

Tyndale Presbytery

Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches

Minutes of Presbytery, September 24, 2019
Meeting at Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, Illinois

Presiding Minister: Mr. Rob Davis

Secretary: Mr. Doug Peterson

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

I. Ordination Exam of Jacob Hanby

7:30 a.m.: Examination of Jacob Hanby. Committee chair was Nathan Brunaugh. Other committee members were Steve Hemmeke, Nate Harlan, Derek Hale, and Phil Burch. After the exam, as per the constitution, the Presbytery went into executive session. The Presbytery voted to recommend Jacob Hanby for ordination **10-6-0**.

II. Welcome and Exhortation

10:00 a.m.: Pastor Bill Smith of Cornerstone Reformed Church welcomed delegates and guests.

10:05 a.m.: Mr. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

10:07 a.m.: Mr. Hale led in singing Father Most Holy.

10:10 a.m.: Mr. Nixon gave an exhortation – Be a One Woman Man.

III. Call to Order

10:25 a.m.: The Presiding Minister called the meeting to order.

10:26 a.m.: The Presiding Minister made available a summary of Robert's Rules of Order.

10:27 a.m.: The Presiding Minister passed around a sheet for corrections to church and presbyter contact information.

10:28 a.m.: The Presiding Minister called the role of member churches.

The following member churches of Tyndale Presbytery were represented with delegates as noted:

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI (1)

Pastor Steve Hemmeke

Christ Church Twin Cities, Excelsior, MN (2)

Elder Arnie Abens

Elder Joost Nixon

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Rolling Meadows, IL (2)
Pastor Jon Herr
Elder Leo Kou
Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO (2)
Pastor Jeremy Sexton
Elder Doug Peterson
Christ the King Presbyterian Church, New Era, MI (1)
Pastor Jeff Swanson
Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA (2)
Pastor Michael Shover
Elder Carl Lantz
Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL (2)
Pastor Bill Smith
Elder Nathan Brunaugh
Providence Church, Caro, MI (1)
Pastor Phil Burch
Elder John Pollion
Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia (0)
Elder Kirill Turbin (via Skype)
Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS (1)
Pastor Derek Hale
Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN (1)
Pastor Nate Harlan

Ten of the eleven churches were represented with voting delegates and a quorum was established. Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia was represented via Skype but, as per the Constitution Article V.C, could not make motions or vote.

10:30 a.m.: The Presiding Minister recommended the following changes to the agenda.

- Remove V.B.
- Rename VI.A. Old Business to Council Business
- Remove VI.A.2. and 4.
- Add the following as items under VI.A.
 - Sexual Abuse Prevention Committee
 - Memorial on Terrorism Committee
 - Memorial On Abortion Committee
 - Proposal for Compensation of PMOC.

10:31 a.m.: **2019/09/24:1** Motion: Mr. Abens made a motion to add an item to the agenda so that those who voted not to recommend for ordination could provide feedback to Jacob regarding their “no” vote as V.B. Motion seconded by Bill Smith. **CARRIED 16-0-0.**

The agenda was accepted as modified with no objections.

10:32 a.m.: The Presiding Minister recognized the following guests.

- Jonathan Anderson and Marla Brunaugh from Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale
- Roy Atwood from Moscow, ID
- Kim Rapp, Sally Kou, and Christopher Kou from Rolling Meadows.
- Jacob and Charity Hanby from Providence Church, Caro, MI.
- Bobby Kazanski and Trudy Davis from Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO.

- Kevin McGinnis from Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA.

10:35 a.m.: **2019/09/24:2 Motion:** Arnie Abens made a motion to allow Roy Atwood to ask a question. Joost Nixon seconded. **CARRIED 16-0-0.**

Mr. Atwood asked us to consider what we do with missions, both domestic and international. How we can better keep missions in focus, at the forefront of our minds and hearts etc. How can we better work together as a presbytery.

IV. Member Church Reports

10:40 a.m.: The Presiding Minister called for church reports to be given followed by prayer for each church.

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI

Mr. Hemmeke. gave the report.

Mr. Harlan prayed.

Christ Church Twin Cities, Excelsior, MN

Mr. Nixon gave the report.

Mr. Hemmeke. prayed.

Christ Covenant Church of Chicago, Rolling Meadows, IL

Mr. Herr gave the report.

Mr. Nixon prayed.

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO

Mr. Sexton gave the report.

Mr. Kou prayed.

Christ the King Presbyterian Church, New Era, MI

Mr. Swanson gave the report.

Mr. Sexton prayed.

Christ the Redeemer Church, Pella, IA

Mr. Shover gave the report.

Mr. Swanson prayed.

12:00 p.m.: The Presiding Minister called a recess until 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

1:30 p.m.: Reconvened, Mr. Hale led in singing *Psalm 29*.

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL

Mr. Smith gave the report.

Mr. Nixon prayed.

Providence Church, Caro, MI

Mr. Burch gave the report.

Mr. Smith prayed.

Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia

Mr. Turbin attempted to give the oral report via Skype. (Technical difficulties made it difficult to hear.)

Mr. Lantz from Pella prayed.

Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS

Mr. Hale gave the report.

Mr. Burch prayed.

Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN
Mr. Harlan gave the report.
Mr. Hale prayed.

V. Committee, Minister's, and Mission Reports

- 2:00 p.m.: The Council Presiding Minister's report was received and the Presiding Minister called for votes on the motions in the report.
- 2:01 p.m.: **2019/09/24:3 Motion** – Approve the combining of the Constitutional Review Committee and the Court Guidelines Committee. **CARRIED 16-0-0**
- 2:05 p.m.: **2019/09/24:4 Motion** – Approve the action of sending a delegation to Pakistan to make inquiries on behalf of the CREC. **CARRIED 16-0-0**
- 2:07 p.m.: The Tyndale Presiding Minister's report was received with no items requiring ratification by Presbytery.
- 2:10 p.m.: **2019/09/24:5 Motion** – Mr. Pollion made a motion that we send comments regarding Mr. Hanby's examination to Mr. Brunaugh by October 8. **CARRIED 16-0-0**
- 2:15 p.m.: Mr. Nixon gave a report on his work with TLI including the plans for him and his family to move to Athens, Greece in order to open another TLI branch there.

VI. Other Business

- 3:30 p.m.: **2019/09/24:6 Motion** –The CREC Council Committee on Ordination Procedures moved the approval of the principles/procedures as listed in the report. **FAILED 0-13-3.**
- 3:45 p.m.: Social Media Committee report – Committee member, Mr. Herr, gathered feedback.
- 3:47 p.m.: Sexual Abuse Prevention Committee report – Committee member, Mr. Harlan, gathered feedback.
- 3:55 p.m.: Memorial On Terrorism Committee report – Committee member, Mr. Nixon, gathered feedback.
- 4:08 p.m.: Memorial On Abortion Committee report – Summary of feedback is that the memorial should be much more concise.
- 4:15 p.m.: Proposal for Compensation of PMoC – Summary of feedback is to have each church put the PMoC and PMoP as line items in their budgets.
- 4:22 p.m.: Trinity Paper From Knox Presbytery – Summary of feedback is that content is good but there is question regarding the purpose and intent.
- 4:30 p.m.: **2019/09/24:7 Motion** – Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO requests approval to continue using alternate versions of the creeds previously used in worship service. **CARRIED 15-1-0.**
- 4:52 p.m.: Mr. Abens suggested that the spring Presbytery meeting be held in March hosted by Christ Church Twin Cities. The specific date will be confirmed and communicated to the Presiding Minister.

VII. Adjourn

5:00 p.m.: **2019/09/24:8 Motion** – Mr. Burch moved to adjourn. Mr. Hale seconded. **CARRIED 15-0-1**

5:01 p.m.: Mr. Hale led in singing *Psalm 128*.

5:03 p.m.: The Presiding Minister adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Doug Peterson, Secretary

Rob Davis, Presiding Minister