45	Approved
22-M	G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05)	121	5	126	41	Approved
22-N	G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3)	128	1	129	38	Approved
22-O	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9)	107	10	117	50	Approved
22-P	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10)	104	10	114	53	Approved
22-Q	G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03)	106	14	120	47	Approved
22-R	G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06)	122	3	125	42	Approved
22-S	G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)	114	5	119	48	Approved
22-T	W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1)	91	28	119	48	Approved
22-U	W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (TWE-05 2)	82	37	119	48	2
22-V	W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4)	125	0	125	42	Approved
22-W	W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06)	117	6	123	44	Approved
22-X	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5)	116	7	123	44	Approved
22-Y	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6)	112	10	122	45	Approved
22-Z	W-5.0201 THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1 & 2)	119	3	122	45	Approved

2022 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery	Boise		
Address	950 W State St, Boise, ID 83702		
Phone	303-809-2626	Fax	
Email	boiseinterimexec@gmail.com		
Web Site	www.presbyteryofboise.com		
Membership			
Prior Active Members	1121	Adjusted membership	1124
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	29	Certificate	8
Youth Professions	3	Deaths	39
Professions & Reaffirmations	75	Deleted for any Other Reason	31
Total Gains	107	Total Losses	78
Total Ending Active Members	1153		
Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	845
Presented by Others	5	Friends of the Congregation	177
At Confirmation	1	Ruling Elders on Session	72
All Other	1	Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	8 / 1
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	21	Hearing impairment	54
18 - 25	48	Sight impairment	12
26 - 40	79	Mobility impairment	47
41 - 55	131	Other impairment	34
56 - 70	347		
Over 70	508	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	1134	Women	698
		Men	431
		Non-Binary	5
Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	22	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	17
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	55	High School (9th – 12th grade)	42
		Total Youth	136
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	23	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	7
Black/African American/African	0	White	1114
Middle Eastern/North African	1	Multiracial	1
Hispanic/Latino-a	7		
		Total Racial Ethnic	1153
Budgeted Income	2,075,664		
Budgeted Expense	2,032,218		
Receipts			
Regular Contributions	1,883,606	Bequests	322,479
Capital Building Fund	799,023	Other Income	159,791
Investment Income	31,972	Subsidy or Aid	24,570
Expenditures			
Local Program	1,811,625	Investment Expenditures	29,736
Local Mission	148,818	Per Capital Apprt	50,086
Capital Expenditures	6,587,259	Other Mission	121,095



APPENDIX II
 Attendance
2023 Clergy Attendance

Pastor	Feb 4	May 11				
Beck, David	Exc					
Beck, Elizabeth	Exc	Exc				
Berkowitz, Aaron	✓	✓				
Carlson, David						
Chamberlain, R. Alex	✓	Exc				
Conway, Charles	Exc	✓				
Francis, Karen	✓	Exc				
Forbess, Dani	✓	✓				
Geisel, Marty						
Goldthwaite, Ruth	✓	Exc				
Hicks, Ruth						
Hindman, Gary						
Irish, Rick						
Keener, Ed						
Koah, Tim						
Kukla, Andrew	✓	✓				
Matthew, John	✓	✓				
McKay, Judy	✓	✓				
Paul, Marianne	✓	✓				
Pickrell, John	✓					
Remaley, TJ	✓	✓				
Rogers, Phil	✓	✓				
Ryder, Elizabeth	Exc	✓				
Schwind Williams, Katey	✓	✓				
Shrumm, Norm						
Smith, Heidi	Exc	✓				
Smith, Mark	Exc	✓				
Starcher, Kevin	✓	✓				
Thiry, JoAnn	✓	✓				
Wheeler, Seth	✓	✓				

Ruling Elder Commissioners

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Boise, Covenant

Katie Shevlin
Steve Tyree
Cindy Tyree

Boise, First

Susan Knights
Pat Dautel
Bae Emilson

Boise, Southminster

Ann Agnew
Carla Middleton

King Hill

Ken Jones

Nampa

No commissioners

Ontario

No commissioners

Caldwell

Teresa Taylor
Cheryl Forse

Homedale

Sherman Takatori

Parma

No commissioners

Weiser

No commissioners

Officers & Other Commissioners

Jacquelyn Benjamin (PW Moderator, Mission Strategy Committee Chair)

Evelyn Cates (COM Chair)

Randy Marshall (Presbytery Moderator)

Cindy Tyree (Corporate President)

Rachel Yates (Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk)

Visitors

Judy Austin

Kevin Dutcher

Corresponding Members

Rob Hagan (Northwest Coast Presbytery)