

Minutes of Athanasius Presbytery
Rich Lusk, Minister of Presbytery
Rob Hadding, Minister of Presbytery Pro Tem
Alan Stout, Clerk of Presbytery
Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
08 October 2019
Birmingham, AL

Churches and Members of Presbytery Represented:

Christ Church, Branchville, AL - Justin Wallich, Keith Diamond
Christ Church, Pace, FL - Rob Hadding
Christ Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN - Mike Pasarilla, Bill Waldrep
Christ Redeemer, Live Oak, FL - Jimmy Gill
Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC - Eddie Field
Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS – Mark Samsel
Providence Church, Pensacola FL - Al Stout
Redeemer Church, Madison, AL - Stewart Jordan (Joins during discussion of Social Media paper)
St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN - Joe Thacker
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL – Gilbert Douglas
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL - Ben Rossell

Churches not Represented:

Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, GA -
Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, LA

Mission Churches:

Present Covenant First Presbyterian Church, Live Oak, FL Sponsored by Christ Presbyterian Church Baton Rouge, LA (Herman Gunter, III)
Present - Trinity Presbyterian Church Winter Springs, FL, Sponsored by Providence Church Pensacola, FL (Kyle Stewart)
Not Present - Igreja Reformada de Cristo, Porto Alegre, Brazil Sponsored by Providence Church Pensacola, FL (Ernesto Ochikubo)

Guests

Jim Hunter – Providence Church Pensacola, FL
Matt Fuller – Christ Church Pace, FL
Craig Stewart – Trinity Winter Springs, FL
Michael Winstead – Trinity Birmingham, AL

- I. Called to order.
- II. Hymn
- III. Invocation. Rich Lusk
- IV. Rich Lusk delivers an exhortation. Final remarks as PM.
- V. Hymn.
- VI. Quorum established with 12 presbyters

- VII. **Motion 19/10/08:01** Move agenda item 1.d to the end of the agenda, just before adjournment. Mike Pasarilla, Rob Hadding Second, Carried. 12-0
- VIII. **Motion 19/10/08:02** Motion to accept the agenda as amended (Enclosure 1), Carried 12-0
- IX. **Motion 19/10/08:03** Motion to seat visitors and permit them to speak on the floor of Presbytery. Al Stout moved, Justin Wallich seconded Carried 12-0
- X. **Motion 19/10/08:04** Motion to approve the minutes from the Spring 2019 Presbytery Meeting (Enclosure 2) Mike Pasarilla moved, seconded Gill Douglas (Enclosure 2) Carried 12-0
- XI. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the following:
 - i. Same Sex Marriage Committee Rob Hadding leads discussion
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:05** to assign Rob Hadding had to craft a motion to send to the committee concerning this discussion. Ben Russell moved, Second Gilbert Douglas Carried 12-0
 - ii. Social Media Statement Ben Russell leads discussion (Stewart Jordan Joins, 13 Presbyters)
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:06** to assign Ben Russell to craft a motion to send to the committee concerning this discussion. The Presbytery is against the statement as written. Al Stout Moved, Gilbert Douglas Second Carried 13-0
- XII. **Reestablish quorum (13 Presbyters)**
 - i. CREC Examination and Ordination Procedures Committee Rich
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:07** to assign Rich Lusk to communicate to the committee members affirming the committees efforts at improving the examination process. We urge the required minimum number of examining committee members be changed from 5 to 3 with the majority being pastors and that we urge further clarification of the last paragraph. Ben Russell moved, Mike Passarilla second, Carried 13-0
 - ii. Memorial Terrorism and Just War Jimmy
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:** The Presbytery revisited Motion **18/10/23:19**: Which states, "Athanasius Presbytery rejects the proposed changes to the terrorism Memorial and asks that the Presiding minister of Athanasius presbytery form a committee to draft memorials on Just War Theory and Women in Combat. Ben Russell moved. Al Stout Seconded. Carried 17-0"
 - iii. Motions from of PMoC Al Stout leads discussion
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:09** Conveyed in response to motion #3
 - a. We agree to the laborer being worthy of his hire
 - b. We are against mandatory giving to vote
 - c. Council should only recommend for PMoC
 - d. Current amounts need better defined expectations of job descriptions
 - iv. CREC Memorial on Abortion Mike Pasarilla leads discussion
 - 1. **Motion 19/10/08:10** instructs our delegates to Council 2020 to present our footnote to the proposed memorial on Abortion if not included by

Knox in its final form. We further direct the PMoP to send the proposed footnote to the CREC list expressing our intention to oppose the memorial without its inclusion. Mike Pasarilla moved, Al Stout second Carried 13-0

- v. Amend – Statement on Prevention of Sexual Abuse Al Stout leads discussion
 - 1. **No motion.** Mark Samsel states that some additional guidance on who to use for a background check might be helpful.

XIII. **Election of new Presiding Minister**

a. Rob Hadding standing. Declared elected by acclamation

XIV. Election of new Presiding Minister Pro Tempore

a. Uriesou Brito standing. Declared elected by acclamation

XV. **Nominations for Council postponed until Spring Presbytery.**

XVI. **Discussion of Trinity Paper from Knox postponed until a final paper is finished.**

XVII. **Motion 19/10/11:** Moved that the Spring Meeting Location be Greenville, SC 20-21 April 2020 Eddie Fields moved, Al Stout Second Carried 13-0

XVIII. Discussion of St. Mark Church Nashville and hiring of a consultant. Chair proposes that we use 1000 from the Church Planting fund to help offset that cost. Without objection.

XIX. **Motion 19/10/08:12** Adjourn Presbytery. Joe Thacker moved Keith Diamond Second Carried 13-0

XX. Hymn and Prayer