

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Committee Reports

For August 13, 2022 Stated Meeting

SOCIAL JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING (SJP) – Rev. Carolyn Grice, Chair

No report

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) – Rev. Carolyn Grice, Chair

No report

CALVIN CREST CAMP, CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER – Craig Huffman, Director

The Calvin Crest Board will meet for their next scheduled meeting on July 9, 2022. Items to discuss will include:

- a review of the summer camping season thus far
- rental groups
- challenges with inflation, supply chain issues and staffing
- Family Fun Day (August 20) and Insteadium (August 20-21)
- Ongoing discussions with Homestead Presbytery about possible sale of the Calvin Crest Property to the Calvin Crest Corporation

The summer has been good with the children and youth that have attended being positively impacted and engaged. Calvin Crest looks forward to hosting the Presbytery in August as well.

FAITH, EDUCATION, & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (FELD) – Rev. Cindy Harvey, chair

June 28, 2022, 1:30 pm

OPSF Conference Room, and via Zoom

Present: Becky Balestri, Cindy Harvey, Matt Coplen, Ellen Scott, Alan Reinarz

Excused: Shelli Dart, Jody Filipi, Karen Johns

Cindy opened the meeting with prayer. The check-in question was “What do you collect?”

- We discussed the paragraph of the Covenant on stewardship.
- The previous meeting’s minutes were approved.
- Gatherings for clergy: Leadership Team is hosting an educational event on August 12, at Calvin Crest. Cindy Harvey will organize game night for that evening for the pastors and elders who are staying overnight at the camp.
- No report on Youth.
- Worship is planning the August presbytery meeting worship service, which will be in person. The theme is Matthew 25 – the initiative, not the scripture passage.
- Upcoming movie recommendations: Karen will do a review of “The Killing of Emmett Till” for July; and Cindy will recommend “I Am Not Your Negro” for August. Other movie possibilities are “Men of Honor” and “42.” Shelli will recommend one of these movies for September. Ellen volunteers to do the movie review for October, possibly “Judas and the Black Messiah” or “Just Mercy.”
- Cindy has had conversations with various presbytery leadership folks and all have responded positively. Pat Shipley has given Cindy a few leads for possible speakers. And, GA may require anti-racism training, so we are watching for that.
- Matt reported that we have given out two Calvin crest scholarships and 3 or 4 Synod School scholarships.
- The possible training about “How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You are Going” is on hold for the moment.

- Next meeting is July 26, 2022, at 1:30 at **Presbyterian Church of the Master**. The meeting was closed in prayer by Becky.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM – Sarah Dickinson, Sally Carlson, Gregg Miller, Pat Shipley

Admin Team (AT) (Sally Carlson, Gregg Miller, Pat Shipley, Sarah Dickinson/notetaker)

Moderator Team (Suzanne Gorhau, Marcia Cline & Matt Coplen)

To: Leadership Team (LT) (for 7/19/22 mtg)

Admin Team met 7/11/22

We met jointly with the Moderator Team

Our meeting opened with checking in with one another, recalling the PMRV Covenant and prayer.

Discussion included:

Debriefing about:

June Leadership Team Meeting (good discussion about “speaking the truth in love”)

June 29 Special Presbytery Meeting

(thanks to all for a smooth & faithful meeting. Prayers of support to Westminster)

Prep for August 12 & 13 Presbytery Events

Pastor & Educator Retreat – Calvin Crest (added Educators into the invitation)

Friday August 12

The leader will be Candace Adams and the topic is spiritual well being.

She is a FANTASTIC resource. Please come and/or encourage others to attend.

Evening: Free time and game night led by Faith, Education & Leadership development

And Candace available for consultation & support

Saturday August 13 TRAINING for whole presbytery (all welcome)

Led by Candace as a part of the morning presbytery meeting.

Presbytery meeting docket: Further planning with the moderator team and stated clerk

Manual of Administrative Operations Updating

We had a lot of good discussion about certain segments of the manual.

We recommend the Leadership Team in the July meeting discusses these items a bit more:

-Committee on Representation

-Moderator Team model (how’s it going? Seems to be working)

-PC(USA) Special Offerings – potentially finding a better home in PMRV structure

Most updates reflect:

-Necessary updates that match how PMRV actually does things

-Suggested updates from Synod as to what needs to be in a manual

-Closer alignment with the “Stepping Up to the Plate” Vision that PMRV approved in November

2021

(i.e. Using an Administrative Hub, Moderator Team, Admin Team

Misc items of discussion: GA this year

AT & MT will meet again in August.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE JULY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Homework:

-Covenant phrase of the month “Keeping healthy and honest boundaries that build trust”

-Operations Manual – take a look at the sections mentioned above (and other parts, too)

-All committees: What needs or questions do you have before we meet with a representative from the Nominating Committee next month? (Committee’s work/vision; any revamping or consolidating? Size or make up of membership?)

Discussion/Docket

SOR – 95 accounts recommendation

Operations Manual

Nominating – visioning, discerning needs

Please promote: August 12 & 13: Special retreat & presenter at Presbytery

OTHER REMINDERS

We are working on a thank you for Elona Street Stewart's service to the General Assembly as she finishes her term as moderator. We'll be taking a collection for an organization that she and her co-moderator identified.

Other Administrative Reference

Communications TF (Suzanne convener; includes Kathy, Carolyn, Sarah) Continues its deliberations; separate Gold Star report

Chaplain to pastors This discernment is in a new phase during the first quarter of 2022. Prayers of support for Rev. Cindy Harvey and our system as we continue this exploration. Task Force will check in with Cindy after Easter.

AT typically: Meetings (and emails/communications) continue to focus on our "usual" purposes:

- Help coordinate the administrative and communication needs and opportunities of the presbytery,
- Help the presbytery keep faithful to its mission, -Resource the Leadership Team

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES (SOR), Rev. Gregg Miller, chair

Here are the items that we acted upon at our last meeting on June 23rd, 2022:

- **CPM request for summer Academy** – We decided to approve taking the \$2,500 request from account 2095.11, Teaching Elder and Candidate Assistance.
- **Request for Pastor retreat funding** – We agreed to ask the Leadership Team for a dollar amount or range before considering this.
- **Property Matters** – Westminster Church, Omaha will soon vote on a proposal to sell their building, manse and property to Citylight Mosaic Church for \$410,000. The Westminster Session is making a list of where they would like the net sale proceeds to be donated. Georlett made a motion, seconded by Molacek, that this committee approve the sale of the property. Motion carried.
- **"95" Continuing accounts** – Treasurer Emry provided a proposal to close particular accounts and transfer balances to 2095.03 Net Assets. We voted unanimously to close eight accounts. Accounts being closed, all prefaced with 2095, are .07, .18, .31, .32, .323, .50, .54, and .55. We will be having conversations with committees of the Presbyter that have 95 accounts and see how we might disburse the funding in them or how we might move the line item to their on-going budget to help our financial reports reflect where current activity or future expenditures are coming from. Rational is that we feel that the 95 accounts get lost being on a separate sheet and don't reflect the activity or mission work of the Presbytery from being reported.

Discussion items to make you aware of:

- **Churches in financial need for pastoral leadership** – We agreed to discuss more at a future meeting. With having over half of the churches in our Presbytery without pastoral leadership, we felt that with the funding of our Presbytery we felt God leading us to create a way to help our churches be able to fund ways for them to hire pastoral leadership. Ideas we have on the table right now – nothing set in stone yet: create multiple point pastoral parishes, Interim funding, Discernment funding for churches in transition.

PERSONNEL – Kathy Moore, Elder, Chair

The Committee did not meet in June/July.

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY – Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, Chair

Will meet week of July 18th to work on Worship for Stated Meeting.

MISSION & EVANGELISM – Rev. Matt Coplen, Chair

- **Update on Komarek Grant requests:**

1) four Komarek Trust grant recipients have now received their checks for 2021/2022 grant cycle and the fifth check will be arriving soon

2) those checks were for \$5,960 each

3) we are also in the process of allocating Komarek Trust scholarships for seminary students; if leadership team would prefer, we would happily pass this info along to the CPM

- **Mini-Grant request**

A request for the Pratt Street Project at New Life Presbyterian Church was received and approved. A \$2000 grant was awarded. In addition, the committee decided to allocate \$500 from our Matthew 25 Partnership funds for this project.

- **Matthew 25 grant requests**

A request from First Presbyterian Church, Omaha for the Hand Up for Housing event to be held on October 9th was received. The committee approved the request and a grant of \$1000 was allocated.

A request from First Presbyterian Church, Omaha; West Hills Presbyterian Church; and New Life Presbyterian Church was received for a Justice by the Numbers event to be held on August 4th.

One item on the committee's collective mind was encouraging new projects to apply for grants. We were happy to support Hand Up for Housing for a second year but hope that in future years we will have new projects to support within the Presbytery.

Back in May the committee approved a request from PMRV Presbyterian Women for \$2500 for a project overseas. In the future, priority will be given to Matthew 25 projects within the bounds of the Presbytery.

- **Upcoming Meetings**

August meeting will be held at First Presbyterian, Omaha.

September meeting will be held at New Life Presbyterian, Omaha.

We look forward to spending time in some of our Presbytery churches and hearing and seeing some of their mission work.

Submitted with gratitude for the work of the committee by Pastor Matt Coplen, chair of the Mission & Evangelism committee