

Synod of Alaska-Northwest
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Teleconference
June 18, 2013

Convene

The meeting was opened by Moderator the Rev. Piper Cartland and with prayer by the Rev. Karen Claassen.

A quorum was present. The agenda was approved as distributed. The minutes of the March 20-21 2013 regular meeting and the April 23, 2013 were approved as distributed.

Commissioners present:

Rev. Rhyan Smith	<i>Olympia</i>	Jim Irwin	<i>Central Washington</i>
Ruth Moore	<i>Olympia</i>	CRE Sandra Wagenius	<i>Yukon</i>
Rev. J. Scott Anthony	<i>N. Puget Sound</i>	Rev. Piper Cartland	<i>Yukon</i>
Sarah Beard	<i>N. Puget Sound</i>	Karen Cunningham	<i>Seattle</i>
Rev. Karen Claassen	<i>Inland Northwest</i>	Rev. Dick Erickson	<i>Seattle</i>
Jamie Fiorino	<i>Inland Northwest</i>		

Officers Present: Rev. Dean Strong, *Stated Clerk*, Martha Hubbard, *Treasurer*

Presbytery Executives Present: Rev. David Dobler, *Alaska*, Rev. Curt Karns, *Yukon*, Rev. G. David Lambertson, *Central Washington*.

Also present (see below): Rev. George Pasley *Alaska General Council*.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The minutes of the Alaska General Council and Commission on Ministry were received and are included in these minutes as attachments.

The decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission in Knapp v the Presbytery of Yukon was received and is included as an attachment.

The minutes of the Property Administrative Commission were received and are included as attachments

Alaska Presbytery Representation – The following motion was APPROVED: That the following standing rule be adopted: That until the Synod acts on a recommendation regarding the remaining churches of Alaska Presbytery, two representatives of Alaska General Council-Administrative Commission, one ruling elder and one teaching elder, selected by the General Council, shall be entitled to speak, under the rules, in meetings of the Synod regarding matters related to the work of the body represented, but they may neither vote nor present motions, and that their travel and meal expenses be provided by the Synod.

Property Administrative Commission

Sarah Beard reported for the AC.

Distribution of Jackman-Cade and Jackman Stubblefield Gifts – A motion from the

Commission was APPROVED, that the Synod redeem MDC # 31573 for \$15,000.00 and MDC # 31585 for \$15,000.00, and send these funds to the Alaska Presbytery General Council (AC) along with all interest earnings from 2011, 2012 and 2013 previously held by the Synod.

Rationale

On December 14, 2012, the Commission met with the Alaska Presbytery to discuss the disbursement of two MDCs (\$15,000 each) designated for Jackman-Cade and Jackman-Stubblefield to Alaska Presbytery. Documentation of these MDC could not be located by the Commission but the Council believed that the funds were from the sale of a boat and a manse in Juneau. Further history was later provided by MDC director Dean Meilke. The disbursement was interrupted by the dismissal of churches from Alaska presbytery resulting in a Constitutional change of status of Alaska Presbytery.

Meanwhile, the General Council of Alaska Presbytery allocated \$25,000 to the Rainbow Glacier Camp to assist with camper transportation in anticipation of receiving the \$30,000 from the Synod, since the MDC's were for Anna Jackman-like ministry, and the camp request would be an appropriate source and disposition of the monies.

The Synod has held the interest earnings from the two Jackman MDCs for the years 2011- 2013.

Finance Committee and Reports

Financial Statements were received. Treasurer Martha Hubbard reported that clarify the balance sheet had been a priority, and that the statements were very accurate and up to date.

Employee Fidelity Accounts Corrections – During the March Synod meeting, and email was received from former employee Sarah Peniston stating that her retirement account contributions were incorrect and delinquent. The committee was directed to investigate.

The committee's recommended the following: **that the Finance Committee will review and confirm with bookkeeper Kris Green the accuracy of all corrections to each of the employees' Fidelity accounts;**

That the Finance Committee will confirm with Kris Green the determination reached by Fidelity as to who was a fault for the delay in the deposits to the accounts;

That the Finance Committee will confirm with Kris Green the amount of earnings lost for each employee account as determined by Fidelity, and will arrange for Synod funds to be deposited into each employees' account, minus any funds received from Fidelity, to make up for the loss of earnings due to the delay in deposits.

The recommendation was APPROVED as amended.

Funds Distribution– The Synod APPROVED a motion to adopt the following recommendations made by the Property AC moderator Sarah Beard to disburse accounts 2200-11, 2200-23, 2400-50, and 2200-61:

Account 2200-11 BOP Spiritual Leadership. **That Account 2200-11 be disbursed to Seattle, NPS and Olympia Presbyteries as a restricted account for BOP Spiritual Leadership.** *Research found these funds were from a BOP grant for use by Seattle, NPS and Olympia Presbyteries only.*

Account 2200-23 NMPF Grants – **That Account 2200-23 be disbursed equally to the six presbyteries (excluding Seattle Presbytery at its request) as a restricted account to help raise unified mission giving at the presbytery and congregational levels.** *These funds were given to Synod by General Assembly to help raise unified mission giving at the presbytery and congregational levels.*

Account 2400-50 Emergency/Osborn Grant – **That Account 2400-50 be disbursed equally to**

the six presbyteries (excluding Seattle Presbytery) as a restricted account for mission. *These funds were previously distributed to the six presbyteries (excluding Seattle Presbytery). The \$2200 is a return of unused funds from Alaska Presbytery.*

Account 2200-61 Tech Services Churches – That accounts 2200-61 and 2200-75 be allocated in same manner as 2200-21 and disbursed to the presbyteries as a restricted fund for website development. *At the November 2012 meeting, the Synod approved a motion “that Account 2200-21 Communication be allocated among the presbyteries according to the number of PresbyTech users within each presbytery, including the presbytery itself and any congregations.” For example, a presbytery with its website hosted by PresbyTech, but no churches, would receive one share. A presbytery not using the service, but with three churches using the service would receive three shares. A presbytery using the service and four churches using would get five shares. Accounts -61 and -75 have a similar purpose.*

Personnel Committee

Ruth Moore has met with administrator E.J. Lee last Friday regarding her current employment. The committee will meet and report to the next regular meeting.

Nominating Committee

The Synod APPROVED a motion from the committee to elect the following:

Stated Clerk – Rev. Dean Strong for a two year term as Stated Clerk according to the by-laws.

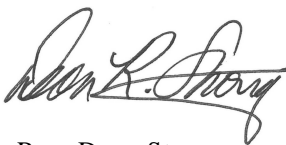
Treasurer – Martha Hubbard until a replacement is found. Ms. Hubbard said that there was no urgency in finding a replacement but that she did wish to eventually retire. The Finance committee will review the function of the treasurer, recommend a revised position description, and remain alert for possible candidates.

Committee on Representation – Rev. Eric Chavis, TE, NPS, class of 2013, Frances Peppard, Seattle, RE, class of 2013; Jim Burford, INW, TE, class of 2014.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 5:03 p.m

The next regular meeting of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest is September 10, 2013, 4 pm AKDT; 5 pm PDT.



Rev. Dean Strong
Stated Clerk

Attachments:

Alaska Commission on Ministry Minutes May 5, 2013

Alaska Presbytery Telephone Conference, May 7, 2013

Alaska General Council Commission Minutes May 16, 2013

Decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission, Redial Case R-2012-03, *Knapp v. Presbyery of Yukon*

Synod Property Administrative Commission Minutes:

April 10, 2013

April 16, 2013

May 5, 2013

Synod Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Cash & Investments