

Hillsborough Regional Presbytery Meeting

April 26, 2016

Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church

8:30 Registration; 8:45 First Time Commissioner Orientation

The meeting was called to order with prayer. There was a quorum. Rev. Robert Shaw, pastor of Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church welcomed the Hillsborough Region.

Officer Reports

Coach/Coordinator: words of encouragement for our churches.

CCV is offering scholarships for the national evangelism conferences at the Trade Winds, St. Petersburg. Patrice encouraged the gathered to go, "it's in our backyard."

17 volunteers from CCV and COM have been trained to be coaches to help churches.

New Worshiping Communities and church redevelopment were the topics of discussion at a Friday gathering in Seffner on April 22, 2016. On Saturday morning, April 23, there were gatherings at St. John PC, Tampa; and exploration of a new worshiping community at the beach.

Stated Clerk, Dave Baker

Dave reminded us of the Mission Statement for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. He lifted up opportunities for us to identify and strengthen leaders. In particular, in terms of communication. A workshop will be offered later in the year focusing on websites and other forms of communication.

Clerk for this meeting, Laurie Palmer

The Hillsborough Region approved the requests for excused absences.

Board of Trustees/Treasurer: no report

Moderator: no report

Worship

Candidate Meghann Pabst preached. Rev. Robert Shaw, Temple Terrace PC, presided the Lord's Table. Ruling Elder Paula Salter, St. Andrew PC, Tampa, was liturgist.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry, Rev. Deb Belusa, Member-at-Large
Report attached.

The COPM moved Mr. Bruce McVey, Ruling Elder, FPC Brandon, from Inquirer to Candidate. Ruling Elder Reg Dickey, Forest Hills PC, Tampa, presented Mr. McVey. Mr. McVey comes from FPC, Brandon. He made a presentation as way of introduction and to articulate a sense of his call. The floor was opened for questions.

Break

Break-out Groups: Discussion of the concept of three regions, three presbyteries, or one presbytery.

Lunch

Reconvene

The Hillsborough Region thanked Temple Terrace PC and Rev. Robert Shaw for their hospitality. The Moderator asked for new or old business, and there was none.

Reports

Commission on Ministry Report: Ruling Elder Laura Ross. Report attached.

The COM presented Candidate Meghann Pabst for examination for ordination. Ms. Pabst has been a member of FPC, Brandon all of her life. She answered a question from RE Laura Ross, and the floor was opened for questions.

Mike McCormack, FPC, Brandon, made a motion to sustain the examination and to ordain Ms. Pabst. There was a second. The motion passed.

Commission on Church Vitality: Ruling Elder Paula Salter, St. Andrew, Tampa

RE Salter described the work of the CCV. For instance, 17 people have been trained to be interpreters of the Church Assessment Tool. CCV is eager to make church visits.

Moments for Mission

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Rev. Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Children of farmworkers face challenges in the summer. 40-50 children from Beth-El want to go to Cedarkirk, at about \$400 per child. There is a scholarship fund for this.

Cedarkirk, Rev. John Reiter

Cedarkirk is tracking at a record high enrollment. Please help spread the word about summer camp at Cedarkirk. Volunteer worship leaders and camp nurses are needed. Capital Campaign, There is good planning progress by the steering committee for the Cedarkirk Capital Campaign. Cedarkirk will go do camp at various churches and the response has been excellent. Please keep all of this in your prayers.

Annual Friends Event, May 7, 10:00am-12:00pm; followed by an Open House from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

John thanked the presbytery for its on-going support.

Foundation for Peace, Haiti mission: Ruling Elder Hank Belusa

The mission grew out of the devastating 2010 earthquake where 275,000 died. Eight efforts in Haiti, eight in DR, one in Kenya. Education, water, building. Hank offered the presbytery the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Haiti at the beginning of 2017. Focus on four things: school, VBS, teach English, a day off (beach, museum).

Motion to adjourn with prayer, which was done by RE Marsha Rydberg.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Palmer, Clerk for this meeting.