

**West Regional Commission of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, New Port Richey Campus
Stated Meeting Summary, February 25, 2017**

The meeting opened with prayer and a call to worship by Commissioned Ruling Elder Ron Marston at 9:08am. Regional Convener Libby Shannon declared a quorum to be present, and the agenda was moved, seconded and passed. Libby then introduced John Fullerton to give a few words of welcome from the host church, St. Andrews Dunedin, which Ron Marston also participated in.

The Regional Commission participated in “Worshipful Work” for the day, and interspersed business (recorded here) among the worship, which was well led by Micki Robinson, Dawn Haeger, Ron Marston, Libby Shannon, Kathy Horn, and Kitty Ginn, preaching. The offering of \$412.27 went to Peacemaking.

During its worshipful work the Presbytery also at various points took time to discuss the new Belhar Confession, and ended the meeting shortly after reading the Confession in unison.

The Stated Clerk reported that progress is ongoing with the website. He also encouraged individual churches to say thank you to their Clerks of Session, as almost all of our churches participated in the Annual Statistical Report this year. David also encouraged everyone to sign up for the eNews.

The Stated Clerk entertained a motion to set next West Regional Commission meeting for Thursday 9/7 at 4pm at Frist Presbyterian Church of Dunedin. The motion was made, seconded and passed. Dinner will be served.

The Stated Clerk further entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting simultaneously with the benediction, to preserve our worshipful atmosphere. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

Dan Johnson, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee gave a report on the upcoming amendments to be voted on by the Presbytery in May.

Micki Robinson, West Regional chair of the Commission on Church Vitality, gave a report on a new grant application the Commission has developed. John Fullerton then spent the rest of the CCV’s report telling the St. Andrews New Port Richey Campus story of transformation and revitalization.

Henry Elam facilitated a time of sharing and updates of good news from our churches.

Bob Scott, chair of the West Regional Commission on Preparation for Ministry, reported that the Presbytery had a new indebtedness policy, which is to help graduating seminary students apply for denominational aid. It’s not uncommon for seminary students to graduate with up to \$70,000 of debt. Bob also reported on the controversy surrounding the Bible Content Exam pass rates.

David Hosick, chair of the West Regional Commission on Ministry, reported that Alisun Donovan was granted Honorably Retired status effective April 1, 2017. He also introduced Dawn Haeger, the new Associate Pastor at Peace Memorial. David further reported that the new West Regional Commission on Ministry Chair would be Michael Clark as of April 1, 2017. Finally, David alerted the Region that Ray Jones will be talking about revitalization at Cedarkirk on March 17th at 10am. Those interested in attending should RSVP.

Patrice Hatley, the Presbytery Coach and Coordinator, reported on the Fellowship Community event that recently concluded in Lakeland.

Kathy Dain reported on behalf of Beth-El on their food pantry ministry and an upcoming new effort to reach young adults in their county, which has a very young population.

Matt Shick reported on behalf of Cedarkirk on the spiritual growth possible at Christian camps, the very successful traveling Day camp program, and the upcoming Shepherd's Sabbath taking place April 17-19, as well as their capital campaign.

The meeting ended with prayer and benediction at 12:20pm.

Submitted by:

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Recording Clerk of the West Regional Commission