

LEADERSHIP TEAM

August 18, 2011

1 pm Meeting/Skype

ATTENDING: Vice Moderator John Cox, Leslie Gilreath, Chris Prokos, Larry Slager, Seth Weeldreyer, Zoe Wilcox STAFF: John Best, Janet Magennis

EXCUSED: Rick Campbell, Mark Barger Elliott, Linda Knieriemen, Jeffrey O'Neill, Anne Weirich. STAFF: Katherine Culpepper

This meeting was a combination of phone and Skype in order to obtain a quorum. The Christ Candle was lit at the presbytery office and John Cox, Vice Moderator, presided.

Devotions: John Cox opened with prayer.

Minutes from July 2011 were reviewed online and approved.

COUNCIL ACTION:

1. APPROVAL OF COMMUNION at INSTALLATION was given for Kathleen Dain at Ludington on 9-25-11
Other pending events:

Installation at Fairplain	September 18
Installation at Peoples	October 23
Ordination at Sturgis	early September
2. 2012 LT BUDGET of \$2500 was approved for submission to the Committee on Budget and Finance.
3. NOMINATION OF STEVE VOLKHARDT for NOMINATING COMMITTEE was approved.
4. 2012 STATED MEETING DATES/LOCATIONS were further considered. The Stated Clerk will contact targeted host churches for these 2012 dates:
 - Saturday, February 11, 2012
 - Saturday, April 14, 2012
 - Tuesday, June 12, 2012
 - Tuesday, September 11, 2012
 - Tuesday November 13, 2012
5. LEADERSHIP TEAM CALENDAR FOR BALANCE OF 2011. Upon discussion the Stated Clerk was asked to poll the committee for a December date, with no meeting in November. September and October will be 3rd Thursdays.
6. WORSHIP THEME and OFFERING APPROVAL: The offering will be dedicated to our Higher Education ministries of the presbytery. We will seek ways to focus on these ministries in a thematic way for the September meeting.

VISIONING:

1. USE OF DEEP & WIDE FUNDS: We approved the following policy as criteria for the Use of Investment Earnings called the Deep and Wide Fund:

Criteria for Use of Investment Earnings

Budget and Finance will communicate at least annually with Leadership Team the total of PLM investment gains.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of this amount shall be reinvested according to the PLM investment policy.

The remaining 75% shall be made available to Leadership Team or its designee for decisions about disbursements.

Funds shall not be used for ongoing budget items for program or to balance the budget in a lean year.

Requests for funds will be disbursed on an ongoing basis with no one disbursement being greater than 50% of the total, unless at the end of the year the funds have not been disbursed.

Requests for funding will include a statement about the purpose, responsible parties, and proposed budget should be made by a church session or by an entity of PLM.

2. DOCKET ORGANIZATION and CRITERIA: We will move the moderator/staff phone conference to two weeks prior to a stated meeting and monitor the following:
 - a. Encourage reporting through Ministry Teams only
 - b. Encourage pre-reports for the online packet
 - c. Encourage 30-second announcements
 - d. Encourage use of presbytery priorities through use of a reporting format
3. OPERATIONS MANUAL update: The Stated Clerk presented some philosophies behind recommendations being rewritten in the update of the manual and notes were made about possible changes. Two strong suggestions were to include the funding source for each committee, team or entity and to establish a three-year review of the operations manual. Discussion ensued on a suggestion from Nominating to have all terms be three-year terms for all teams and committees and there was agreement but no vote.

John Cox closed the meeting with prayer and extinguished the Christ Candle.

Recorded by Janet Magennis, Stated Clerk