

Presbytery of Wabash Valley

Wednesday Mail

August 25, 2010

By Stated Clerk Linda L. Long

Council Summary:

- Reviewed task force revisions of Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Standing Rules, discussed several points, and approved for first reading at Assembly next month. Draft documents will be available on [www.ourpresbytery.org](http://www.ourpresbytery.org) in a week or so for your review.
- Approved Rev. Tom Smith, pastor of Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, to serve communion on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the annual Wee Kirk Conference in Angola, October 5-7, 2010.
- Heard enthusiastic reports from participants in the Generosity Pilot Project stewardship meetings and the value of the self-insight processes taught by Rev. Bill Enright of the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving.
- Received report from General Presbyter Search team concerning its recommended candidate from among the five strong candidates they brought in for face-to-face interviews. Following an interview with COM on September 2<sup>nd</sup> as a potential incoming minister member of Presbytery, the candidate will be announced to Presbytery and introduced to the Assembly in September.
- Considered analysis of restricted and unrestricted funds prepared by Financial Consultant Eric Herzog, and the monthly financial reports through July.
- Approved recommendation from AMT that some small real estate transactions proceed.
- Approved Presbytery Operating Budget and Basic Mission Budget for 2011 for first reading at the September Assembly.
- Affirmed current position description for Stated Clerk.
- Revised the meeting calendar for 2011. Note particularly next year's September Assembly overnight retreat at Geneva Center moved to September 16-17, 2011. Website calendar has been updated.
- Discussed principles for prioritizing use of Geneva Center, considering its dual commitments as venue for the Presbytery and its work, and as a conference center intended to be financially self-supporting through increased usage of meals and overnight hospitality services. Conversations will continue.
- Approved numerous recommendations of Committee on Ministry from its meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> that lacked a quorum.

Our **Assembly Retreat September 17-18 at Geneva Center** has a full docket. Besides anticipating our guest speaker, **Rev. Paul Hooker** from the Presbytery of St. Augustine, who will lead sessions on the Form of Government (nFOG) proposed by the 219th General Assembly, we will **meet our General Presbyter candidate**, conduct some **key elections**, review **budgets** and our own **revisions to our governing documents**, and examine **Jody Noble for ordination** to a call to Immanuel-Schererville. Registration for minister members and elder commissioners will begin September 1.