

Minutes of 26th Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

March 22, 2022

Convened at Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL)

Uri Brito, Presiding Minister
Joe Thacker, Presiding Minister *pro tempore*
Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery

- I. PM Brito called the meeting to order at 8:30am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- II. Uri Brito led in song.
- III. Dr. Peter Leithart gave an exhortation about the strengths and weaknesses of the CREC.
- IV. Uri Brito led in song.
- V. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (15) presbyters listed below.
 - Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Justin Wallick, Ted Phillips
 - Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Mike Pasarilla
 - Christ Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL): Jimmy Gill
 - Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church (Greer, SC): Eddy Field, Bill McElwain
 - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham
 - Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Al Stout, Ron Gilley
 - St. Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Joe Thacker
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Rich Lusk, Karl Petersen
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff

Member Churches Not Present:

- Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA)

Mission Churches Present:

- Covenant Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL): Herman Gunter, III
- Christ the King Mission (Greenville, SC): John Crawford
- Trinity Presbyterian (Winter Springs, FL): Kyle Stewart
- Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Matt Carpenter
- Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger

Mission Churches Not Present:

- Igreja de Reformada de Cristo

- VI. **MOTION:** Ben Rossell moved to accept the agenda (Appendix A). Al Stout seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Introduction of Guests

- Kameron Edenfield
- Timothy Hammons
- Jonathan Jones (looking for a call)
- David Bibee (Coral Ridge)
- Michael Hansen
- David Moody (Greenville, SC)
- Josh Waller (Tallahassee, FL)
- Delegation from Christ the King Mission (Greenville, SC): Steve Roderer, Phil Vana, Josh Rollins, Tim Collins

MOTION: Mike Ruff moved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of presbytery. Rich Lusk seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Old Business

- a. **MOTION:** Ben Rossell moved to approve the minutes from the 2021 Fall Meeting of Presbytery. Mike Ruff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

- a. **MOTION:** The session of Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL) moved that the presbytery receive Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL) as a full member church, having met all the requirements of the CREC for member churches. The motion passed unanimously.
 - PM Brito administered the vows of membership, which were affirmed by Associate Pastor Matt Carpenter.
- b. Discussion concerning the remuneration of PMoC and PMoP of Council.
 - \$3,000 annual compensation is recommended for PMoP; \$5,000 annual compensation is recommended.
 - PM Brito will assign a committee to develop language for incorporation into our Book of Procedures.
- c. Examination of Brooks Potteiger for the transfer of his ordination credentials into the CREC. The transfer committee (Gill, Thacker, Wallick) led the oral exam for an hour, and then the floor was opened for questions for another hour.

The candidate was excused from the room during deliberation.

MOTION: Rich Lusk moved that the presbytery approve the transfer of Brooks's ordination into the CREC with the exhortation that he continue to pursue study in Hebrew and Greek. Al Stout seconded. After some discussion of Brooks's knowledge of Biblical languages, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Election of Presiding Minister and Presiding Minister *pro tempore*
 - PM Brito opened the floor for nominations for PMoP.
 - **MOTION:** Al Stout nominated Uri Brito for re-election to the office of PMoP. Rich Lusk seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - **MOTION:** Al Stout nominated Joe Thacker for re-election to the role of PM *pro tempore*. Matt Carpenter seconded the motion. Pastor Thacker stated that he was willing to serve if needed. Joe Thacker was unanimously re-elected as PM *pro tempore*.
 - e. At the request of PMoC Hurt, the presbytery briefly discussed increased membership and potential concerns with non-liturgical congregation joining the CREC.
 - PM Brito will report to PMoC Hurt.
- X. Joe Thacker moved that the next presbytery meeting be held in Nashville, TN, on October 18. Mike Pasarilla seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- XI. **MOTION:** Matt Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting. Rich Lusk seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- XII. Uri Brito led in song. Brooks Potteiger closed the meeting in prayer at 1:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery