

Present: Rev. Ryan Pixton Moderator, Rev. Jan Chandler, Elder Tim Beattie, Elder Marian Pierson, Rev. David Jones and Rev. Jim Camp, Elder Sandi Graber, and Elder Ron Barkby

Excused: Rev. Susan Presley

The Rev. Ryan Pixton opened the meeting in prayer.

The committee met for a special meeting on Thursday January 5th at Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva, IL at 10:00 AM.

- We opened our time by catching up and discussing the agenda for today.
- Rev. Jan Chandler opened our time with Jack Berghorst in prayer. We spent time introducing ourselves to Jack and then Jack introduced himself to us. Jack shared with us his backstory and his history. We asked questions about his calling and about his application. After hearing about Jack, we as a committee looked at the requirements of the CRE process and set forth a plan with Jack as to what requirements would be necessary for him in the CRE process given his previous education and experience. We are going to have Jack take a polity exam, a psych evaluation and write a statement of faith. We approved his enrollment in the CRE process. Jack agreed to these requirements and was glad to meet with us. Rev. David Jones is assigned to be his liaison and David closed our time with prayer.
- Rev. Ryan Pixton opened our time in prayer and we introduced ourselves to Kathy Linn. She introduced herself to us and we asked her questions about her application. We asked her questions about her history, strengths and calling. She shared she has felt a calling for many years. We spoke about growth areas and suggested goals for growth in the areas of education, spiritual development, interpersonal relations, personal growth, and professional development. We agreed that Kathy should become inquirer. We talked about timing and a path that seems to work for her because she has completed her education already. Rev. Jim Camp agreed to be her liaison and Jim then closed our time with Kathy in prayer.
- Elder Sandi Graber opened our time in prayer. We introduced ourselves to Jerald D. (JD) Buchenau and then gave him a chance to meet with us. JD spoke about what was calling him to seek being a CRE as he shared his history and how the church has played a big part along the way. JD talked about how faith has brought him through life and been something that has kept him grounded. We went over the process that he was entering and asked what questions he had. We then assigned Elder Marian Pierson as his liaison and made 3 recommendations to JD as he moved forward. Find a mentor he can learn from, take the psych evaluation and if possible take 2 classes or summer classes to not have the process take too long. After discussing these Marian closed our time in prayer.
- At the end of the meeting we went over some housekeeping items. We approved Frank Shepherd Jr to stay at his current location for SPM. We talked about a possible upcoming Teaching elder inquirer who would be coming from the RCA. Then we discussed our matrix of people under care of Blackhawk Presbytery and gave some updates on them.
- Rev. Ryan Pixton closed the meeting in prayer

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for Friday May 5th 2017, at Westminster DeKalb, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Ryan Pixton, Moderator CPM Presbytery of Blackhawk

Action Items for Presbytery:

- Approve Kathy Linn to start the inquirer process.