

Minutes of Athanasius Presbytery
Galen Sorey, Minister of Presbytery
Alan Stout, Clerk of Presbytery
Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches
4 March 2011
Trinity Presbyterian Church Birmingham, Alabama

Churches and Members of Presbytery Represented:

Christ Church, Atlanta GA: Jeremy Sexton

Christ Church, Branchville AL: Keith Diamond, Ted Phillips, Richard Vest

Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA: Galen Sorey, Denny Dufour,

Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC: Craig Beaton and Bob Corneroli

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS: Bill Grete

Providence Church, Pensacola FL: Uri Brito and Alan Stout

Salem Reformed Church, Rome GA: George Crocker

St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN: Joe Thacker

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL: Rich Lusk and Gilbert Douglas

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso FL: Michael Schneider, Erik Stoer

Not represented: Christ Church (Mission church), Lakeland FL: David Bostrom

Guests: Steven Wedgeworth, Interim Pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS;
Rob Hadding, Pastor Christ Church Pace FL; Laramie Brown and Matt Clark Foothills
Christian Assembly , N. Augusta, GA; Joel Presley and Mark Billings, Church of the Good
Shepherd N. Augusta, GA'

I. Morning

a. Pastor Uri Brito lead in Psalm 148

b. Pastor Rich Lusk led in morning prayers

c. Jeremy Sexton provided an exhortation from 2 Corinthians 3

Galen Sorey Call to Order 6th Presbytery

Motion 11/03/04:01 to recognize visitors and allow them to speak (Erik Storer, with
Second. Carried 14-0)

Reports on Athanasius Presbytery, her Churches and guest Churches were heard

Of particular interest Trinity Presbyterian, Valparaiso with specific prayers for
Jonathon Sutton

The Minister of Presbytery gave a report on the recent PM Summit held in Houston,
TX, reporting on what the other presbyteries are doing and passed out a list of
proposals that will be coming before the General Council meeting in October, 2011.

Introduction of Dr. Timothy George, Dean Beason Divinity School. (Pastor Rich Lusk)

Dr. George delivered a wonderful lecture on the Barmen Declaration and the Manhattan Declaration. He also took questions for an hour.

Break for lunch

Matt Clark and Joel Presley gave an introduction to their respective situation and background.

Motion 11/03/04:02 to adjourn the Called Meeting until the Ad Hoc Meeting is adjourned. (Craig Beaton, second, Carried 14-0)

Ad Hoc Meeting of the Presbytery called to order

Motion 11/03/04:01 to adopt the agenda. (Carried 14-0)

Reading of the purpose of the Ad Hoc meeting (Pastor Galen Sorey)

Motion 11/03/04:02: to change the constitution in Article 5, section 1 of the constitution to read "The presbytery will have *at least* one stated annual meeting." (Carried 14-0)

Discussion of the requirement for two elders to remain a member church in good standing. The Minister of Presbytery in particular presbyteries will watch over any church that finds itself with only one elder to ensure said church does not go for an unreasonable time without at least two elders. Particular churches in Athanasius Presbytery will seek out pro tem elders from another session if no men are considered to be elders or elder candidates within their own body and will do so with all speed.

Motion 11/03/04:03 Immanuel Presbyterian has 90 days to get a *pro tem* elder on session and report to Minister of Presbytery. (0-13 Defeated).

Motion 11/03/04:04: Athanasius Presbytery will work with Immanuel Presbyterian Church and elder Bill Grete to call an elder pro tem within 90 days. (Eric Stoer moved, second, Carried 14-0)

Minister of Presbytery encourages all to support the work of the Council PM to facilitate his work.

Discussion of name CREC name change: Pastor Sorey relayed a message from Presiding Minister Jack Phelps that he would like to speak with those who desire a change away from Confederation. Craig Beaton, Rich Lusk, Mickey Schneider, Jeremy Sexton, Joe Thacker, Galen Sorey, Steven Wedgeworth, Erik Stoer, and Gilbert Douglas would like to attend any meeting that is set up.

Motion 11/03/04:05 (as modified): Athanasius Presbytery adopt a budget for the Minister of Presbytery expenses, with appropriate funding to help a church with expenses if the MoP deems it necessary. (Galen Sorey, second, Defeated 14-0)

Motion 11/03/04:06: Minister of Presbytery appoint an ad hoc committee for the purpose of determining the annual budgetary needs of Athanasius Presbytery. (Eric Stoer, second; Defeated 6-8)

Motion 11/03/04:07: Presbytery asks each congregation to contribute one dollar per member per year for minister of presbytery expenses; and for the Minister of Presbytery to detail how that money is used at the end of the year.. (Mickey Schneider, second; Tied, 7-7, motion failed)

NOTE: In the original vote the Minister of Presbytery voted to break the tie; afterwards it was confirmed that constitutionally he does not have the right to break ties in this situation. Thus the motion reverted to a tie and the motion failed.

Motion 11/03/04:08: Presbytery send proposal to General Council to include the *Thrity Nine Articles* as an addition to the list of "statements of faith" in Article III, C. (Craig Beaton, second; Carried 14 - 0)

NOTE: After consultation with PM Jack Phelps, it was discovered that this is already on the General Council's docket and thus there is no need of forwarding this to them.

Motion 11/03/04:09: Adjourn (Stout, second; Carried 14-0)

Resumption of called meeting (Galen Sorey)

Immanuel Presbyterian Church will take lead in establishing a website for Athanasius Presbytery.

Churches will provide Minister of Presbytery a list of all ordained ministers via the clerk.

Resumption of Church reports. After each report prayer was offered up for the church reporting.

Discussion of the Greek word *porniea* and its application in domestic violence situations.

Motion 11/03/04:03 Adjourn (Carried 14-0)

Respectfully Submitted:

Alan B. Stout, Clerk

Approved: Month day, year