

Vision Team  
DRAFT minutes 1/24/2023

#### Attendance

#### Guests

RE Judy Tharaud  
TE Eileen Lindner  
RE Joan Van Pelt

#### Members

TE Bill Schramm  
TE Denise Kennedy  
CRE Doris Peterson  
CRE Kirk Woodward  
RE Debbie Murphy  
RE Gayle Griffin  
RE Skip Winder  
TE Jeremy Campbell  
TE Steve Huston  
RE Linwood Bagby  
TE Wanda Lundy

The Vision Team met for its regular January meeting on Tuesday January 24th 2023 at 4PM via Zoom. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Steve Huston.

The **order of the day** was to hear from the **Finance Task Force** to thank them for their hard and through work, and to listen to any concerns which were remaining to insure that nothing gets lost in the transition to the new Finance Team which has begun its work. The **vision team expressed their gratitude** to the Finance Task Force and heard concerns including the need for better communication both internally and externally as we go forward, both between groups of the presbytery as well as between the presbytery and churches, particularly in per capita and mission giving interpretation. Everyone agrees that task of integrating the three former presbyteries financially was much larger than was initially anticipated.

Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk provided an **update on the sale of the former Central Newark** property. This sale is currently the subject of litigation. It remains likely that the sale will be completed in calendar 2023 though closing will be delayed.

Next the Vision team considered the request of the **Institute of Music for Children** that Rev. Ron Thompson be elected as the presbytery's representative to the Institute board. It was clarified that because the institute was founded by a former church of Elizabeth Presbytery, and because of property revision clauses, when the church closed it was set up that the presbytery trustees would have the privilege of sending a board member. It was moved seconded and **VOTED to send Rev. Thompson as our designee board member.**

It was recommended that **Finance Manager RE Liz Hutchinson be our board of pensions employer representative.** This person is the person responsible for completing salary information etc. which must be entered annually. Liz who also serves Highlands Presbytery in a similar capacity has been their employer rep for many year, and our current employer rep Linwood Bagby found that he would need to call Liz to get the information needed to enter information so he supports this plan. It was **VOTED** both designate Liz employer rep and to add this responsibility to her job description.

Lastly there was discussion of the Budget request of the Vision Team in light of the 6% draw limit requested during the Budget meeting. The vision team discussed what could realistically be accomplished during this budget year and focus on key priorities of relationship building It was moved seconded and VOTED to revise the budget request to \$29,500 for 2023.

There was discussion of doing a doodle poll to make sure the Vision Team meets when the most members are able to be present.

The meeting was **adjourned with Prayer** at 4:14.

Attest

Jeremy Campbell  
Stated Clerk/ Corporate Secretary