

Minutes of Thirteenth Called Meeting of the Athanasius Presbytery

March 17, 2015, 8:30 AM

Birmingham, AL

Rich Lusk, Presiding Minister

Invocation – Rich Lusk called the meeting to order with prayer.

Psalm/Hymn

Scriptural Exhortation by Eddy Field

Psalm/Hymn

Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

1. Christ Church, Branchville AL – Ted Phillips
2. Christ Church, Pace, FL – Rob Hadding
3. Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA – Galen Sorey
4. Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, SC – Jeremy Sexton
5. Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC – Eddy Field (non-voting)
6. Providence Church, Pensacola FL – Uri Brito
7. St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN – Joe Thacker
8. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL – Jimmy Gill, Gilbert Douglas
9. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL – Erik Stoer

Introduction of Mission churches, guests and visitors

- Galen Sorey moved to seat visitors and allow them to speak during normal business, Uri Brito seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Acceptance of amended agenda – Ted Phillips moved to accept agenda, Uri Brito seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of minutes from March 2014 Presbytery Meeting

- Uri Brito moved to accept minutes from March 2014, Rob Hadding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Update of ministerial registry

Church reports

- Providence Church, Pensacola FL – Uri Brito reported and Joe Thacker prayed.
- Salem Reformed Church, Rome GA – Rich Lusk conveyed an update from George Crocker, and Uri Brito prayed.
- St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN – Joe Thacker reported, Rob Hadding prayed
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL – Jimmy Gill reported, Jeremy Sexton prayed
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL – Erik Stoer reported, Ted Phillips prayed

- They requested that the presbytery recognize three ordained men in their congregation: Ben Russell, Mickey Schneider, Chaplain Barry Wells

Updates on current candidate and mission churches

- Christ Church in Lakeland, FL – Steven Wedgeworth reported, Rich Lusk prayed
- Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Live Oak, FL (mission of Christ Church, Baton Rouge) – Herman Gunter reported,
 - Pastor Randy Wilding reported. His congregation is meeting at Covenant First Presbyterian Church. Erik Stoer also reported.

Old Business

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New Business

1. Seating Christ Church, Lakeland, FL
 - Uri Brito moved to accept Christ Church, Lakeland as a particularized member congregation of Athanasius Presbytery. Ted Phillips seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Steven Wedgeworth affirmed the vows prescribed in the Book of Procedures.
2. Uri Brito reported on potential Brazilian mission church of Providence Church, Pensacola
3. Logo options
 - a. Galen Sorey moved that we engage designer Ryan Harrison in conversation about his logo design and forward his proposal on to Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. SRS report (video)
5. Update from Redeemer, Huntsville, AL (FORC) as potential candidate church, represented by Pastor Stuart Jordan, Elder Mark Hundscheid.
6. Next meeting location
 - a. San Destin resort, Nov. 5, 2015 (dinner together on Nov. 4). Ted Phillips moved, Steven Wedgeworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Erik Stoer moved that we include a time of teaching/discussion in our presbytery meetings. The motion was discussed and tabled.

Motion to close

Psalm/Hymn

Prayer – Rich Lusk closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Gill (standing in for Al Stout)