

Minutes of Athanasius Presbytery
Rich Lusk, Minister of Presbytery
Alan Stout, Clerk of Presbytery
Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches
4 – 5 November 2015
San Destin, FL

Churches and Members of Presbytery Represented: (16 Elders on Wednesday 4 November/ 17 Elders on Thursday 5 November)

Christ Church, Branchville AL, Ted Phillips

Christ Church, Pace, FL Rob Hadding

Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA Joey Boothe and Denny Dufour (Galen Sorey non-voting)

Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, SC Jeremy Sexton

Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC Eddie Field

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Clinton MS Jay Barfield – Davy Durham

Providence Church, Pensacola FL Al Stout Uri Brito

Salem Reformed Church, Rome GA George Crocker Eddie Johnson

St. Mark Reformed Church, Nashville TN Joe Thacker

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birmingham AL Jimmy Gill Gilbert Douglas (Rich Lusk – Presiding Minister)

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, FL Ben Russell (Erik Stoer on the 5th of November only)

Church not represented:

Christ Church, Lakeland, FL

4 November

- I. Called to order.
- II. Invocation. Rich Lusk
- III. Uri Brito leads in Song (Oh God of Earth and Altar)
- IV. Scriptural Exhortation by Pastor Virgil Hurt
- V. Rich Lusk calls for the Quorum. Quorum Established with the elders noted above.
- VI. Introduction of guests and mission Churches.
 - a. Covenant First Presbyterian Church Live Oak, FL Herman Gunter Elder, Randy Wilding Pastor (Mission of Christ Presbyterian Baton Rouge)
 - b. Trinity Birmingham, AL – Dave Shaw, pastoral intern
 - c. Trinity Valparaiso, FL – Mickey Schneider
 - d. Redeemer Church Madison, AL Stewart Jordan and Steve Bowman

Motion 15/11/04:01 – Motion to adopt the Agenda, modified to move new business to the front of the agenda.

Transfer Examination of Jay Barfield – Immanuel Clinton, MS Jay gave his history and was questioned by Presbytery

Motion 15/11/04:02 – Motion to sustain the exam of Jay Barfield; Carried (16-0)

Transfer Examination of Stewart Jordan – Redeemer Huntsville, AL Stewart gave his history and was questioned by Presbytery

Motion 15/11/04:03 – Motion to sustain the exam of Stewart Jordan; Carried (16-0)

Consideration of the proposed CREC Logos:

Motion 15/11/04:04 Moved to vote on which logo to have for the CREC logo; Carried (16-0)

Motion 15/11/04:05 Moved to establish the rules for voting. A two thirds majority required to approve (11 votes) if no super majority achieved, the bottom two logos will be removed from the ballot and the remaining two will be reconsidered; Carried

Vote taken. First vote no super majority achieved

1 vote for number 1

5 votes for number 2

6 votes for number 3

4 votes for number 4

Second vote super majority achieved:

5 votes for number 2

10 votes for number 3

1 abstention

Book of Church Order reconciliation and adoption:

Motion 15/11/04:06 Adopt the Council BoP, as modified by council in 2014, as the Athanasius BoP. Carried (16-0)

Motion 15/11/04:07 Modify Athanasius BoP to add XI.4.a.ii and renumber. XI.4.a.ii shall read: Teaching elders (pastors, ministers) of candidate churches seeking membership in presbytery shall ordinarily undergo the same examination process listed below. Carried (16-0)

Motion 15/11/04:08 move that we adjourn until 9:00am on the 5th; Carried (16-0)

Reconvene 5 November 2015

Uri Brito leads in Psalm 128

Virgil Hurt exhorts us from Scriptures (2 Tim 4:1-5)

PM Rich calls for the establishment of a quorum. Quorum established with the churches listed above.

Hearing of Church Reports:

Christ Church, Branchville AL (Ted Phillips delivered and Jimmy Gill prayed for them)

Christ Church, Pace, FL Rob (Hadding delivered and Ben Rossell prayed for them)

Christ Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge LA (Joey Boothe delivered and Erik Stoer prayed for them)

Church of the Good Shepherd, North Augusta, SC (Jeremy Sexton delivered and Rich Lusk prayed for them)

Holy Trinity Reformed Evangelical Church, Greenville SC (Eddie Fields delivered and Jeremy Sexton prayed for them)

Candidate and Mission Church Reports

Covenant First Presbyterian Church in Live Oak, FL (Herman Gunter delivered and Denny Dufour prayed for them)

Randy Wilding speaks of his work in Live Oak.

Rich Lusk speaks about a Covenant Community Mission, local bible study with a liturgy, in Andrews, South Carolina. Leader needs prayer.

Motion 15/11/05:01 To approve the revised fall 2013 minutes and the spring 2015 minutes;
Carried (17-0)

Motion 15/11/05:02 Receiving Redeemer Church Huntsville, AL Stewart Jordan and Steve Bowman into the CREC and Athanasius Presbytery; Carried (17-0)

Motion 15/11/05:03 To reconsider Motion 15/11/04:07, New motion to read as follows: That the following language be added to BOP Art XI.4.a: "Session and delegation of an incoming congregation shall normally be examined in accordance with Constitution Article III.J"; Carried (17-0)

Uri Brito delivers a report on Brazil Mission Church

Motion 15/11/05:04 That the Presiding minister send a letter of welcome and greeting to the Church in Brazil; Carried (17-0)

Discussion on hosting the Council Meeting in 2017.

Establishing a committee to begin the process of setting up the council (Ben Rossell, Rob Hadding, Uri Brito and Al Stout)

Motion 15/11/05:05 That Pensacola host Presbytery March 7th and 8th 2016; Carried (17-0)

Motion 15/11/05 To adjourn; Carried (17-0)

Fall 2015 Presbytery Meeting closes at 12:10pm on the 5th of November 2015

Submitted

Alan Stout
Clerk of Athanasius Presbytery