



Consent Agenda for March 14, 2023
The Stated Clerk reports the following activities of
the Presbytery

The Commission on Ministry is pleased to report to the presbytery the following actions taken on November 30, 2023 via Google Meet.

Membership changes:

Approved the severance covenant for Rev. Jennifer Swier and approved her membership status as Member at Large effective January 1, 2024.

Approved Rev. Kyung Lee's change from installed pastor to retired clergy.

Appointments:

Appointed Rev. Ken Sikes and Rev. Mark McHugh to serve as COM representatives on the Discernment Team for Little Church on the Prairie.

Appointed Cynthia Stelle to work with Kathryn Castle and John Bosshart (from Leadership Council) to serve as a task force to work with churches who request financial assistance to meet the 2024 Presbytery minimum salary.

Requests:

Requested that the Leadership Council appoint a team to discern the impact of the Olympia Overture on congregations and to lead a conversation with the Presbytery about it.

Approved a motion to allow congregations in certain instances to hire a consultant / coach to do transitional work instead of relying on a transitional pastor. Rationale is Transitional Pastors are hard to find.

Approved motion from Longview session to increase Rev. Dave Emery from $\frac{3}{4}$ time to full time beginning January 1, 2024.

Approved reimbursement to Rev. Robyn Hogue for the cost of the luncheon with the early career clergy to be reimbursed by COM using funds for Support of Clergy.

The Commission on Ministry did not meet in December.

The Commission on Ministry is pleased to report to presbytery the following actions taken on January 24, 2024

Moved to add three members to COM Note * indicates leaders to be elected at the March 14th OlyPres meeting:

1. Rev. Tom Paine (Validated Ministry) *1st term, 2024*
2. Sheri Martin (RE Shepherd of the Hill) *1st term, 2024*
3. Jerry Katt (RE Lacey) *Partial term, 2024*
4. *Liz Hylton (RE Ocean Beach) *Partial term, 2024* (to be elected 3.14.2024)
5. Rev. Linda Flatley (Chapel by the Sea) *2nd term, 2025*
6. Fay Garrett (RE Bethany) *Partial term, 2025*
7. *Rev. Dave Emery (Validated Ministry) *Partial term, 2025* (to be elected 3.14.2024)
8. *Rev. Tammy Stampfli (Validated Ministry) *Partial term, 2025* (to be elected 3.14.2024)
9. Rev. Mark McHugh (Harrison Square) *2nd term, 2026*
10. Rev. Laura Nile Tuell (Lakewood) *1st term, 2026*
11. Rev. John Murphy (Mission Woods) *1st term, 2026*
12. Gary Jackson (RE Kelso) *1st term, 2026*

Cornerstone AC update was offered by Mark McHugh. Congregation was dissolved Dec 31st of 2023. Members are visiting area churches in Jan/Feb 2024 (Westminster Oly, United Churches, Lacey PC, and Shelton)

Little Church on the Prairie discernment update was offered by Mark McHugh. Mark and Ken Sikes along with 2 RE from the congregation are formulating a discernment process. Four Sundays of gatherings starting Feb 11, 18, and 25th. Advisory date set for March 3rd.

Approved a request from Harrison Square PC to covenant with Rev Mark McHugh to serve as temporary pastor with the following compensation:

\$65,000 housing allowance, \$13,852 cash salary, \$6,000 retirement savings plan 403(B), \$5,000 dependent care FSA, reimbursed expenses (paid monthly, and vouchered in accordance with IRS requirements): automobile and travel- \$500.00 per year(vouchered), continuing education- \$500.00 per year (vouchered), books and professional expenses- \$1000.00 per year (vouchered). Full participation in Minister's Choice Benefits from the Board of Pensions- 10% of total effective salary', paid vacation of one full week per quarter (cumulative), for a total of 4 weeks of vacation per year, study leave two weeks annually, one Sunday per quarter of the calendar year (or 4 Sundays Per Year), the Pastor may take a Sunday away from HSPC worship for rest and renewal. This benefit is in addition to Study leave and Vacation time. Sabbatical after 6 years of pastoral service at HSPC (eligible in March of 2025). The Pastor will be eligible for 3 months of paid sabbatical leave, to be taken in 7th year of service (before March 1 of 2026). The time is designed for the renewal of the Pastor and for the benefit of the Church. Motion carried.

Approved mentor TE appointments to encourage Commissioned Pastor learners in their academic pursuits. RE Liz Hylton (Ocean Beach) is mentored by Linda Flatley. John Chege (Umoja) is mentored by Ken Sikes.

Appointed Rev. Ken Sikes to work with CPM appointee Angela Chen Miksovsky to track learners' progress.

The Commission on Ministry is pleased to report to presbytery the following actions taken on Feb 28, 2024

Membership changes

Approved Tina Ostershouse for membership in Olympia Presbytery. Approved the Ordination Commission to be included in the 3.14.Meeting Packet. Approved the following Terms of Call: Housing Allowance and cash salary \$85,000, full medical/Pension dues to the PCUSA Board of Pensions \$33,150, SECA \$6,502, reimbursable expenses books \$500, mileage \$500, continuing education \$2,000, professional expenses \$2,000, initial moving \$7,000 max reimbursement, Sabbatical at 5 year mark of service (2029), vacation 4 weeks per year, study leave 2 weeks per year.

Approved Dexter Kearny moving from Member at Large to Validated Ministry with Underground Ministries, a partner organization with Olympia Presbytery.

Approved Riley Pickett moving from Member at Large to Validated Ministry with Puget Sound Hospice, to serve as a Chaplain.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) is pleased to report to presbytery the following reminder:

We have funds to support seminary student internships. If your church would like to host an intern, remember that our Presbytery has the Snow Mathes Fund. This fund was created in 1993 for the purpose of supporting seminary students to have internship experiences of up to one year in local congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Olympia.

Typically Mathes funds support students during their seminary years, but at the sole discretion of the CPM, awards may be made to persons for the period immediately prior to the commencement of their seminary studies, or immediately following completion of their seminary studies.

Mathes funds are awarded to churches rather than to interns. Please contact the CPM Moderator(s) at CPMModerator@olympres.org to obtain a Mathes Fund application. Mathes fund awards are outright grants, not loans, and there is no requirement or expectation of repayment. Mathes funds may not be used solely for the purpose of youth ministry interns. Special consideration will be given to churches with low annual budgets.

The Commission of Preparation for Ministry is pleased to report to Presbytery the following actions: CPM met on November 8, 2023.

- 1) CPM heard an update for each person under care;
- 2) CPM approved the Presbytery of Olympia Ministry Preparation document; and,

3) CPM appointed TE Angela Miksovsky as the CPM liaison to John Chege (who has entered the CLP process; Ken Sikes is the liaison on COM).

CPM met on January 10, 2024.

- 1) CPM checked in with those under care;
- 2) CPM will have co-moderators for this year (TE Johnson and TE Miksovsky)
- 3) CPM assigned liaisons to Inquirers and Candidates as people moved off the commission and onto the commission and we review the responsibilities liaisons have;
- 4) CPM remains in conversation with COM regarding CLP process.

CPM met on March 13, 2024.

- 1) CPM checked in with those under care;
- 2) CPM held annual consultations for Kyle Bradshaw (MOTION was made to continue Kyle as an Inquirer, SECONDED, discussion was held, VOTED, APPROVED); and for Tasha Leader (MOTION was made to continue Tasha Leader as an Inquirer. SECONDED. Discussion was held. VOTED. APPROVED.)

Hagar's Guide Team is pleased to report the following activities to Presbytery, October 9, 2023

- After last month's hard news, Pastor Deanna shared some wonderful updates:
 - 3 Sundays in a row means a great start to the fall series in the Book of Exodus
 - Tuesday afternoon Bible studies have begun
 - We are adding two new volunteers to our roster, and have had lots of visitors come worship at Hagar's this fall
- Hagar's website has been updated and is currently being hosted on the Oly Pres site
- Approval was made to increase Pastor Deanna's salary for 2024 to align with Presbytery expectations. A discussion began regarding new minimum-salary requirements for exempt employees.
- Approval of the 2024 budget led to conversation about the long-term financial stability of HCC. Several grants were discussed that are being explored.
- Can we have a Christmas party at Hagar's? Deanna will explore this possibility with the WCCW chaplain.
- We have several openings on the guide team for 2024. We'd love to include a formerly incarcerated person not still under supervision. A fundraising background, proximity to the WCCW, and/or denominational diversity would also be "nice to have." Anyone interested?

November 13, 2023

- Pastor Deanna shared that overall, Hagar CC worship services have been able to meet more consistently. Due to concerns of inadequate DOC staffing for holidays, Hagar CC will meet on Fridays on December 22 and 29, 2023. There will be no Bible Study on December 26, 2023.
- An Evangelist Grant request will be sent to the COM before their November 30th meeting.
- Goals for the Guide Team for 2024 include increasing the individual donor base, increasing Hagar CC's visibility and financial need, and enlisting new Guide Team members.

December 2023

- Advent Worship was focused on the A Sanctified Art resource, with the theme, "How Does A Weary World Rejoice."
 - Scheduling was hit and miss throughout the month, due to staffing issues and unforeseen circumstances at WCCW.
 - Bible Study continues to be offered weekly on Tuesdays.
- Giving Tuesday resulted in a bump in giving for HCC, some one-time gifts and some new monthly donors.
- Some of our new visitors have transitioned to being regular volunteers with HCC! We continue to encourage new folks to visit and consider becoming a volunteer.
- We give thanks for the blessing of Rev. Therin Fenner, who served faithfully on the guide team for several years, and wish her and her family well on their new adventures in Singapore!
- We continue to have openings on the guide team for 2024. We'd love to include a formerly incarcerated person not still under supervision. Someone with a fundraising background, proximity to the WCCW, and/or denominational diversity would also be "nice to have." Anyone interested?

Leadership Council is pleased to report the following activities to Presbytery

November 2, 2023

Opening Greeting and Prayer

- Opening prayer - Robin Crawford
- Land acknowledgement - John Bosshart
- Devotional - Kris Cournoyer
- Minutes from Finance meeting

- **MOTION: To recommend 2024 Sound View (*Salish Sea View Corporation*) Budget to Leadership Council.** Motion passed unanimously
- **MOTION: To recommend 2024 HCC Budget to Leadership Council.** Request to have side by side budgets in the future. Motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION: To close present credit cards with Commerce Bank and move to acquire business credit cards with Capital One using Shari Jackson Monson as guarantor.** Motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION: Any payment received from Umoja that is above what is expected in amortization schedule would be considered an investment that would be placed in an interest bearing or investment bearing account.** Motion passed unanimously.
- **MOTION: To move all Presbytery's portion (\$48,000) of the Raymond James funds to the Presbyter's Morgan-Stanley CD ladder immediately.** Motion to approve David Ammons; John Bosshart second. Motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes from Trustee meeting
 - **MOTION: The balance of Westminster's investments, approximately \$151,661, be removed from Raymond James and invested into the Presbytery's MS ladder certificate.** Motion passed unanimously.

Budget discussion

- Recommendation from EP | SC to hire part-time assistant for organizational tasks.
 - **MOTION: Pass recommendation to personnel committee to hire an administrative assistant at \$22.50, 12 hours weekly and balance the budget with reserve funds.** Motion passed unanimously.
 - **MOTION: Pass full Presbytery budget as amended.** Motion passed unanimously.

Robin Crawford left for a previously scheduled meeting. Kathryn Castle continued as moderator.

Sound View Administrative Committee Update - Pam Anderson, guest

Articles of Incorporation and bylaws are in progress for *Salish Sea View Corporation* as well as a contract to bring life to the adopted presbytery proposal. A stated meeting will probably be needed in December or January 2024 to finalize the agreement.

Requests to the Leadership Council from SVAC

1. Request LC to propose up to three Presbytery representatives for the new board.
2. Request that the Sound View Board and the LC (or a committee designated by it) coordinate the activities of the transition to a new Board and terminate current board.

3. Request coordination help from presbytery.
4. Request for permission to advertise for a director in the new year to be in place by the summer camping season.
 - **MOTION:** Allow SV to advertise for a director in the new year. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Seeking facilitator for January/February LC Trustees retreat** - two leads
- **Update on sale of Westminster Tacoma** one offer in hand, another is in the works.
- **PCUSA Grant Request Update** need more time to complete
- **Anti Racism resources** gathered helpful insights from the Polity conference. The OlyPres ARTF is looking into training resources to recommend to LC. Shari attending the meetings of this task force is not realistic currently.
- Following the October 24 ***Murder at the Mission*** book event Irv Porter expressed interest to Shari in doing something similar here. May set an event next year.

Next meeting: December 7

Agenda items include

Invite 2024 members of LC to join us for a meet and greet time, set presbytery meetings and gatherings dates for 2024, consider forming a Social Witness Task Force, saying goodbye to John Asher and ErrolLynne as their terms end.

Closing prayer - Kathryn Castle

December 7, 2023

Opening greeting and Prayer

- Opening Prayer - Robin Crawford
- Land acknowledgement David Ammons
- Note taker Kris Cournoyer
- Welcome newly elected members of 2024 Leadership Council
 - Aaron Stewart
 - Aya Clark
 - Irvin Porter
- Welcome Deanna Gemmer, Hagar's CC Pastor
- Meet and Greet

- Everyone at the meeting shared their current position and shared what “feeds their soul.
- The newly elected members were invited to stay for the meeting if they chose to, but were given a thank you and permission to leave if they needed.

Hagar’s Community Church Update

Deanna Gemmer shared that Hagar’s is still experiencing personnel issues at WWCC, but that it has gotten better and now only one out of four Sunday services have been canceled. The worship service on Sunday evenings is averaging 40 participants and they gather for about 2 1/2 hours. On Tuesdays, she has 2 bible study groups back-to-back. Each group has 8 participants. She extended an invitation to come and visit to see firsthand what goes on. Deanna requested help to recruit new members for the guide team. They meet once a month. She has a need for people who have experience in grant writing and fundraising. She ended her update by sharing her first experience sharing “prison cake” with some inmates and how it made her feel that they took the time, money, and effort to make the cake and share it with her.

Discuss Leadership Council meetings dates/time/location for 2024

- First Thursday of the month 9:30 am to 11:00 or 11:30 depending on need (no meeting in July). Meetings to take place via Zoom.
- In place of a regular meeting in February, LC plans to hold a joint retreat with the Trustees in February (date TBD) to focus on the collaborative mission and shared resources of OlyPres. This meeting will also be via Zoom.

Discuss dates and locations for 2024 Stated Presbytery meetings and gatherings

- Shall we have three or four stated meetings? Shari led this conversation. Discussed pros and cons of meeting times and how many. Discussed having only 3 meetings with one set up as training for church leadership. Shari is waiting for a report of statistics of Presbytery participation for days and time before making any final decisions. Below are her thoughts on possible dates and locations. Nothing has been decided or finalized.
 - Feb/March - in person, hosted by the Church of the Indian Fellowship, on a weekday evening most likely a Thursday 3-7pm including dinner.
 - May/June - in person, perhaps on the coast, hosted cooperatively by Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Chapel by the Sea, South Beach midday on a Saturday including lunch.
 - Sept - a stated meeting or training gathering(s) dates to be determined by a joint planning committee with COM and CPM for the purpose of equipping/training ruling elders and commissioned ruling elders (commissioned pastors) to serve congregations. In person, two locations, or online, to be determined by a planning committee.

- Nov - in person, hosted by Trinity, on a weeknight most likely a Tuesday or Thursday 3-7 pm including dinner. Come early for a conversation and tour of the Bryant Community Center.

Treasurer and Finance Report

Ron Marshall explained that the budget for 2023 was approved with the provision of using reserves to balance the budget. We are currently running at a deficient. He has not used reserves yet as he is waiting on per capita payments. Several churches are behind in their payments and Ron will have conversations with them. Currently, \$15,000 is due from churches who pay on time and have payment coming up; \$25,000 that is due he is trying to get answers if they intend to pay. Questions were asked about what to do with cash from down payment on the Westminster property.

- **MOTION: Use Stewardship funds to pay travel expenses of \$2408 for the Mid Council Financial Conference.** The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- **MOTION: Deposit Westminster down payment into 3-month CD's at Morgan Stanley Presbytery account.** The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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- **Sound View Requests**
 1. The Nominating committee is working on the request to propose three Presbytery representative Board members. They have found two and have a good prospect for the last one.
 2. Request that the Sound View Board and the LC (or a committee designated by it) coordinate the activities of the transition to a new Board.
 3. Update on outreach to the Squaxin Island tribe. Meeting with Ray Peters and Barlow Buescher. The Squaxin have a solid sense of what Presbytery is trying to do and they are on board.
- COM is concerned about the implications of the overture in the life of the presbytery and suggests that a series of conversations about this be hosted early in 2024 (like the Reset process that brought diverse perspectives together to address conflicting points of view and seek agreement on a way forward).
 - Suggest Sarah Moore-Nokes as facilitator.
- **MOTION: Commission Shari Jackson Munson to set up conversations about the overture's impact on congregations.** The motion passed by unanimous consent.
- Consider granting permission to COM to hold ordination exams and invite the Presbytery to attend, as requested by the churches or entities calling new pastors?
 - Doing so would streamline call processes and ease the burden of needing to call a special meeting for the purpose of an examination.

- In conversation with CPM and COM leadership about this possibility and looking for models from other presbyteries.
- Suggestion from COM that we have a gathering(s) for the purpose of equipping congregational leadership. COM suggests that LC make room for this in the schedule of OlyPres meetings for 2024. Considerations: early career pastors are requesting help with session leadership, churches in transition are requesting help thinking about their future.
 - Consider appointing a joint team of LC and COM to plan? Consider offering different tracks for topics such as training for new ruling elders, session moderators, clerks of session, parish associate-type roles, transitional pastors, in cooperation with CPM commissioned ruling elders/commissioned pastors.
 - Consider resources with the National Church for training.
- Brief update on Cornerstone AC for closure
 - John Bosshart gave an update. The AC has been meeting weekly. They have scheduled December 17, 2023, for the closing service, and December 31, 2023, for the close of business. The City of Olympia has expressed an interest in the 6.2-acre property for possibly a park, a storage facility for Parks and Recreation, and a police substation. The Cornerstone treasury has a balance of between \$65,000-\$68,000, \$38,000 will be used to pay Jennifer Swier for the next 6-months.
- Brief update from Personnel: resignation of Cherilyn Williams due to medical concerns. Personnel will be discussing the possibility of contracting with Belay for a virtual assistant. One of the benefits is that there would be no interruptions.

Looking ahead:

January 2024 LC meeting agenda items

Consider appointment of LC members to:

1. Liaison with Personnel (replacing John Asher's role)
2. Plan joint retreat with LC and Trustees and liaison about retreat outcomes—Jeff Bursch volunteered for this.
3. Support Overture 'reset' conversation
4. Liaison with COM to plan training gathering(s) for equipping ruling elders and CRE to serve our congregations
5. Liaison with Anti Racism Task Force
6. Liaison with Social Witness Task Force (if one is established)
7. Coordinate with SVC board support the activities of the transition to the new entity

Ongoing liaison roles:

8. Serve on the 'wages task force' with Cynthia Stelle and COM liaisons with congregations that find it difficult to meet new Presbytery minimum salary recommendations for pastors and church staff. John Bosshart and Kathryn Castle are serving here.

Gratitude for and a charge from ErrolLynn Marsh and John Asher

Closing Prayer

January 4, 2024

1. **Welcome** Greetings and Opening Prayer Aaron Stewart
Note taker John Bosshart
2. **Orientation** Shari Jackson Monson
3. Review Manual of Operations sections A, B, and C. An edits are suggested for:
 - a. Section C.3 to add “and charge” would become To nominate and Charge
 - b. Kathryn suggested changes to section 7 and will bring suggestions to the Feb LC meeting.
4. Mathew 25 growth
 - a. A video by PCUSA was viewed Matthew 25 Presbytery
 - b. What we do to support M25 COM and EP
 - i. Earth Care - Land back
 - ii. Irv Porter suggested a workshop to understand what we are **not** doing, to live into the Mathew 25 vision.
 - iii. Aaron Stewart discussed Airabon which his church has utilized. (Aaron- We need a sentence or two. Thank you)
5. Building Congregational Vitality
 - a. Pathways to Flourishing Presbytery a 1001 New Worshipping Communities initiative
 - i. January 24th Invitation to listen to what is happening in OlyPres, evening dinner in Tacoma (RSVP to Shari or Taeler)
 - ii. January 25th Meeting to strategize and plan with 1001 regional rep Shawn Kang, brunch at Fircrest PC, 10:30 am. (RSVP to Shari or Taeler)
6. Dismantling Structural Racism
 - a. Anti-racism Task Force, appointed June 2020
 - I. Land Acknowledgement ~ might we adopt an OlyPres land acknowledgement
If so, who is interested in working on this or might LC request that the Anti-racism task force work on it?
 - b. Hagar’s Community Church Guide Team
 - i. Presbytery has adopted Underground Ministries and their One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) as mission partners (July, 2023).
 - c. Eradicating Systemic Poverty
 - i. Might we establish a Social Witness Task Force?
 - ii. Might we partner with Retreat Home to offer temporary housing?
7. Resources for our work as LC were reviewed
 - a. Online Directory (Breeze), photos, etc. Shari gave a Breeze walk through.

- b. Olympia Presbytery Website, calendar (yellow marks LC events)
 - c. Google Drive and Documents
 - d. Periodic E-newsletters
 - e. Web Site
 - f. LC complimented Shari on how many tasks she is attending too!
8. Leadership Council meetings dates/time/location for 2024
- a. First Thursday of the month 9:30 am to 11:00 or 11:30 depending on need (no meeting in July)
 - b. In place of a regular meeting in Feb or March, LC will hold a joint retreat with the Trustees in February (date TBD) to focus on the collaborative mission and shared resources of OlyPres.
9. Ways to participate in the work of Leadership Council
- a. LC Liaison with Personnel, first Thursday of the month at 5 -6 pm online.
 - i. Chair of Personnel - Kathy Marshall
 - ii. LC liaison Kris Cournoyer volunteered! Thank you Kris!
 - b. LC and Trustees seasonal mini-retreats planning team
 - i. LC Moderator and Vice Moderator
 - ii. Trustees - Martha Greene
 - iii. Facilitator - Sarah Moore-Nokes
 - c. LC liaison to support Overture 'reset' conversations to take place at 2024 Presbytery meetings
 - iii. LC Jeff Bursch
 - iv. COM _____ (to be appointed at the COM mtg on Jan 26)
 - v. CPM Tad Monroe
 - vi. Facilitator - Sarah Moore-Nokes
 - c. Gathering(s) for equipping Ruling Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders to serve our congregations. Presbytery staff will help coordinate.
 - i. LC liaison _____
 - ii. CPM liaison is Jennifer Swier
 - iii. COM liaison _____ (to be appointed at the COM mtg on Jan 26)
 - d. LC Liaison with Anti Racism Task Force,
 - i. LC - Aya Clark and Irvin Porter
 - e. LC Liaison with Social Witness Task Force (if one is established)
 - i. LC coordinator _____
 - f. LC liaison with Sound View Camp board to help coordinate the transition to the new entity
 - i. Treasurer and SV AC member Ron Marshall and LC member David Ammons.
 - g. Ongoing liaison roles: Serve on the 'wages task force' with Cynthia Stelle and COM liaisons (listed in Breeze) with congregations that find it difficult to meet new Presbytery minimum salary recommendations for pastors and church staff. John Bosshart and Kathryn Castle are serving here.
10. Treasurer and Finance Report Ron Marshall yielded to Cynthia Stelle who reported:

- a. \$38,850 behind per capita plan for 2023. This is not unusual as many churches pay per capita/month or quarterly late.
- b. Presbytery support is \$5,678 behind for 2023 (15%)
- c. Presbytery Expenses are \$12,800 under budget or 5%
- d. Budget has a budget shortfall of \$47,500. The 2023 budget was planned to exceed income.
- e. Support for Westminster, Tacoma was \$121,558 from the Raymond James account in 2023.
- f. MOTION passed: The holders of the following elected positions within the Presbytery of Olympia are confirmed as the financial agents for the Presbytery of Olympia in all matters. Noted are the present holders of these offices:
 - i. Moderator: Robin Crawford
 - ii. Vice Moderator: Aaron Stewart
 - iii. Treasurer: Ronald Marshall
 - iv. Stated Clerk: Sharon Jackson Monson
- g. MOTION passed: To authorize Treasurer Ron Marshall to withdraw \$50,000 from the Presbytery's Morgan Stanley Preferred Savings account (110-024560-082) for cash flow.

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Shari Jackson Monson

11. Missional Leadership initiatives in 2024, building momentum and offering resources, events on January 24 and 25. Missional Cultivator, Taeler Morgan
12. Motion request: Longview PC sale of property to Sunrise Village, seeking authorization for Stated Clerk to sign closing documents, per Clerk of Session, Debbie Studebaker Passed.
13. Motion request: Lakewood PC, per Jim Hall (treasurer) requests that OlyPres cover the cost (\$340) of hosting Installation Service, Oct 29th in lieu of sending the offering (\$350) to CPM. Deferred to COM. Motion did not pass.
14. Sound View (SV) Requests
 - a. Nominating committee is working on the request to propose three Presbytery representative Board members.
 - b. Request that the SV Board and the LC (or a committee designated by it) coordinate the activities of the transition to a new Board.
 - c. Update on outreach to the Nisqually tribe. First meeting with tribal representatives and SV Board will be Jan 5, 2024
15. Update on Cornerstone AC for closure - John Bosshart
 - a. AC is going to interview three real estate brokers in January
 - b. AC will engage an appraiser. AC is working under the understanding that Presbytery is seeking the best possible price for two parcels.
 - c. Closing service was held on 12/19/23 and members and guests had a meaningful service.
 - d. Members have been invited to join other Olympia Area churches over the next month with specific invitation dates from each church.
 - e. Cornerstone's closure is not expected to impact the presbytery budget by requesting funds.

- f. Cornerstone has strong interest from
 - i. The City of Olympia Parks department thought that it may be able to develop a park on the property in the next 10-20 years. The Parks Department would like to have a maintenance facility in West Olympia and the Police department is interested in having a west precinct.
 - ii. Cornerstone School (which has nothing to do with Cornerstone Presbyterian Church USA.) Has expressed a strong interest. School has K-12 currently in at least two different rental or lease locations.

16. Looking ahead:

a. January 24 and 25 Pathways to Flourishing gatherings

b. Leadership Council meeting February 1st at 9:30 am

Agenda items: plans for March OlyPres meeting, review the LC section D.

c. LC and Trustee seasonal mini-retreats

Winter - online

Spring - location TBD

Summer - in conjunction with the June presbytery meeting

Fall - November (after the presbytery meeting)

d. 2024 Stated Presbytery meetings and gatherings

- i. **March 14** - possibly at Shelton PC (will know next week).
- ii. **June 1 or 8** - in person, hosted by Church of the Indian Fellowship and FPC Puyallup, or on the coast, hosted cooperatively by Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Chapel by the Sea, South Beach midday on a Saturday including lunch.
- iii. **September** - training gathering(s) dates location(s) to be determined
- iv. **Oct 29th - in person, hosted by Trinity, 3-7 pm** including dinner. Come early for a conversation and tour of the Bryant Community Center.

17. Closing Prayer - Robin Crawford.

February 1, 2024 via Zoom

Leadership welcomed Kristina Morse, new virtual assistant, highlighting some of the important work facing us and OlyPres this year

Shari led a brief review of the ministry of Leadership Council as outlined in the Manual of Operations, section D

Brief Treasurer and Finance Report - Ron noted accomplishing closing out 2023 books with Cynthia Stelle, Finance Coordinator

EP | SC Report highlights - Shari Jackson Monson

- With Glen Ferguson, held an online training for Clerks of Session on the PCUSA annual 2023 Statistical Report and implementation of 2023 Digital Minutes Review. Next training: Mar 21, 2024.
- Westminster Tacoma property closes today, ending a long process
- COM finding ways to support members at large, validated ministers, and retirees
- Noted the variety of member ministers in OlyPres
- Ongoing support of PNCs
- Hagar's ongoing difficulty with women's access to worship

Approved Shari Jackson Monson's participation in a design sprint with Rooted Good to customize resources for use in the PCUSA, in Indianapolis, March 7-9.

Approved Shari Jackson Monson & Kathy Marshall's participation in Denver April 23-24 Board of Pensions consultation for *Season of Rebuilding*.

Approved vacation for Shari Jackson Monson, Feb 4-10 and June 12-22

Approve \$5,000 Seed Grant request from Lakewood to fund a feasibility study.

Planning LC and Trustee seasonal mini-retreats (Spring - TBD, Summer - in conjunction with June presbytery meeting, Fall - November after presbytery, Winter 2025 - TBD)

Approved the following 2024 Stated Presbytery meetings and gatherings

- March 14 - Shelton PC, 2-7 pm with dinner. Registration begins Feb 27.
- June 1 - in person, hosted by Church of the Indian Fellowship and FPC Puyallup, with workshops
- September - training gathering(s) dates location(s) to be determined
- Oct 29th - in person, hosted by Trinity, 2-7 pm including dinner and an early conversation and tour of the Bryant Community Center.

Update on 501(c)3 formation - the AC is working with an attorney, soon to file articles of incorporation and IRS non-profit tax status. Initial board of nine members representing OlyPres, camp, and ecumenical community, with indigenous tribe members soon to join. There seems to be significant engagement and interest of tribal leaders for the work ahead.