

Minutes for Wycliffe Presbytery Ad Hoc Meeting

April 25, 2023

Moderator: Presiding Minister Randy Booth
Minute-keeper: Pastor Adam McIntosh
Hosting church: Church of the Redeemer, Monroe, LA

Meeting began at 9:03 AM with opening prayer by PM Booth. He then read from 1 Timothy 2.

Roll-call of churches present in-person:

All Saints Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, TX (Delegates Jeff Niell, Steve Jeffery)
Christ Church, Boerne, TX (Delegate Gabe Wetmore)
Church of the Redeemer, Monroe, LA (Delegates Steve Wilkins, Aaron Booth)
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Sulphur, Louisiana (Delegate Rob Hadding)
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, TX (Delegates Randy Booth, Roy Bradley)
St. David's Reformed Church, Houston, TX (Delegates Adam McIntosh, Galen Sorey)

Roll-call of churches present via livestream:

Grace Covenant Church, Bono, AR (Delegate Bob Shackelford)
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Russia (Delegate Oleg Volkov)
Redeemer Reformed Church, Oklahoma City, OK (Delegate Mark Balthrop)
Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS (Delegate Derek Hale)

Agenda Item 1: Reception of King's Cross Reformed Church

Pastor Niell of All Saints Presbyterian motioned that King's Cross Reformed Church in Buda, TX, pastored by Garrett Crow, be received into Wycliffe Presbytery. King's Cross has been a mission-status church with All Saints as its sponsor.

Motion seconded by Pastor Wetmore, followed by brief discussion with Pastor Crow.
Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Crow was seated as a delegate and took vows. Vows were led by PM Booth.

Agenda Item 2: Reception of Pastor Geoff Shaw

All Saints Presbyterian has called Geoff Shaw to serve as a third pastor, alongside Pastors Niell and Jeffery. The Credentials Commission – comprised of Pastor Balthrop (chairman), Pastor Wetmore, and Pastor McIntosh – presented its report on Shaw's orthodoxy and competence. Pastor Balthrop was not present in-person, thus Pastor McIntosh was asked to read the Commission's report. The report confirmed that Shaw was orthodox in his beliefs and competent to pastor. The Commission recommended Shaw to All Saints Presbyterian and to Wycliffe Presbytery.

Presbytery received the Commission's report by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3: Ordination Exam of Zachary Parker

Zachary Parker has been called by Church of the Redeemer to serve as Assistant Pastor. His Examination Committee was comprised of Pastor Hadding (chairman), Pastor Jeffery, and Elder Alders. Alders was absent from the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

The examination began at 9:25 AM with a prayer by PM Booth. Examination questions were led by Pastors Hadding and Jeffery.

Took break at 10:43, resumed at 10:48.

Questions opened to the floor at 11:25, including questions from those watching the livestream.

Exam ended at 11:37.

An executive session was called at 11:49, for delegates to discuss Parker's performance. The Examination Committee recommended Parker for ordination.

No second needed, since motioned by Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Parker (and visitors) were welcomed back in at 12:00 PM, with Pastor Hadding giving results to Parker. Applause was given; Parker expressed gratitude.

Adjournment

Presbytery was adjourned at 12:03 PM, with PM Booth asking Parker to pray. Parker gave closing prayer.

Minutes submitted to Presbytery on April 26, 2023.

Minutes approved by Presbytery on April 28, 2023.