

Great Lakes–Gulf Presbytery Ad Interim Commission Minutes
September 4, 2023

The Ad Interim Commission of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery met by video conference call.

Those present included Shawn Anderson (moderator, Sycamore RPC-Kokomo, IN), G. Scott Damerow (SW Ohio RPC), Aaron Hartzler (clerk, RPC of Lafayette, IN), Jerry Porter (Southside RPC, Indianapolis, IN) and Alejandro Ramirez (Orlando RPC, Orlando, FL).

Shawn Anderson opened the meeting and constituted the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, King and Head of the Church, at 7:10 pm.

Agenda Item 29: Appoint a Clerk Pro Tem for the July 31, 2023, AIC meeting.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to appoint G. Scott Damerow as the AIC Clerk Pro Tem for the July 31, 2023, AIC meeting. Scott will sign the AIC Minutes of July 31, 2023.

Agenda Item 30: Officially designate the time and place for the one-day Fall GLG Presbytery meeting.

Action Taken: By common consent the Fall GLG Presbytery meeting will be held on Friday October 6, 2023, at the Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church (300 E. Mulberry St., Kokomo, IN 46901). The business of this meeting is to hear the complaint and appeal of Mr. Ben Manning and complaint of Mr. Gary Allison, pending reception of appeals by September 5, 2023.

The court will also take up the transfer of credentials of Mr. Colin Samul and receive under care as a theological student, Mr. Nathan Shaver. The Hetherton RP Church Committee may also have a report to give. The CYP board requests for officers will come before the court for approval.

Agenda Item 31: (*Communication from assistant clerk, Nathan Eshelman*) Request to cover Mr. Colin Samul's travel expenses to Presbytery (October 6, 2023).

Action Taken: By common consent, Mr. Samul's travel expenses will be covered according to the present Presbytery GLG reimbursement policy.

Agenda Item 32: (*From Jake Schwartz and Steve Rhoda, June 29, 2023*) The remaining elders from First RPC (Grand Rapids) session sent a letter to the AIC with requests for Presbytery's approval for the disbursement of remaining funds by the RPCNA Trustees of Synod.

Action Taken: By common consent, the AIC, on behalf of the GLG Presbytery approves the recommendations for the disbursement of the First RPC (Grand Rapids) remaining funds. The AIC will communicate this to the RPCNA Trustees of Synod.

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Agenda Item 33: *(From GLG Clerk, Adam Kuehner, July 31, 2023)* request to transfer Tara Wykstra, former communicant member in good standing of First RPC of Grand Rapids, from the membership roll of the GLGP to Bethany URC in Wyoming, MI, at her request.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to transfer Tara Wykstra from the membership roll of the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery to Bethany URC (5401 Byron Center Ave., Wyoming, MI 49519).

Agenda Item 34: Finalize a procedure to recommend at our Fall October 6 meeting for dealing with appeals.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the “AIC Recommendations for a GLG Presbytery Appeals Process on October 6, 2023”. Jerry Porter recused himself from the vote.

Agenda Item 35: Appoint advisors for appellants, Mr. Manring, and Mr. Allison.

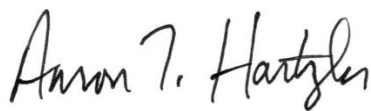
Action Taken: By common consent on August 11, 2023, the following advisors were appointed and contacted along with their respective appellants:

Mr. Gary Allison – Mr. Ross Fearing

Mr. Ben Manring – Mr. Nathan Eshelman

These minutes of September 4, 2023, were read and approved by common consent.

Aaron Hartzler prayed for the Church and adjourned the court in prayer in the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, Head and King of the Church at 8:30 pm.



Aaron Hartzler,
Clerk of the Ad Interim Commission



Shawn Anderson,
Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission