



## Presbytery of Boston Council Minutes

March 26, 2020

### Attendance

Voting: Jane Wilson, Kristin Rinehimer, SuYoung Kim, Mark Wells, Ivy Jones Turner, David Dorer

Excused: Katie Cole, Thatcher Freeborn, Sarah Hathaway

Non-Voting: T. J. DeMarco, Andy Parmelee, Cindy Kohlmann

### Convene

The council met via tele-conference.

The council joined in an opening prayer at 7:05 PM.

The council approved the minutes as amended.

The council approved the agenda by affirmation. There were no requests for new business.

### Treasurer

Andy Parmelee

The treasurer submitted financial reports to the council noting that the trustee's portfolio is different from what it was at the end of February due to market volatility in the past few weeks.

### Budget Task Force

Ivy Jones Turner

The budget task force will be contacting congregations to receive feedback, comments, questions, and concerns. They are finalizing the list of committees in order to ask each committee what their priority mission activities are at this time. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the task force feels that it is best to hold zoom meetings.

## Moderator

David Dorer

The moderator gave council members the opportunity to share their experiences of online worship and meetings.

The moderator met with an ad hoc group to review how the trustees can help support congregations. Originally the trustees put out all of the existent applications, but the group agreed to set up one application for this time. The chair submitted the three draft documents to the council.

The moderator submitted the following documents from the ad hoc group with the following titles:

1. Application for Covid 19 Application Funds
2. Minister Emergency Fund Application
3. Ministers' Emergency Fund Guidelines

The council **approved** the "COVID 19 Application Funds"

The council **referred** the "Ministry Emergency Fund Application" and "Minister Emergency Fund Guidelines" to COM.

The council approved the "Minister Emergency Fund Application"

The council **voted** to advertise the ministers' emergency fund in the newsletter and post the newly approved application to the website.

The council **voted** to post the COVID 19 Application for Funds on the website and advertise the fund in the newsletter.

The ad hoc group will meet again to discuss the COVID 19 guidelines.

## Stated Clerk

T. J. DeMarco

The Stated Clerk reported that the General Assembly has sent guidelines for celebrating the Lord's Supper during the COVID 19 pandemic and he will send these guidelines to clerks of session tomorrow.

## Resource Presbyter

Cindy Kohlmann

The Resource Presbyter reported that she continues to add resources related to the COVID 19 crisis on the website.

She continues to host zoom meetings with pastors as places to share best practices, joys, and frustrations.

She also reported that at this point it is unclear what will happen with General Assembly during the pandemic.

## Committee on Ministry

Jane Wilson

COM has not met since the Presbytery meeting and did not have anything to report. Jane Wilson reported that Carrie Mitchell from the Board of Pensions will attend the meeting next week.

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Kristin Rinehimer

Kristin Rinehimer reported that ordination exams are continuing during this time. She also reported that there are grants available for continued study for inquirers and candidates and CPM has notified those under care of these opportunities. The committee has been in good contact with inquirers and candidates and has been making resources available as they learn of them.

## Mission and Congregations

Katie Cole

The council **endorsed** a grant application for Shekinah Natick, a fellowship of the Presbytery. The expectation is that the Presbytery will provide a \$12,500 grant Synod of the Northeast will match this grant with an additional \$12,500 and that the Presbyterian Mission Agency will match with \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000.

## Trustees

No report.

## Nominating Committee

No report.

## Adjourn

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:25 PM.