

**Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley Assembly  
Minutes of Saturday November 19, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church, Gilbertsville, NY**

Presbytery Moderator **Patty Wolff** (East Guilford and Central Delaware Trinity) called the Assembly to order with prayer at 9:00 am. A quorum was present – 19 churches were represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners, 23 Teaching Elders, 1 Commissioned Lay Pastor, 4 Ruling Elders with vote due to office and 19 visitors and office staff. First time commissioners were introduced: April Geiger(East Guilford), Susan Pochy(Gilbertsville), Russell Ruthig(Cortland UP), and Thomas Philion (Delhi First). Visitors Diane Loughran and Bobby Outterson Murphy were also introduced.

Host Pastor Mark Piedmonte gave a welcome, including the team from the Youth Triennium who will lead in worship. He noted there is a book giving the history of the windows and the sanctuary had been repainted since hosting the last meeting, and gave directions about the elevator, facilities, wifi password and mealtime.

The Roll was taken by computers at the rear of the sanctuary for a total enrolled attendance of 65.

**Roll:**

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>Nov 19, 2016</b>	<b>Sept 17, 2016</b>	<b>May 21, 2016</b>	<b>Feb 13, 2016</b>	<b>Nov 21, 2015</b>
Afton	Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves	Lynn Reeves
Andes			Joi Brundage		
Bainbridge	Paula Epply	Cheryl Nages	Excused	Cheryl Nages	Evelyn S. Baker
Binghamton, Immanuel		Catherine Bocinski			
Binghamton, John Hus					
Binghamton, Ross Mem'l					
Binghamton, United	Marilyn Myers	Cynthia Burger	Ann Garcia	Cynthia Burger	William Donohue
Bovina Center					Mark Schneider
Cincinnatus				Fred Downs	
Conklin	Doug Moore	Doug Moore			Jack Bell
Cortland, United	Russell Ruthig	Carol Foster	Scott Gay	Darlene Latten	
Cortlandville, Christ		Dot Thomas	Excused	Nancy Wheatley	
Charlotte Valley	Nancy E Banker	Joan Burger	Nancy E. Banker		
Cabin Hill					
De Lancey					
Delhi First	Thomas Philion	Bea Mooney	Renee Maxwell		Joseph Maxwell
Delhi United Ministry	Fred Onasch		Fred Onasch	excused	excused
West Delhi					
Deposit	Alice Martin	Alice Martin	Alice Martin	Alice Martin	Alice Martin
Dryden		John Scott		Sandy Dumond	David Smith
East Guilford	April Geiger	Sharon Havens	Sharon Havens		Jan Lafayette
Endicott Union		Peg Corwin	Jane Park		Peg Williams
Endwell Northminster	Junietta Brooks	Suzanne Erle	excused	Donna Cunningham	Judith Potts-Sinicki
Garrattsville	Joan Loeffler	Joan Loeffler	Joan Loeffler		Joan Loeffler
Gilbertsville	Susan Pochy	Winona Slaughter	Shirley Keene	Winona Slaughter	Roberta Halbert
Hamden	Karen Marshfield	Karen Marshfield	Karen Marshfield	Wayne Marshfield	
Hancock					

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Hobart	William Coleman				
Johnson City			Glenna Coutts	Glenna Coutts	Glenna Coutts
Laurens			Excused		
Lordville		Excused			
Marathon					
Margaretville/ New Kingston					
Masonville	Jo Ann Aymar	Kathryn Carvin	Excused	Wendy Caldiero	Kathryn Carvin
Nichols	Excused	Andrea Seeley	Excused	excused	excused
Nineveh		Barbara Dillingham	Barbara Dillingham		Ken Krugaluk
Oneonta First	Shirley Fioravanti	Carolyn Palm	Libby Cudmore	Shirley Fioravanti	Eleanor Hickein
Oneonta First United				Rebecca LaBarr	excused
Otego					
Owego	Leslie Anne King	Leslie Anne King	Leslie Anne King	Leslie Anne King	Leslie Anne King
Smithville Flats		Ruby Fiene	Diane Merrill	Diane Merrill	Joan Barker
Stamford			Becky Smith	excused	Frederick Doyle
Unadilla		Louise Lesh	Chris Bomba	Brian Danforth	
Walton	Michael Krusinski	Michael Krusinski	Michael Krusinski	Marsha Muller	Daniel Patsos
Valley United		Dale Barber	Dale Barber		Marilynne Zeafla
Windsor					
Worcester		Judith McAdams			Judy McAdams
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>

Status	CLERGY	Nov 19, 2016	Sept 17, 2016	May 21, 2016	Feb 13, 2016	Nov 21, 2015
HR	Amalfitano, Frank					
HR	Beattie, Douglas G					
HR	Bjorkman, Leonard		Present	Present		Present
UMC /HR	Buddle, Duane	Present		Present		
CLP	Budine, George	Present		Present	Present	Present
CLP	Carruth, George		Present		Present	Excused
	Chastain, Kimberly	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
CLP	Davis, Shirley		Excused	Present	Excused	Excused
HR	De Noyelles, Roger					
HR	Dittman, Sharon J					
HR	Downing, Barry					
	Elfond, Cheryl Ann	Excused		Excused	Excused	Excused
CLP	Fleming, Deborah		Excused	Excused	Present	Excused
HR	Francis, Dale	Present	Present			
EPIS	Hamilton, Paul		Present	Present	Present	
UCC	Hansen, Janet Adair	Excused	Present	Excused	Present	Excused
	Hatch, Douglas	Present			Present	Present
	Heckman, Lisa S.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
at large	Heinle, Robert H	Excused	Present		Present	Present
	Hooker, Christopher	Excused	Present	Present	Excused	Excused
	Hooker, Sarah	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Excused
	Horne, Douglas A	Present		Excused	Present	
	Johnson, David H.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Kindig, Rebecca	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
HR	King, Marie					

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	Rosso (Knoell), Sharan	Present		Present	Excused	Present
ABC	Krembs, Michael					
	Kwon, Peter					
HR	Mahler, John					
Clerk	Martin, James F	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
Valid min	Mattice, Taryn B					
	Mays, Lisa Ruth	Present	Present	Present	Excused	Present
HR	Miller, Dean					
	Montfort, Mark	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	More, H Adelbert III	Present	Excused	Excused	Excused	
	Peak, Robert T	Excused	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Piedmonte, Mark	Present	Excused	Present	Excused	Present
HR	Presby, Allen L	Present				
	Raube, Patricia	Excused		Present	Excused	Present
HR	Renton, Barbara A	Present	Present			
HR	Robinson, David C				Present	Present
	Schindler – see Vittorio					
at large	Schwartz, Barbara	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Shepard, Lynn	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
	Suggs, Arthur M					
HR	Thomas, Ronald					
ABC	Vance, Tom	Present	Present	Excused	Present	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Garrett		Present	Present	Present	Present
	Vittorio Schindler, Marena		Present	Present	Present	
	Walton-Leavitt, Cynthia	Present	Present	Present	Present	Excused
HR	Wemple Jr, Delbert					
	Wilson, Carol	Present	Present	Excused		Excused
	Wolff, Patty	Present	Present	Present		Present
<b>Total</b>		<b>23+1Clp</b>	<b>26+1 Clp</b>	<b>23+2Clp</b>	<b>21+3Clp</b>	<b>21 +1Clp</b>

HR = Honorably Retired, at large = at large member, valid min = validated ministry, gov body = serving governing body of the church; other denominational affiliations: UCC = United Church of Christ, UMC = United Methodist Church FMC = Free Methodist Church, ABC = American Baptist Church

ELDER (“equalized”)	Nov 19, 2016	Sept 17, 2016	May 21, 2016	Feb 13, 2016	Nov 21, 2015
Scott Kindig – Cabinet	Present	Present	Present		
Beatrice Mooney - Committee Chair	Present	see church	Present	Present	
Joan Oliver -- Cabinet	Present	Present	Present		
Wildenstein, Judith – PWP Rep.	Present		Present	Present	Present
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**Visitors, Staff & Host church volunteers:** Christine Rogalski, Bill Donohue, David Banker, Marsha Muller, Shawn Landon, Dean Veenhof, Diane Loughran, Jo Ann Gray, Jack Vunk, Isaiah Stockdale, Emma Kindig, Susannah Hall, Michael O'Connor, Abigail Dove, Daniel Hall, Samuel Loeffler, Michael Birdsall, Art Turner, and Roger Halbert.

**Total Tally of Presbytery Commissioners**

Teaching Elders Present: 23  
 Corresponding Members:  
 Total Teaching Elders: 22

Churches Represented by a Ruling Elder: 19  
 Corresponding Member (ruling elder):  
 Commissioned Lay Pastors Present: 1

Teaching Elders Excused: 5	Other Voting Ruling Elders Present: 4
Teaching Elders Absent w/o Excuse: 7	Total Ruling Elders Present: 24
APA Members: 0	Commissioned Lay Pastors absent w/o excuse: 3
Visitors+ Host Church Volunteers: 19	Commissioned Lay Pastors Excused:
Total Enrolled Attendance 65	Churches Requesting Excuse 1
	Churches Not Represented: 28

**Worship** was led by those who attended the **Youth Triennium** in Indiana this summer. An offering of \$564 was divided between the Christmas Joy Offering and the Butternut Valley Food Pantry.

**Introduction of New Business, Approval of the Agenda**

The Agenda was approved with an additional written report from Cabinet[#4].

Presbytery Approved the **Consent Agenda[#2]** containing:

- [#4B] Revised Personnel Policy** (samples of main changes are pages 1,7,9,14,23-26)
- Action Items 2 & 3 of **[#6] Committee on Ministry Report**  
(former COM ruling elders available as moderators, Minimum Compensation 2017)
- [#7] Policy 19 - Pastor Compensation Standards 2017**
- [#8] Charts for 5 Year Pastor Compensation Plan 2016 - 2020**
- [#12] Synod Commissioner Report**
- [#13] Committee on Lay Preaching**
- [#15] Assembly Minutes of September 17, 2016 at Union, Endicott**
- [#16] Treasurer**
- [#17] Financial Position September 30, 2016**
- [#18] Cash Flows January - September 2016**
- [#19] Statement of Activities September 30, 2016**
- [#20] Mission Giving/ Per Capita Financial Report September 30, 2016**
- [#21] Financial Position (Post Audit) December 31, 2014**
- [#22] Statement of Activities (Post Audit) December 31, 2014**
- [#23] Financial Position (Post Audit) December 31, 2015**
- [#24] Statement of Activities (Post Audit) December 31, 2015**

-----end of Consent Agenda items-----

**Christian Nurture Team: Rebecca Kindig**(United, Binghamton) presented the Children and Youth Protection Policy[#3] which was **approved**.

The **Cabinet Report[#4]** was given by Patty Wolff and included the recommendations on the Budget and transfer of funds, plus information about the lay preachers who took a pastoral care class provided by the Rev. Dr. Betsy Jay, chaplain at Bassett Medical Center in Cooperstown. Cabinet is also encouraging the Committees on Preparation for Ministry and Lay Preaching to consult with one another on combining into one committee.

**Finance sub-committee Dave Johnson**(Cortland UP) gave the report. A motion was **approved** to transfer \$40,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the Pastoral Care Fund. Dave reviewed the proposed **2017 Presbytery Budget[#5A] [#5B]** which was **approved**.

A motion was **approved** to transfer \$40,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to the Pastoral Care and Support Fund.

A motion was made, seconded and **approved** to proceed with an agreement for use of the 12 Whitney Way building (former Presbytery Mission Center) by Operation Merry Christmas if the way is clear regarding insurance and use as a non-profit organization. There will be a clause for vacating the building if a buyer for the building is found.

**Committee on Ministry** co-chair **Bea Mooney**(Delhi, First) reported. [#6]

A commission to install **Rebecca Kindig** as Associate Pastor on Nov. 20, 2016 was **approved**.

RE George Budine, Vice Moderator	TE Lisa Heckman, Owego First Union
RE Joan Loeffler, Garrattsville United	TE Patricia Raube, Endicott Union
RE Marilyn Myers, Binghamton United	

Terms of Call from **United Ministry of Delhi** (on October 9, 2016) for **Bobby Outterson-Murphy** to serve as Pastor, beginning December 7, 2016 were **approved**.

Cash Salary:	\$15,943.00
Housing Allowance:	\$32,000.00
Total Effective Salary:	\$47,943.00
Board of Pensions Contribution (Medical, Pension, Disability & Death)	\$17,499.17
Social Security Offset	\$ 3,667.64
Medical/ Dental Reimbursement Allowance	\$ 700.00
Moving Expenses (up to)	\$ 3,000.00
Travel at IRS rate to annual maximum of	\$ 3,000.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00

4 weeks of Vacation, including 4 Sundays

2 weeks of Study Leave, including 2 Sundays

1 week Early Ministry Institute leave, including 1 Sunday

10 days annually for family/ sick leave                      10 federal holidays

2 weeks family/paternity leave including 2 Sundays, commencing at birth or adoption of a child

Opportunity for a 3 month Sabbatical Leave following 6 years of service

Bobby read his statement of faith and was examined for ordination by questions from the body.

Presbytery **approved** his examination and moved that Boston Presbytery **ordain him on our behalf** tomorrow, November 20, 2016.

A commission to install Bobby Outterson-Murphy as Pastor at United Ministry on January 29, 2017 was **approved**:

RE George Budine (Moderator)	TE Patty Wolff (Cabinet Chair)
TE Garrett Schindler	TE Robert Peak
Rev. Tim Riss (UMC District Super)	RE JoAnn Aymar
RE Bea Mooney	RE Gideon Frisbee

Other actions of the committee were highlighted from the written report [#6].

After a stretch break, **Vice-Moderator George Budine** shared perspectives on "What makes a congregation Vital" and continued to provide demonstrable examples of how we appear when visitors or newcomers come to our congregations in worship.

**Committee on Nominations -- Cynthia Walton Leavitt**(Oneonta First United) gave the report along with other information and after opportunity for nominations from the floor, Presbytery elected:

- **Lisa Heckman** (TE, Owego) **Treasurer** Class of 2017

- **Patty Wolff** (TE, E. Guilford & Central Delaware) **Cabinet Chair** Class of 2017
- **George Budine** (CRE, Nichols) **Presbytery Moderator** Class of 2017
- **Robert Peak** (TE, Johnson City) **Presbytery Vice-Moderator** Class of 2017
- **Pat Raube** (TE, Endicott) **Co-chair of the Committee on Ministry** Class of 2017
- **Mark Piedmonte** (TE, Gilbertsville) **Chair, Committee on Preparation** Class of 2017
- **Deb Fleming** (CRE, Cabin Hill) **Chair, Committee on Lay Preaching** Class of 2017
- **Taryn Mattice** (TE, Protestant Ministry, Cornell ) **Chair, Committee on Representation** 2017
- **Barbara Renton** (TE, HR) **Presbytery Cabinet** Class of 2017
- **Joan Oliver** (RE, Owego) **Presbytery Cabinet** Class of 2019 (change of class year)
- **Judy Wildenstein** (RE, Walton) **Presbytery Cabinet** Class of 2019
- **Bill Donahue** (RE, United, Binghamton) **Committee on Ministry** Class of 2019
- **Lynn Shepard** (TE, Worcester) **Committee on Ministry** Class of 2019
- **Scott Kindig** (RE, Endicott) **Committee on Preparation** Class of 2018 (change of class year)
- **Karen Marshfield** (RE, Hamden) **Committee on Lay Preaching** Class of 2017
- **Nola Henry** (RE, Laurens) **Committee on Lay Preaching** Class of 2019
- **Barbara Schwartz** (TE, At-Large) **Permanent Judicial Commission** Class of 2017

Under New Business, Presbytery also elected

- **Garrett Schindler** (TE, Bovina) **Committee on Nominations** Class of 2019, and to serve as chair of the committee in 2017

**Carol Wilson** (Charlotte Valley) reported for the Ethiopian Partnership Ministry Team (**EPMT**), reflecting on her time teaching in Ethiopia and the situation of fighting and killing. A sheet of excerpts from stories from the life of Ethiopian students was distributed as a suggestion for continuing prayer for these students and the situation there. Carol led the Presbytery in prayer. Juni Brooks spoke briefly about the "Books for BESS" program, asking for \$25 donations to provide books for the High School we help sponsor.

It was **moved, seconded and approved** to change the Order of the Day for lunch to adjourn at 12:30.

**Stated Clerk Report:** Jim Martin reported that a survey and legal description of the Hobart Garage property has been received, and according to previous Cabinet action over a year ago, on April 15, 2015, this completes Cabinet(Trustees) approval of its sale.

By **motion Presbytery approved** the sale of the garage property of the Hobart Church (the updated survey was displayed) for \$2800 to neighbors Dorothy and William Wetmore who have been renting it for 20 years.

The Stated Clerk provided information for entering the Session Annual Statistical Reports online as the doorway opens for these in December.

Presbytery also **approved the Reading of Session records** for 34 churches and granted extensions to 3 churches whose records are being updated or reconstructed Afton, Andes, Bainbridge, Binghamton-Immanuel, Binghamton-Ross Memorial, Binghamton-United, Cabin Hill, Charlotte Valley, Cincinnatus, Cortlandville-Christ Community, Cortland United, Delhi-First, Delhi-United Ministry, Deposit, Dryden, East Guilford, Endwell-Northminster, Endicott-Union, Garrattsville, Hamden, Johnson City, Laurens, Margaretville-New Kingston, Masonville, Nichols, Nineveh, Oneonta-First, Oneonta-First United, Otego, Owego, Smithville Flats, Unadilla, Walton (2 years

read), that the reading of Waverly(Valley United) minutes by Lackawanna Presbytery be accepted, and that extensions be granted to Hobart, Stamford and West Delhi.

The records of Endicott First (dismissed to the ECOP) were taken and deposited at the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia and a residual roll of 9 remaining persons is being tracked.

Churches not presenting records or requesting excuse: John Hus-Binghamton, Bovina, Conklin, DeLancey, Gilbertsville, Hancock, Lordville, Marathon, Windsor, Worcester.

The list of names of deceased ruling elders from the prior Necrology was updated to include:

MaryLou Wheeler	Binghamton United
Sophie Moore	Conklin
Robert Pearse, John Ellis, and Warren Bartholomew	Cortland, United
Jeanne Owens	Deposit
Charles Quick	Nichols
Warren Spicer	Owego
Larry Rigas	Walton

In accordance with the Rules of Discipline D-10.0 An Investigating Committee (IC) was has finished its work and has indicated that it will file charges. According to D-10.0103 the name of the accused and the nature of the alleged offense remains confidential. The Permanent Judicial Commission is meeting today during lunch to elect its officers, receive the charges, and set a pre-trial hearing date.

**Judy Wildenstein** (Walton) gave the report for Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery (PWP). PWP has money we want to give to churches for great mission work done by women in your church - described on the sheet titled "Great News!". At the Unadilla church today they are working on "Days for Girls" to help provide sanitary supplies for girls in Third World Countries. They had 31 women show up last month. It started in 2008. There are now 275 teams. Now training women in third world countries to make their own kits. Our local PWP also recently gave a \$500 donation to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Over a dozen announcements and **Sharing of Good News** items were given, and Presbytery gathered for prayer around **Sarah Hooker** (Delhi First) who will be leaving at the end of December 2016 to as husband **Chris Hooker**(at large) takes a new position in Atlanta.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer before the meal at 12:30.

**The next Stated Assembly is Saturday, March 18, 2017, First Presbyterian Church, Oneonta, NY.**