

Presbytery of Sacramento
Minutes of the Meeting of the Presbytery Council
December 2, 2015

	Name	Class	J	A	J	O	D
1	TE Pamela Anderson Pastoral Support	16	P	E	E		P
2	RE Sue Bennett At Large	17	P	P	E	E	P
3	TE Jeff Chapman At Large	15	A	A	A		A
4	RE Julie Edwards At Large	16	P	P	P	E	A
5	TE Ivan Herman Congregational Support	15	P	P	E		P
6	TE Wes Nordman Moderator Elect	15	P	P	P	P	P
7	TE Lori Sprinkle Chair of Council	15	P	P	P	E	P
8	TE Tom Tripp Committee on Ministry	15	E	P	P	P	A
9	Edrine Ddungu Mission Support	15	P	P	P	P	P
10	RE Peg Vanderkar Moderator	15	P	P	P	P	P
Ex-officio							
	RE Loren Douglas Budget and Finance	15				P	
	TE Jim Kitchens Committee on Preparation	15					
	RE Al Bare Personnel	15		P	P		P
	TE Jay Wilkins General Presbyter		P	P			
	TE Nancy Clegg Stated Clerk		P	P	P	P	P

Others Present: Personnel Committee members: REs Randy Young, Barbara Farley and TEs Peggy Cross, Jack McNary

Opening Prayer and Devotion

- The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Moderator TE Lori Sprinkle. TE Sprinkle provided a devotion from Luke 3:1-6 asking Council to consider what it means to “see” the salvation of the Lord in the work of Council, Presbytery committees and our congregations. The devotion was concluded with prayer. The Council read the vision of the presbytery together.
- It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Personnel Committee—Al Bare

- The committee brought forward the name of their candidate for Interim General Presbyter: TE Robert Miller Watkins. He has been interviewed by telephone and in person. Conversations with Synod have been conducted. No “red flags” were noted. References provided good reviews. Currently residing in Georgia, he is available to start on January 19, 2016. Personnel is unanimous in its recommendation. There were questions about how well the job description fits the needs of the position that is anticipated to be more transitional in nature than interim. It was determined that Council look into adjusting the description at a future meeting. Until this occurs, it was moved and seconded to have the Personnel Committee include a letter of understanding with the contract that will clarify what and how, in addition to the existing job description, this Interim General Presbyter will incorporate a “transitional mindset”. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- It was moved and seconded to approve Robert Miller Watkins as the Interim General Presbyter with the following contract and effective dates: Starting January 19, 2016 and continuing up to 2 years. Effective Salary--\$80,000; 35% Medical, \$2,000 Business; \$3,000 Auto; Moving expenses up to \$10,000; Four weeks of vacation and 2 weeks study leave. Language will be added to include an “opt out” clause requiring 30 days notice for either party. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A follow-up question will be to determine whether or not he will join the Sacramento Presbytery or retain his current membership in the Northeast Georgia Presbytery. TE Nordman offered prayer for the Personnel Committee and TE Watkins.

Stated Clerk Report – TE Nancy Clegg

- It was moved and seconded to approve minutes with any corrections noted below:
 - Council Meeting of October 7, 2015
 - Special Presbytery Meeting of October 15, 2015—correction on the attendance grid: “unknown” to “illegible signature” for Zion and add “apparent” in front of schism under the report of the creation of the AC for Capital Korean.
 - Stated Presbytery Meeting of November 19, 2015
 - Special Council Meeting of November 19, 2015—correction: Edrine’s name is misspelled.

MOTION CARRIED.

Presbytery Planning – TE Nancy Clegg

- Presbytery themes will center on Congregational Support and Leadership Development in January, Mission Support in May, Pastoral Support in October and Celebration of Ministry in December.
- Presbytery Meeting Dates and Locations for 2016: January 30 (at Carmichael Presbyterian), May 14 (to accommodate a mission speaker from Louisville); October 5-6, at Zephyr. TE Clegg will follow up with Zephyr. Finance will need to be consulted. Jack Myer, the preaching conference speaker, will be asked to preach in worship at that presbytery meeting. The final meeting of the year will be December 1. It was moved and seconded to approve these dates. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Moderator – Peg Vanderkar

Dates of the 2016 Council Meetings: January 7, February 18, March 31, August 11, September 15, and October 6. Times: 9:30 – 12:00 noon It was moved and seconded to approve these dates. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Budget and Finance

It was moved and seconded to invite Finance to the January 7 meeting to present to the Council an adjusted budget that reflects the changes necessary to accommodate the costs for the incoming Interim General Presbyter.

Adjournment

At 11.05 a.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** Moderator Vanderkar closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
RE Claire Pisor, Recording Clerk
TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk