

Appendix H

Presbytery Trustees Report 2019 Fall Stated Meeting Presbytery of St. Augustine

The Presbytery Trustees report the following actions since the 2019 Spring Stated Meeting:

PILP LOAN – Presbytery of St. Augustine as Co-Borrower

With respect to the loan commitment from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) for the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center construction loan where the Presbytery of St. Augustine, Inc. is a required co-borrower, on September 24, 2019 it was moved, seconded and approved that:

- (1) The Trustees concur strongly with the Coordinating Council that we need more information to evaluate the loan.
- (2) As trustees with fiduciary responsibilities, we cannot recommend signing the PILP loan when we don't have updated projections from MPCC or how it will address the current operating shortfall of \$116,000.
- (3) Based on the information we have, the PILP loan is not viable.
- (4) Entering into the loan will put the viability of the presbytery itself at risk.
- (5) To move forward with the MPCC dream, both individuals and congregations would need to make immediate donations to fund MPCC.

Property Requests:

- Approved the request of the Westminster Presbyterian Church to sell residential property received from a donor so long as the property is sold for fair market value.
- Declined the request of a neighboring business to have its customers park cars at the vacant Normandy Boulevard property (previous site of the Nueva Esperanza congregation) and requested that the Stated Clerk let the owner know that we cannot permit customer parking on this property for liability and tax reasons.
- Received a request from a third party to use a portion of the presbytery's office building. Appointed a sub-committee of John Bartholomew, Becky Wolf, and Ed Kelly to look into the questions and issues relating to a request and to report back to with information and recommendations. The third party subsequently advised it does not require use of the presbytery office building at this time, so the request is on hold.
- Appointed a sub-committee of John Bartholomew and Becky Wolf to talk directly with the Lakewood Presbyterian Church to work towards updating the lease agreement between the church and the presbytery

Banking Requests:

- Delegated to the Finance Team in consultation with the Administration Committee the authority to change financial institutions for our presbytery bank accounts after Finance Team does the due diligence. This delegated authority will continue up to the time of the 2019 Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting.

Gainesville Ministry Center:

With respect to the Gainesville Ministry Center, the Trustees have taken the following actions and accomplished the following work since the Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting:

- completed the legal transfer of the real property from Highlands Presbyterian Church, Inc. to the Presbytery of St. Augustine and handled details associated with that transfer such as binding insurance coverage, notifying the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP), changing utility service, etc.
- appointed Trustee Geoff Spiegel to coordinate painting, repairs and other work at the property
- had the property re-keyed, indoor hallways & classrooms painted, addressed open electrical issues, sorted through and disposed of old, disposed of unusable furniture & equipment
- entered into user agreements with the Gainesville Community Counseling Center (Larry Green, Director), Enduring Faith Ministries, and Days for Girls
- established a committee of the Trustees to engage in: (a) property management and maintenance; (b) negotiating use agreements and recommending them to the Trustees for approval; (c) working on the presbytery's visioning and goals for the Gainesville Ministry Center; and (d) determine what ministry groups might use the property consistent with the presbytery's vision and goals.
- Coordinated with insurance company on claim for prior storm damage and currently pursuing quotes for repair work; final decision on repair work to be made after multiple quotes obtained
- Toured the property and its facilities

Corporate Officers:

- Elected Becky Wolf to serve as Vice President of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, Inc., and nominates Cynthia Montgomery, the current President, to be elected by the presbytery to serve through the end of the 2020 Winter Stated Meeting of the presbytery.