

Tyndale Presbytery
Confederation of Reformed Evangelical Churches
Minutes of Presbytery, September 22, 2009
Meeting at Larwill, IN

Minister of Presbytery (MP): the Rev. Burke Shade

Clerk: Mr. Rob Davis

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

8:00 a.m.: Prior to the meeting of the full Presbytery, the Ordination Examination Committee performed an oral examination of Pastor Matt Beatty.

10:00 a.m.: Pastor Tim Bushong of Trinity Evangelical Church, the host church for the Presbytery meeting, welcomed the Presbyters on behalf of Trinity Evangelical Church.

10:02 a.m.: Mr. Eric Sauder opened the meeting with Prayer.

10:04 a.m.: The assembly joined in singing Psalm 1 and Psalm 14.

10:09 a.m.: The MP delivered an exhortation to the assembly from 1 Corinthians 15.

10:29 a.m.: The meeting was called to order by the MP.

10:30 a.m.: The MP called the roll of member churches.

All current member churches of Tyndale Presbytery were represented, with the exception of Trinity Covenant Church, Wichita, KS. Churches, with number of delegates:

Christ Church of Livingston County, Howell, MI (1)

Pastor Jeff Evans

Christ Church Twin Cities, Minnetonka, MN (2)

Elder Arnie Abens

Elder Doug Dahl

Christ the King Church, New Era, MI (1)

Pastor Jeff Swanson

Christ the King Church, Springfield, MO (2)

Pastor Eric Sauder

Elder Rob Davis

Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA (1)

Pastor Brian Nolder

Cornerstone Reformed Church, Carbondale, IL (2)

Pastor Burke Shade

Elder Robert Osinga

Providence Church, Caro, MI (1)

Pastor David Bostrom

Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN (2)

Pastor Nate Harlan

Pastor Tim Bushong

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A quorum was established.

10:32 a.m.: The MP amended the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Nolder moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Bostrom seconded and the motion passed.

10:36 a.m.: Member church reports were presented.

12:09 p.m.: Introduction of guests and delegations

Mr. Abens introduced Pastor Greg Lawrence of Christ Church (PCA), Mankato, MN. The MP seated Mr. Lawrence as visiting delegation.

Mr. Nolder introduced Aaron Gunsaulus, pastoral intern and student of Ambrose Hall of Christ the Redeemer, Pella, IA.

Mr. Harlan introduced Elder John Mergy and Mr. Don Running of Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwill, IN.

12:15 p.m.: The meeting recessed for lunch.

2:01 p.m.: The meeting resumed with the singing of Psalm 92 and Psalm 11.

2:07 p.m.: Consideration of candidate churches.

Mr. Bostrom moved to extend the candidate status of Covenant Christian Church, Greenville, MI for another year. Mr. Evans seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Osinga moved to extend the candidate status of Christ Covenant Church of Chicago for another year. Mr. Nolder seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Sauder moved to extend the candidate status of Reformed Presbyterian Church, Tyumen, Russia for another year. Mr. Nolder seconded and the motion passed.

2:13 p.m.: Ordination Examination Report

Mr. Sauder presented the report of the committee to examine Matt Beatty and their recommendation for Mr. Beatty's ordination as pastor of Holy Trinity Church of Cincinnati, OH.

2:19 p.m.: Minister Reports

The clerk read the report from Council Minister Jack Phelps. The report is attached.

2:25 p.m.: The MP gave his annual report as Minister of the Presbytery.

2:32 p.m.: Mission Reports

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Mr. Sauder presented a report from Slavic Reformation Society.

2:48 p.m.: Approval of Tyndale biography for webpage.

The MP requested that the biography be posted on the webpage for review.

2:51 p.m.: Presbytery Discussion Topics

2:51 p.m.: Mr. Evans initiated a discussion on ruling elder/elder training in small churches. Suggestions from the discussion were to 1) Think about having pro tem elders for a defined term rather than allow them to serve indefinitely. 2) Develop an elder training protocol to share with other churches. 3) Realize that the "elder qualification bar" can be set higher than Scripture, and that current elders might need to address this perception by members in the church.

3:39 p.m.: By common consent, the meeting recessed for a break.

3:52 p.m.: The meeting reconvened.

3:52 p.m.: Mr. Evans initiated a discussion on pastoral authority in counseling situations. A summary of the discussion was that the session should be unified when requiring something on the basis of wisdom. Various means (decided in wisdom) can be required in order to reach a clear biblical end. Discussion with other churches is often helpful

4:49 p.m.: The MP recognized visiting delegate Greg Lawrence for comments and questions.

5:03 p.m.: Mr. Sauder moved that the next annual meeting of Tyndale Presbytery be held in Springfield, MO with date to be announced. Mr. Bushong seconded and the motion passed.

5:06 p.m.: Mr. Nolder moved that the date for the next annual meeting of Tyndale Presbytery be set for Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21, 2010. Mr. Harlan seconded and the motion passed.

5:08 p.m.: Mr. Sauder moved that Tyndale Presbytery expresses its sincere gratitude to Trinity Evangelical Church in Larwill, IN. for being so gracious and hospitable to us, for providing a comfortable meeting place, for refreshing us with delicious food, beer, and cigars and for making preparations for such a successful and enjoyable presbytery meeting. Mr. Nolder seconded and the motion passed.

5:10 p.m.: On motion, the meeting adjourned. The MP dismissed with prayer.

Rob Davis, Secretary