

PMRV Committee/Commission Reports to Presbytery For November 2, 2023 Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Stated Meeting

Social Justice and Peacemaking – Rev. Carolyn Grice, Chair

The committee met by email to establish the budget request for next year.

Self-Development of People (SDOP) – Rev. Carolyn Grice, Chair

The committee will be meeting in the near future to consider one application.

Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center – Craig Huffman, Director

The Calvin Crest Board is scheduled to meet again on November 11 at Calvin Crest. In the interim, the committees of the Board of Directors continue to do their work for personnel concerns, budgeting, programming, marketing and caring for the facility and property.

Upcoming events that Calvin Crest is hosting include the following:

- Quilt Retreat-October 25-29
- Worship Arts Workshop-November 4
- Scrapbook Retreat-November 17-19
- Men's Retreat-May 17-18, 2024

Faith Education Leadership Development (FELD) – Shelli Dart, Chair

The FELD committee has not met in months, but Nicole is getting me a list of the members and I will try and get everyone together in the next two weeks to review a request for scholarships. My focus has been on the Christian Educators committee and the Youth Ministry Team and with my mother's health issues that is all I've had the band width for.

Youth Ministry Team has been off and running since fall of 2022. We have been sponsoring quarterly events and plan on continuing building and growth. There are several churches in our Presbytery with small groups of young people and these events provide them the opportunity to meet Christian friends their age, to have fun together and worship and learn together. We've had 1 or 2 youth attend from several churches we've never seen at events which was wonderful.

Our first event January 2023 – a Neon Night of fun at West Hills was a kind of test run that West Hills, Hope and FPC Bellevue decided to try. People had so much fun and asked if we keep doing the large group events.

After this event Jessica Scheopner from West Hills and Becca Jackson-York from Hope joined me as the Youth Ministry Team. We were blessed that Jenny Gollehon from Hope jumped right on board after Becca left in May and the group has been creating wonderful events and planning many more.

The Youth Ministry Team has planned quarterly events through 2024. The goal is not only to build community between the larger and more active churches in our Presbytery but to also provide opportunities for young people from small churches to learn, worship and play together. Several of the larger churches with very active youth groups are on board with keeping these events going and growing which is also important.

Our first official group event was in March with a retreat at Camp Calvin Crest with 40 attendees including 4 small churches sending 1-2 attendees. Our next event was a team effort with David Friedli, Instadium 2.0 at Calvin Crest with 75 attendees from both PMRV and Homestead. 9 small churches sent 1 or 2 attendees. Our most recent event was at Skinny Bones Pumpkin Patch with over 100 attendees.

Future Events for 2024 are January 14th Day of Mission and Night of Neon, March 1-2 Calvin Crest Retreat, August date TBD Instadium 3.0 and September 29th Skinny Bones.

Administrative Team (AT & MT) – Sarah Dickinson, Sally Carlson, Gregg Miller, Pat Shipley

See Administrative/Moderator Team Visioning Report.

Stewardship of Resources (SOR) – Rev. Gregg Miller, Chair

See the Budget presented to Presbytery.

Personnel Committee – Kathy Moore, Elder, Chair

The Personnel Committee met via Zoom on September 22nd. We reviewed notes from the three staff check-in meetings. The committee feels positive about the performance of all three staff and is grateful for the commitment and skills and passion that each person brings to the position. We appreciated the open and honest discussion of policies and procedures that could be reviewed for consideration of making further adjustment for the coming year.

The Personnel Committee would request 30 minutes on the October 17 Leadership Team meeting to discuss various personnel matters in preparation for 2024. These include:

- a. Staff performance, budgetary needs, and plans for 2024.
- b. Nicole would like to transfer all data from the Access Davtabase to an Excel database. Does anyone have any objections?
- c. Nicole wants to make further changes to the website to make it more user-friendly. Does anyone want further input into that process?
- d. We have suggestions about agenda items that could be added to the Annual Leadership Team training.
- e. We have suggestions about how COM might help pastors and congregations more clearly understand the role of each staff and committee.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) – Al Zimmerman, Moderator

CPM met on October 12, at Faith Presbyterian Church. The commission met with Inquirer Jessica Schooner. We received reports about those under care. We received a report from the Synod Academy. We approved a budget request for 2024, which will be sent to SOR. We discussed names to submit to the Nominating Committee to replace two minister vacancies. We will request 5 minutes at the Presbytery meeting to talk about the Academy and CLP/CRE Training. CPM will meet on December 14, at 2pm, at Faith.

Worship and Spirituality Committee – Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, Chair

The Worship & Spirituality committee met on September 21, 2023.

- We requested the same budget amount as last year.
- We're considering who would be a good member for the committee when Suzanne Gorhau goes off at the end of the year.
- We're working with Laura Rasmussen to offer an online spiritual formation group for anyone in the presbytery who would like to participate.
- We spent time talking about the worship service for the November Presbytery meeting and we'll finish putting that together next month.
- We are excited about the worship themes of Energy, Imagination, Intelligence and Love for 2024.

Mission and Evangelism – Rev. Matt Coplen, Chair

Members present for the August meeting – Matt Coplen, Carolyn Grice, Cindy Harvey, James Reiff and Joyce Serenil. The Committee met by Zoom.

Items of Information:

- Committee reviewed protocol for Komarek grants – applications are due by October 31st and the committee will be meeting on November 7th to review applications and make decisions related to the funds available and the applicants. Here is a link to the application: http://www.pmr.v.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2023_KomarekAppFillable.pdf
- Komarek scholarship funds are in the process of being allocated to 2 current students – 1 student is in the midst of Masters of Divinity studies and 1 student is pursuing Doctor of Ministry studies.
- Committee reviewed the 2023 budget and made recommendations related to the 2024 budget. Main items of budget business was a recommendation related to the Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship and ongoing support for Reverend Michael Koech.

Upcoming business

- November 7th meeting to review Komarek applications
- Review of mission priorities and current commitments