

Minutes of 27th Meeting of Athanasius Presbytery

October 17-18, 2022

Convened at Church of the Advent (Nashville, TN)

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

- I. PM Brito called the meeting to order at 4:00pm (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- II. PM Brito led in song.
- III. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (17) presbyters listed below.
 - Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Justin Wallick, Ted Phillips
 - Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee, Phil Bozarth
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Galen Sorey, Denny Dufour
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Mike Pasarilla
 - Christ Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL): Jimmy Gill, Justo Escobar
 - 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 (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff

Member Churches Not Present:

- Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL)
- Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL)

- IV. **MOTION:** PM Brito proposed that we postpone items IV and V for the business of the morning. This amended agenda (Appendix A) was approved without audible dissent.
- V. Examination of Evandro Rosa for ordination to the gospel ministry. The examination was conducted via video conference and was translated by PM Brito. The exam committee (Brito, Thacker, Stout, Potteiger) led the oral exam for an hour, and then questions were taken from the floor for another hour.

The candidate's video feed was turned off during deliberation.

MOTION: The exam committee moved that Evandro be ordained for gospel ministry with the expectation that he continue to pursue study in Hebrew and Greek. The motion was approved without audible dissent.

The meeting was recessed at 6pm.

Tuesday, October 18

- VI. PM Brito called the meeting to order at 9:00am (CDT) and opened in prayer.
- VII. PM Brito gave a brief exhortation and led in song.
- VIII. Roll was called and a quorum was established with the (20) presbyters listed below.
- Christ Church Branch Cove (Odenville, AL): Justin Wallick, Ted Phillips
 - Christ Church (Pace, FL): Bob McGee, Phil Bozarth
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Baton Rouge, LA): Galen Sorey, Denny Dufour
 - Christ Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN): Mike Pasarilla
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 - Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Clinton, MS): Davy Durham
 - Providence Church (Pensacola, FL): Al Stout, Ron Gilley
 - St. Mark Reformed Church (Nashville, TN): Joe Thacker, Abe Goolsby
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Birmingham, AL): Rich Lusk
 - Trinity Presbyterian Church (Valparaiso, FL): Ben Rossell, Mike Ruff
 - Trinity Reformed Church (Huntsville, AL): Matt Carpenter

Mission Churches Present:

- Christ the King Mission (Greenville, SC): Michael Hansen, John Crawford & Co.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church (Winter Springs, FL): Kyle Stewart
- Pilgrim Hill Reformed Fellowship (Goodlettsville, TN): Brooks Potteiger

Mission Churches Not Present:

- Igreja de Reformada de Cristo (Porto Alegre, Brazil)
- Covenant First Presbyterian Church (Live Oak, FL)

IX. Introduction of Guests

- Kameron Edenfield (intern at Trinity Pres. in Birmingham)
- Kevin Ware (church plant in Owensboro, KY)
- Cody (church planting in Murphreesboro, TN)
- Josh Waller (church planting in Tallahassee, FL)
- Guest preachers at Immanuel Pres. (students at RTS): Wesley Presnall, Nick Gerken
- Tim & Donald (Fairhope, AL church plant)

MOTION: Ben Rossell moved that visitors be seated and permitted to speak on the floor of presbytery. Matt Carpenter seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

X. Old Business

- a. **MOTION:** Ben Rossell moved to approve the minutes from the 2022 Spring Meeting of Presbytery. Matt Carpenter seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.

XI. New Business

- a. Examination of Josh Waller for ordination to the gospel ministry. The exam committee (Gill, Wallick, Rossell, Carpenter) led the oral exam for an hour, and then questions were taken from the floor for another hour.

The presbytery entered executive session, and the candidate was excused from the room during deliberation.

MOTION: The exam committee moved that Josh be ordained for gospel ministry. The motion passed without audible dissent.

- b. Examination of Michael Hansen for ordination to the gospel ministry. The exam committee (Thacker, Crawford, Sorey, Potteiger) led the oral exam for an hour, and then questions were taken from the floor for another half hour.

The presbytery entered executive session, and the candidate was excused from the room during deliberation.

MOTION: The exam committee moved that Michael be ordained for gospel ministry with the expectation that he will finish his seminary training.

Pastor Pasarilla offered the following perfection to the motion: “The exam committee moves that Michael’s ordination exam be sustained.” The perfected motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed without audible dissent.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30pm.

PM Brito reconvened the meeting at 2pm.

- c. Examination of Kameron Edenfield for ordination to the gospel ministry. The exam committee (Gill, Wallick, Rossell, Carpenter) led the oral exam for an hour, and then questions were taken from the floor for another half hour.

The presbytery entered executive session, and the candidate was excused from the room during deliberation.

MOTION: The exam committee recommended that Kameron be ordained for gospel ministry. The motion passed without audible dissent.

- d. The presbytery conducted a brief transfer interview with Pastor Phil Bozarth, who recently left a church in Wycliffe Presbytery to pastor Christ Church (Pace, FL).
 - e. Election of Presiding Minister and Presiding Minister *pro tempore*
 - Uri Brito and Joe Thacker were nominated for re-election before the presbytery meeting.
 - Uri Brito was re-elected as Presiding Minister without voiced dissent.
 - Joe Thacker was re-elected as PM *pro tempore* without voiced dissent.
- XII. Al Stout moved that the next presbytery meeting be held in Pensacola, FL, on April 18, 2023. Ben Rossell seconded. The motion passed without audible dissent.
- XIII. Uri Brito led in song. Rich Lusk closed the meeting in prayer at 3:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jimmy Gill, Clerk of Presbytery