

## MINUTES

### Standing Committee on Mission Coordination and Administration

Saturday, July 24, 2010

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#### **ATTENDANCE**

Jan Wilkerson, Moderator	Eddie Knox, Synod Moderator	Harriet Wilkins
Katherine Rieder	MaryMarg Karty	Millie Hankla
Laurie Williams	Dave Crittenden, Staff	Marta Kramer, Contract Staff
Judy Lucas, Secretary		

Jan opened the meeting with prayer led by Rev. Laurie Williams, Southeastern Illinois Presbytery.

Jan welcomed all those in attendance to the meeting.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jan asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections, the agenda stands as printed.

#### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 23, 2010 MINUTES**

Jan asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 23, 2010 Minutes.

**ACTION:** The committee approved the Minutes as distributed.

#### **REPORTS**

**Budget Committee** – Dave Crittenden, MaryMarg Karty, Jack Wilson, and Laurie Williams

Laurie spoke to the proposed per capita dollar figure from the committee. The current per capita rate of \$3.60 has been in effect for both the 2009 and 2010 budgets. The new proposed per capita rate for 2011 from the Budget Committee has been set at \$3.81.

Laurie asked for any questions or comments regarding the 2011 Budget Worksheet. This committee only shows the projected income and will ask the three standing committees to deal with the shortage of funds from their particular budgets at the October meeting of the Synod and to adjust accordingly.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

- Harriet Wilkins moved to set the per capita dollar figure for 2011 at \$3.81. Laurie Williams seconded. The motion carried.
- Harriet Wilkins moved to recommend to the Synod that we adopt the projected income budget of \$903,577 for 2011. Millie Hankla seconded. The motion carried.

**Moderators Report** – Rev. Eddie Knox, Chicago Presbytery

Moderator Knox spoke of how pleased he was of the motion to rescind the decision made at the April Synod meeting to move to one full time executive for the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Moderator Knox thanked the committee for the decisions and recommendations it has made and continues to make in fulfilling the obligations of the Synod.

Moderator Knox spoke of those within the Synod in need of prayer including his own family and especially his daughter.

**Communications Committee** – Marta Kramer, Contract Staff and Nate Rush

Marta distributed two handouts to the committee: 1) a flyer describing who and what the Synod is and does, including a map of the two state area showing each presbytery boundary (this flyer was distributed at the General Assembly in Minneapolis); and, 2) the Synod of Lincoln Trails first issue of the *Communications Exchange*, an enewsletter for church communicators sharing the good news in Indiana and Illinois.

Marta currently distributes the *Communications Exchange* to 70 people.

The Standing Committee approved at their April meeting a \$125.00 scholarship to attend either conference of the Presbyterian Communicators' Network, both being held in October 2010.

McCormick Seminary in Chicago is offering a Social Media in Ministry conference call "Blessings and Burdens" to be held October 15-16, 2010 at their campus.

Jan asked the committee if the Standing Committee would be willing to offer scholarships for those within the Synod of Lincoln Trails to attend the *Blessings and Burdens* conference.

**ACTION:** Katherine Rieder moved to award \$75.00 scholarships to anyone wanting to attend the Social Media in Ministry Conference to be held at McCormick Campus in Chicago, October 15-16, 2010. Laurie Williams seconded. The motion carried.

Marta informed the committee of an M2LIVE Chicago event to be presented October 8-9 at Garrett Theological Seminary for training in developing a more effective social media strategy. M2LIVE has offered a special discount to Presbyterian attendee. M2LIVE is a non-denominational effort for believers of all backgrounds to come together to celebrate Christ. To learn more about M2LIVE check out their web site [www.M2LIVE.org](http://www.M2LIVE.org).

The communications committee's next project will be to set up blogs on the internet. Marta was approached by Rev. Robert Shaw of Wabash Valley Presbytery and Marta will have more to report at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS and CONCERNS**

Jan reminds the committee of the October Synod Meeting theme of – *Rejoicing Our Togetherness with Our Congregations*

Prayer Concerns: the Eddie Knox family; the Carol McDonald family; and the Dave Crittenden family

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Jan closed the meeting with prayer at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Lucas  
Executive Assistant/Secretary to the Standing Committee