

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo
May 30, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Special Meeting at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tucson. The meeting was called by the Ministry for Leadership for the purpose of acting on a proposed motion regarding the House of Neighborly Service. Stephanie Hamilton, Moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of three Teaching Elder members and the Ruling Elder members present, with at least three churches being represented by Ruling Elders. Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting with the privilege of voice but not vote.

ROLL

There were 12 Teaching Elder commissioners and 21 Ruling Elder commissioners, 5 Ruling Elder members of the Ministry for Leadership and 4 Ruling Elder ministry moderators present, for a total of 42 voting members. There were 6 registered visitors.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Carol Axinn (HNS Board)
Kelly Fryer (YWCA)

Arlene Lopez (Neighborhood Rep)
Benny Young (South Tucson City Mgr)

Teaching Elders Present – 12

Mark Adams (405)
Kenneth Brown (405)
John Dunham (299)
Jerry Foust (105)
Stephanie Hamilton (641)

Alison Harrington (101)
Brad Munroe (304)
Paul Phillips (103)
Robert Seel (299)
Bart Smith (101)

Ray Thomas (101)
William Voigt (103)
Carla Williams (299)

Church Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 21

Casa Grande, First Jim Mathe
Green Valley, Valley George Curtis
Jim Nelson
Miami, Divine Grace Barbara Kannegard
Sells, Papago United Arvada Adams
Silver City, First Sherrie Lavelle
Tucson, Mtn Shadows Skip Brauns,
Elizabeth Houle
Tucson, Northminster Martha Allen
Don Burig
Marie Galloway
Lori Woods

Tucson, Southside Josefina Ahumada
Paul Axinn
Karan Stewart
Tucson, St. Mark's Laura Almquist,
Michael Block
Tucson, The Holy Way Gerry Pearson,
Robin Thomas
Tucson, Tortolita Annette Trask
Tucson, Trinity Leone Mohny

Ministry for Leadership Members Present – 5

Debbie Bouchard
Frank Bouchard

Linda Freeman
Bob Schulz

Peter Vogel

Ministry Moderators Present – 4

Tommy Calhoun (MFA) Harriet Marsh (CPM)
 Peggy Free (Nominating) Bonnie Thompson (PWP)

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Call to Order | | Stephanie Hamilton |
| | Opening Prayer | | |
| 10:05 a.m. | Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests | | Stephanie Hamilton |
| | Enrolling Corresponding Members | | |
| | Establishing a Quorum | | |
| | Approving the Docket | | |
| 10:10 a.m. | Morning Devotion: River Crossing Time | | Brad Munroe |
| | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah | | |
| 10:20 a.m. | House of Neighborly Service Proposed Action | | Bob Schulz |
| | Ministry for Leadership/Trustees | How did we get here? | Frank Bouchard |
| | Ministry for Administration | Pros and cons | Tommy Calhoun |
| | HNS Board | Perspective | Carol Axinn, Josefina Ahumada |
| | YWCA Representative | Perspective and future | Kelly Fryer |
| | Neighborhood Representative | Petition of support | Arlene Lopez |
| | City of South Tucson | Comments of support | Benny Young |
| | Discussion | | Stephanie Hamilton |
| 11:10 a.m. * | Ballot Vote | | |
| 11:20 a.m. | Time of Prayer for HNS | | Brad Munroe |
| 11:25 p.m. | Adjourn | | Stephanie Hamilton |

**Order of the Day*

WORSHIP

Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe led the morning devotion, speaking about the “River Crossing Time” when God parted the waters of the Jordan River and Joshua led the twelve tribes of Israel across to a new part of their lives as His people.

HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE DISCUSSION

The motion from the Ministry for Leadership was presented. Historical background on the House of Neighborly Service (HNS) ministry was shared. Recent funding issues which made continuation of HNS as a Presbytery ministry unsustainable were explained. Representatives of the HNS Board of Directors and members of the community expressed their support of the proposed plan to transfer the property to the YWCA of Southern Arizona, with continued use of the property for community mission projects. In addition, the Presbytery was presented with a petition, signed by over 100 people, supporting the transfer.

Speakers in favor of the plan included: Frank Bouchard, MFL; Tommy Calhoun, MFA; Carol Axinn, HNS Board President; Josefina Ahumada, HNS Board member; Arlene Lopez and Alonzo Morado, community HNS participants; and Benny Young, South Tucson City Manager.

Kelly Fryer, YWCA Executive Director, explained that the YWCA would bring new energy, vision and infrastructure maintenance, as well as the administrative support of the Y staff. She emphasized the need for nonprofits to develop an entrepreneurial spirit in developing new programs that included raising needed funding. She reported that the Y had already begun the process of writing grant applications to various agencies.

There was a time for discussion and questions. HNS Board members, past and present, were thanked and the Presbytery was encouraged to continue its financial support, including funding for the HNS 2015 summer camp program.

There was a motion to call the question. The motion passed and the vote was called on the main question. Voting was by written ballot. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk for voting at this meeting were: Linda Freeman, Bart Smith and Robin Thomas. The resulting vote was 39 in favor and 1 against. The required simple majority was attained and the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the terms and conditions outlined in the “Assumption Agreement” dated May 30, 2015 and to authorize Presbytery de Cristo to sign said document and thereby approve transfer of property held by Presbytery de Cristo to YWCA Southern Arizona for the sum of \$1.00 and other considerations which provide for the continued use by the House of Neighborly Service for community mission projects; and the provision to close on the property sale on or before June 30, 2015.

The property to be transferred from Presbytery de Cristo to the YWCA is described as Lots 1, 2, and 4-9, Block 28, Pima County, Arizona, with a street address of 243 W. 33rd Street (corner of S. 9th Avenue), Tucson, Arizona. Corresponding tax numbers for the lots are: 118-24-1250, 118-24-1260, 118-24-1280, 118-24-1290, 118-24-1300, 118-24-1310, 118-24-1320 and 118-24-1330.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a prayer was offered for the continuing ministry of the House of Neighborly Service to the people of South Tucson. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed with a benediction at 11:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo was scheduled for August 15, 2015, at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 30, 2015 Special Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo were approved by the Presbytery at its Stated Meeting on August 15, 2015.

S/Robert S. Schulz

Robert S. Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

August 15, 2015

Date