

Presbytery Council & Corporation Trustees
September 12, 2017 Presbytery Assembly Meeting

On August 22nd the Presbytery Council met and also elected officials for the Corporation Trustees. This group serves both as the Council of the Presbytery and also the Trustees of the Corporation of Blackhawk Presbytery.

Unofficial notes of the meeting are as follows:

CORPORATE TRUSTEES MEETING:

Election of Trustees Officers:

Mike Selburg: President; Matt Robinson: Vice President; Laurie Walker: Secretary; Frank Finch: Treasurer.

Belvidere Property

Bob Kopp reported on the Belvidere request to sell property. **Motion passed for Belvidere to sell their manse for \$140,000 with proceeds to go to various mission projects and a tithe to go to Presbytery.**

Auditors

Motion passed to have the auditors come to the next Council meeting to give their report and answer questions. Copies of the audit will also be available upon request.

Washburn deed

Jim Keely reported concerning the Washburn deed. Presbytery will soon own the home as a rental property and asked if we want Vicki Beschorner to manage the property until it is sold. She keeps track of bills, pays them, and collects the rent. We pay her husband \$20 an hour to mow the yard and to do maintenance. John Rickard reported that the church was closed 2 ½ years ago. Jim has helped change the title to Blackhawk. The rent has thus far been enough to pay the taxes and water bill. We have no plans to re-open the church so we should sell it when we have the final deed. Jim Keely has changed from the role of trustee to attorney so he will not make a motion. **Motion passed to authorize Jim Keely to find a manger for the property.** Jim Keely will continue to work to change the deed to include the Blackhawk Foundation so that the property may be sold.

Lake Thunderbird

John Rickard reported that 2003 this property was given to Blackhawk and Blackhawk has since paid taxes and association fees totaling \$6,418.03 this property which has a fair market value of \$5,050. The property is not buildable because it has a ravine running through the middle of it. John suggested that the property be abandoned. **Motion passed that Blackhawk “quit claim back” the property in the spirit of gifting the property back to the association.**

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL MEETING

Updates from moderators were shared.

Bill Ward presented the 2018 Presbytery budget. The council made amendments. **Motion passed to approve the budget as presented and amended.** First reading of the budget will be at our September meeting and approval will be sought in November.

Future Council/ Trustees meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on September 26, October 24, (Nov. no meeting), December 12.

Review of Vision Statement and Values of Blackhawk Presbytery.

We also discussed the timeline for changing the vision statement and agreed that the November Presbytery meeting would be a good time to gain input from the Presbytery Assembly.

September Council Meeting Agenda

- Discuss mission statement again
- Decide how to get the feedback of the Presbytery Assembly
- Maintain in 'parking lot' that we need to talk pragmatically about how we help churches survive. Suggestion that we also seek input from church sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg

Moderator: Presbytery Council/ Corporation Trustees