

**STATED COUNCIL MEETING**  
***NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY, 4 November 2009***

Chair Kathleen Busch opened the meeting with prayer at 4 p.m. A quorum was present:

PRESENT: Busch, Hall, Bostwick, Baer, Quinn, Rodden, Weissinger, English, Gray, Quinn, Davis, Also, Moseley, Beveridge, Taylor, Simon, Holben, Jackson and Gerdts.

The docket was approved as amended.

Stated Clerk's report. Reid Beveridge reported.

- He noted the investigating committee that was appointed in the spring. It has concluded its work and the Permanent Judicial Commission has approved the alternative form of resolution with the respondent. This involves the creation of an administrative commission to work with the church that was involved. This will be recommended to presbytery on Nov. 17.
- Sexual Misconduct Policy. We have obtained the services of Leslieanne Braunstein to teach the first session that will be required of all clergy on March 5 at the Presbytery retreat.
- Status of Manual. The Event Planning committee decided to offer the revised Presbytery Manual on "first reading" since it has been several years since the original first reading.
- The minutes of Sept. 22 and Oct. 7 were approved as presented.

Open slots on the Nominating committee. Tim Rodden recommended the following be proposed to the presbytery for election to the Committee on Nominations: Class of 2012: Laurie Brumbaugh (Seaford), Penny Lindell (Trinity) and Sharon Wert (Chestertown). Class of 2010: Jim Bennett, H.R. Motion carried.

West church task force: Kathi Busch reported on the following appointments. Alice Davis, Julius Jackson, Doug Gerdts, Kathie Pownall, Mark Olson, Steve Brundage, Gary Baer, Buz Hughes, and David Parke. Doug Gerdts will convene the body for its first meeting.

Campus ministry: Kate Simon reported. Earlier, she had reported to the Trustees regarding the Campus Ministry house.

Jackie Taylor gave her staff report early.

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Budget discussion: Doug Gerdts reported. He reported a \$10,000 deficit, but would recommend approval knowing that the total spending will not likely be spent. It was MSC to recommend the budget to presbytery. (See attachment).

Staff reports: Jim Moseley reported.

- Sovereign Insurance will be offering discounts on church insurance.
- Relocation committee: Keep the conversation alive because any such move to a church will take a year. The presbytery office is fine where it is for the next 20-24 months.
- Leadership event in January. He recommends expanding the group to all entities that provide leadership. This event will be Jan. 30 at West Nottingham.

Items left over from October were discussed.

The committee on Nominations has presented a recommendation on how to elect GA Commissioners. It was reviewed, and the Nominations chair will present it to the Presbytery for information Nov. 17

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:25 p.m.

Reid K. Beveridge  
Stated Clerk