

**Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches
Minutes of Anselm Presbytery Annual Meeting
October 13, Kirkland, Washington**

October 13th, 2009

Agenda I, II and III

Presiding Minister of Presbytery Dave Hatcher called the meeting to order at 10:14am and asked Dennis Tuuri to say the invocation. The delegates then sang Psalm 21 (Cantus Christi). Brett Baker, Dave's fellow elder from Trinity in Kirkland, WA, gave an opening exhortation on Romans 12, urging the ministers to cling to purity and unity, to focus on practical action, and to pray how best to use the many gifts given to the presbytery as a body.

Agenda IV Roll call and establishment of a quorum

Roll called. Since nine of ten churches were present, only Poznan, Poland - Evangelical Reformed Church being absent, a quorum was declared. A total of 16 delegates were present:

Kirkland, WA	Trinity Church	Dave Hatcher*, Jerry Owen
Lynnwood, WA	Christ Covenant Church	Dean Hellekson, Ron Coverdale
Eugene, OR	Christ the King Church	Scott Snider, K.C. Rumrey
Oregon City, OR	Reformation Covenant Church	Dennis Tuuri, Doug Hayes
Salem, OR	Trinity Reformation Church	Jeff Harlow, Kevin Gowen**
Chugiak, AK	Covenant Bible Church	Jack Phelps, Gerald Allsup
Langley, Canada	Christ Covenant Church	Gary Vanderveen, Vic Martens
Tokyo, Japan	Mitaka Evangelical Church	Ralph Smith
Wroclaw, Poland	Evangelical Reformed Church	Bogumil(Bubu) Jarmulak, Aleksancer(Alek) Bieriejanczuk

*Presiding Minister of Presbytery, non-voting

**granted voting during the meeting by unanimous consent

Absent:

Poznan, Poland Evangelical Reformed Church

Agenda V Introduction of visitors

Notable Guests:

Jacksonville, OR	Christ Church	John Barach
Diósd, Hungary	Reformed Evangelical Church	Attila Hajdu

Jack Phelps called for an Amendment to the Agenda, to add a discussion of Presbytery Ministerial examinations.

Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent

So Agenda X. New Business, section D. Discussion of Presbytery Ministerial examinations, was added.

Agenda VI Member Reports

One representative from each church reported. Bogumil(Bubu) Jarmulak reported on the missing member church from Poznan, Poland as well.

Presiding Minister Hatcher calls for a lunch recess at noon, and asks Doug Hayes to pray for lunch. Meeting resumed at 1:44pm, and church reports continue. All returned except for Ralph Smith & Gary

Vanderveen who were absent until 2:10pm

Jack Phelps recognized at 2:15pm to ask a point of order

Jack Phelps moves to allow Kevin Gowen to be given voting rights, which requires a vote per Article IV, Sec B, Subsection 1 of the Constitution.

Point of order carried by voice vote with no dissent

Agenda VII Consideration of Candidate and Mission Churches - none

Presbyterian Reformed Church of Burgas, Bulgaria; pastor Yavor Rusinov

(mission church of Evangelical Reformed Church – Wroclaw, Poland)

Bogumil(Bubu) Jarmulak explains that his church has taken on a new mission church

He requests listing on CREC website as a mission church of Evangelical Reformed Church - Wroclaw, Poland

He notes that judicial appeal for the mission is through this body, Anselm Presbytery

He also notes that a man is raising objections, though charges have not yet been brought.

Request granted by Presiding Minister Hatcher

Agenda VIII Introduction and Seating of New Candidate Churches - none

Agenda IX Old Business – none

Presiding Minister Hatcher at 2:25pm called for a brief recess. Resumed at 2:36pm

Agenda X New Business

A. Procedural Recommendations for Bringing in Churches or Ministers into the CREC who are under some form of formal discipline of other denominations

Ralph Smith introduced his motion [original motion attached separately]

Ralph Smith amended his motion to the following:

Motion 1:

A motion “to form a committee to consider how best to address the issue of CREC churches having a formal relationship with persons under some form of discipline from other churches or denominations and the possibility of recommending changes to the Book of Procedures and/or the Constitution.

Motion 1 carried by voice vote with one dissent [15:1], Scott Snider opposed

The committee is formed:

Ralph Smith, Chair

Doug Hayes

Kevin Gowen

Gary Vanderveen

Committee formation carried by voice vote with no dissent

B. Amendment regarding the listing of ministerial credentials – Jack Phelps

Jack Phelps requests to make a motion, Doug Hayes seconds it.

Motion 2

Article IV of the Anselm Book of Procedures is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

Upon receipt of a written request from the Session of a CREC member church, the Minister shall add to the list of recognized ordained men a lawfully ordained minister who is a member of that local church, but who is not currently installed as an officer in that church. Such action by the Minister shall be subject to ratification at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.

Be it moved that the language presented above be adopted as part of the Anselm Presbytery Book of Procedures and that it be forwarded to Council for consideration and adoption into the CREC Council Book of Procedures at the next stated meeting of Church Council, in 2011.

Motion 2 carried by voice vote with no dissent.

C. Report from Presiding Minister of Council – Jack Phelps

Jack Phelps gave an apology for not having constitution or book of procedures on the website yet. The report had already been distributed, and he had nothing to add.

Bogumil(Bubu) Jarmulak asked a question about whether Jack Phelps would be reimbursed for his work as pm of council.

Jack Phelps responded that he will be reimbursed.

Ralph Smith: brought up the idea to form a committee to investigate other groups asking for support. Jack Phelps responded that he had the authority to do so if he should desire that in the future.

D. Discussion of Presbytery Ministerial examinations

The general consensus desired a longer period of time to be allocated for examinations.

Also a suggestion was made to have the first day devoted to examinations, so that if necessary some delegates could skip the first day if they couldn't afford the extra time.

Presiding Minister Hatcher asked that the future Presiding Minister take into consideration the discussion when setting the agenda for next year.

Presiding Minister Hatcher called for a short break at 4:30pm for examination committees to meet to ascertain if they could give preliminary examination reports. Meeting was reconvened at 4:39pm.

Agenda XI Initial reports from ordination recommendation committees

Dennis Tuuri reported for his group that they recommend Flynn Ayers, but some areas require further attention.

Ralph Smith reported that they have a positive evaluation for K.C. Rumrey, but that some areas require further attention, and they are waiting on an exegetical paper (no fault of Rumrey).

Gary Vanderveen reported that they had a positive recommendation for Jaeil (Jay) Hahn, with no further inquiry needed.

Agenda XII Election of new Presiding Minister of Presbytery for 2009-2012 Term

Motion to nominate Dennis Tuuri as Presiding Minister by Jack Phelps, seconded by Ralph Smith. Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.

Agenda XII Election of new Presiding Minister of Presbytery *Pro Tempore* for 2009-2012 Term

Motion to nominate Dave Hatcher as Presiding Minister *Pro Tempore* by Bogumil(Bubu) Jarmulak, seconded by Gary Vanderveen
Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.

Recommendation to thank Dave Hatcher for being Presiding Minister made by Jack Phelps
All applauded to say thanks.

Agenda XIV Location of Anselm Presbytery Meeting 2010

Motion for AK church to host the next Presbytery meeting made by Gerald Allsup, seconded by Jeff Harlow. Date TBA
Motion carried by voice vote with no dissent.

Presiding Minister Hatcher recommended that everyone thank his church secretary Lauri Baker for her help with all the details of hosting the meeting.
All applauded to say thanks.

Agenda XV Hymn Singing and Prayer

All sang "The Church's One Foundation" from the Cantus Christi.

Presiding Minister Hatcher had Dean Hellekson close the meeting in prayer. At 4:52pm Presiding Minister Hatcher adjourned the meeting.