

**Presbytery of Boston Council  
Minutes  
October 18, 2018**

**Attendance:**

Voting Members: David Leigon, David Dorer, Eric Markman, Trina Portillo  
Non-Voting: Andrew Woodall Parmelee, Cindy Kohlmann, T. J. DeMarco  
Excused: Rodney Petersen, Veronical Soto Feliciano

**Convene:**

David Dorer opened the meeting with prayer.  
The council approved the agenda, which was amended.

**Treasurer's Report**

By: Andrew Woodall Parmelee

The council reviewed the reports submitted by the treasurer. Council reviewed the 2019 budget.  
The conversation on the budget was paused to allow for the order of the day.

[Executive Session]

The council **voted** to form a review committee of at least 3 people to follow-up.

**Treasurer's Report (continued):**

By: Andrew Woodall Parmelee

The council **voted** to recommend the following to the Presbytery for the 2019 Budget:

Reduce II.A.1 and II.B.1 from 17,500 each to 10,000 each  
Set total per capita at \$56 for 2019  
Transfer funds required from the Fort Square Fund to pay for the deficit.

**Stated Clerk's Report**

By: T. J. DeMarco

The council reviewed the docket for the November Presbytery meeting.  
The council **voted** to request a brief report from the board of trustees on the current funds regarding what is restricted, what is unrestricted, and what may be restrictions may be changed by Presbytery action.

**Report of the Resource Presbyter**

By: Cindy Kohlmann

The council **voted** to grant the Stated Clerk the following paternity leave:  
1 week of no work

3 weeks of no meetings

4 weeks working from home after the week off

The council **voted to recommend** that Presbytery elect David Dorer to serve as the clerk pro-tem at the Presbytery meeting if the Stated Clerk is unable to attend.

The council **voted to designate** the Presbytery offering for relief in Southern Cameroon through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This will be sent along with funds raised through the concert for Cameroon that the Presbytery is hosting.

Allison Seed from the Board of Pensions will be with us for the November Presbytery meeting. She will offer a pre-presbytery gathering on pre-retirement.

On November 13, she will host a lunch for retired pastors.

There is a new initiative of that the Board of Pensions is starting for 2019. It is designed to help ministers with wise financial practices and wise budgeting decisions. There are two components. One is for a session to gather for education. The other is for pastors to do online webinars. If the session finishes the program and the pastor finishes, the pastor is eligible to receive a \$10,000 grant. Allison Seed from the Board of Pensions is coming on January 5 to the Bedford congregation to work with sessions on this.

#### Communication Coordinator Search

The communication coordinator search has gone well through the council search committee. There have been 8 candidates with 4 men and 4 women and one person of color. After interviewing all 8, the pool narrowed to 4. The committee interviewed those 4 via Adobe Connect. There is a top candidate and a second candidate who would also be a good fit. The resource Presbyter brought brief written descriptions of both candidates.

The council **directed** the search committee to send the resumes to the council and that council would vote by email once the reference checks are completed.

The council **voted to ask** Jen Dickinsen to work for 1 hour per week for the Presbytery to sort the mail that still comes to the former Presbytery office in Clinton with a reasonable rate to be negotiated between Jen and the Resource Presbyter.

The council **voted to designate** a \$200 budget for the Resource Presbyter to find a way to honor Wren Colle at the Presbytery meeting in November.

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

##### **Committees of Council**

##### **Committee on Ministry**

COM is working on a significant conflict in a congregation, but the chair didn't feel comfortable sharing more details.

## **Nominating Committee**

Nominating's biggest challenge right now is for the vice-moderator position. Another challenge is filling positions on the Committee on Ministry.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:30 PM.