

**Minutes**  
**Leadership Team of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon**  
**May 6, 2020**

Mission Statement: To ensure that the vision and values of the whole Presbytery are sustained by engaging in and encouraging ongoing reflection, exploration and prayer.

The Leadership Team commission of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its stated May meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting was called to order by John Poling, Moderator, at 4:00 p.m. with prayer. A quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Danforth  
Jean Montgomery  
Jan Palmer

John Poling  
Laurie Porter  
George Saylor

Ben Seller  
Craig Weber

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Scott Fischer (Treasurer)

Brad Munroe (Pres Pastor)

Bob Schulz (St Clerk/Assoc)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Beth Kath (Assoc St Clerk)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Joseph Ellis

**MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the April 1, 2020 meeting of the Leadership Team were approved with one revision requested. The minutes of the April 29, 2020 meeting of the Leadership Team were approved as presented.

**LEADERSHIP CONVERSATION**

George Saylor reported he had invited Kurt Gentry to speak with Leadership about Revitalization of a Dying Congregation but he was unable to join our meeting. George had asked Kurt to join us in June.

Brad Munroe reported the Combined Personnel Team had been informed of ongoing Presbytery de Cristo conversation regarding options for the future of its participation in the shared staff plan. The Leadership task force representing Grand Canyon in talks with de Cristo about this included: Mary Danforth, Scott Fischer, Craig Weber, Brad Munroe and Bob Schulz, plus Betty Ricardo Lopez, Martha Sadongei and Barb Zubler. Presbytery de Cristo was planning a town hall Zoom meeting to allow presbyters to hear about possible staffing options and share opinions on the path to follow.

Brad Munroe reported a new format was being planned for the combined August special education event to be held at St. Andrew's or, if necessary, via Zoom. It would incorporate worship and a special speaker in the morning, then a break for lunch. Six workshops, rather than 20+, were to be scheduled for the afternoon. Hosting fewer workshops was intended to simplify logistics and reduce the need for a host church with 20 classrooms. The plan was to hold this as a separate event, not a Presbytery meeting. It was noted if Grand Canyon was to hold fewer than the four Presbytery meetings specified in our Bylaws, Leadership would have to approve it.

Plans to reschedule the postponed March Presbytery meeting were being considered. Staff was investigating the possibility of holding a fall Presbytery meeting via Zoom should circumstances make that necessary.

Bob Schulz reported it had been discovered that the tax exempt status of Grand Canyon churches had been cancelled by Maricopa County. Correspondence had been sent to the old Presbytery address but not forwarded. Bob had submitted the forms necessary to reinstate tax exempt status and forgive any taxes assessed on our churches.

### **ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY**

Approved designating the August 22, 2020 Big Event as a separate educational gathering, not a Presbytery meeting.

Received a list prepared by Stated Clerk Bob Schulz of the overtures to be considered at the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/NETWORK REPORTS**

**Operations**/Bob Schulz – working on filling 14 committee vacancies, contacting churches for suggested nominees.

**Resources**/Scott Fischer – presentation by New Light about new site; Scott authorized to help negotiate lease and bring back to Resources for approval.

**COM**/Brad Munroe – Payson approved call for new pastor; Pinetop in the same process; Mingus View may look for half-time pastor, possibly HR or CRE.

**Reconciliation Team**/Brad Munroe – work with Mingus View and UCC congregation on hold; planning workshop for Big Event.

**CPM**/Brad Munroe – CRE applicant is ordained pastor, but not Reformed so taking courses at Dubuque; three new possible Inquirers coming in for interviews.

**Cong Resourcing**/Jan Palmer – sub-committee working as First Light's Session to meet with them; PDA approved a grant for the Evangelical Arabic Church fellowship; next round of mission Priority Grants coming up.

**PWP**/Mary Danforth – working on a grant for Kristin Willett; cancelled fall PW gathering at Chinle; probably will not meet until Spring 2021.

**Older Adult Ministry**/Brad Munroe – Older Adult awards luncheon postponed indefinitely.

**Cross Cultural**/Brad Munroe – Pentecost Extravaganza was not held, perhaps rescheduled in the fall.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Scott Fischer reported that as of the end of March the Connecting budget was ahead by more than \$34,000 but the Mission budget was behind by \$15,836.

### **PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT**

Brad Munroe reported the special Presbytery collection provided supplies for 300 families for one month, or 27,000 meals, for the Navajo Nation. One semi-truck went to Tuba City and Kayenta for drop off and a second semi delivered to Leupp and Chinle. Many churches participated.

Brad was working with Synod Exec Conrad Rocha to direct proceeds from a lawsuit which included \$1.2 million for the Navajo Nation, perhaps to be used for communication resources on the reservation.

Brad reported the Ganado Foundation was negotiating a new 50-year lease with Sage Memorial Hospital. The hospital was planning an expansion. IRS statements indicated the hospital had been recording \$1.1 million to \$12 million in annual profit so the Foundation was proposing an annual lease payment of \$500,000 per year.

**STATED CLERK/ASSOCIATE REPORT**

Bob Schulz reported that Pinnacle had agreed to help with costs for inspecting and renovating a new location for the Anthem New Light fellowship.

Clyde Parks was working on AC and roof code issues with the City of Phoenix for work at Central, as well as monitoring cost control. The Presbytery was expected to provide \$100,000 towards these improvements. Lori Porter was working on obtaining a matching GA grant.

Rehabilitation work on the First Sacaton site was expected to begin soon.

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 5:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Leadership Team was scheduled for June 3, 2020 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Kath*

Recording Secretary

Approved 5/6/20.