

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Geneva
May 3, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.
Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake

Members Present **(23)**: Rev. Dr. Betsey Crimmins, Rev. Dr. Joelle S. Davis, Rev. Jeff Falter, Rev. Dr. Nancy J. Farrell, Rev. Janice Fitzgerald, Rev. Jim Gerling, Rev. Gail Heimberger, Rev. Tim Johnson, Rev. Beverly Karr-Lyon, Rev. Jim Kerr, Rev. Jon Knight, Rev. Tom Montgomery, Rev. Cheryl Peeples, Rev. Bob Rochelle, Rev. Marjory Roth, Rev. Russ Roth, Rev. Anne Waasdorp, Rev. Christy Wareham, Rev. Jane Winters, Rev. Jim Yao, Rev. Nancy Meehan Yao, Elder Priscilla Andrews, Elder Dick Schied

Elder Commissioners Present **(18)**: John T. Jones (Bath), Jane Hansen (Bellona), Dee Anderson (Dundee), Robert Semler (Elmira, Lake Street), William Randolph (Fairville), Ed Frick (Geneva), John Weldeman (Hammondsport), Lois Wafler (Huron), Kris Ward (Junius), Paul Salisbury (Newark), Philip Opdycke (Palmyra), Sue Goodrich (Penn Yan), Chuck Hathaway (Rock Stream), Linda C. Kataskas (Shortsville), Jim Hopkins (Sodus), Barbara Melvin (Trumansburg), Karen E. Rhodes (Watkins Glen), Carol Merrell (Wolcott)

Voting Commissioners **(3)**: Robert Bell (Moderator), John Domm (Chair of Nominations), Graham Wightman (GA Commissioner)

Guests Present **(non-voting)**: Penny Randolph (Fairville), Don Hansen (Bellona), Gary Montgomery (Penn Yan), Alan Schenck (Geneva), Marj Aude (Geneva)

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 3:36 p.m. by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Bob Bell. A quorum was declared.

Amanda Grover, of Amanda Grover Real Estate, was introduced to explain the situation in regards to the East Leach Road Property. Amanda Grover explained that a purchase offer from another buyer was presented and accepted on the property. She also explained why we are having the meeting today anyway. This will allow us to put in a back-up offer.

The property has 166 feet of flat, level beachfront. The property is over 3,000 square feet and is relatively new construction. It sits on 1.3 acres. It is a year-round facility. It is on a year-round, town-maintained road. The location is perfect to be able to add to our current camp property.

Rhonda Everdyke, Communications Director, was introduced to present a virtual tour. Rhonda explained how this project would expand our mission and vision of the presbytery and how it would allow local congregations to engage in expanding their own mission. She also explained how this vision might be applied to another project or property.

Rev. Jim Yao, Treasurer, was introduced to explain the financial information. He showed the cost projections for the first six months, as well as the first full year. Jim also explained how this could help our local churches as an investment.

The floor was opened for questions and answers. Following the conversation, the number of voting members was clarified.

It was moved and seconded to vote, "Shall the Presbytery of Geneva authorize the Rev. Dr. Joelle S. Davis, acting as the Stated Clerk, to prepare a purchase offer for the property located at 169 East Leach Road, not to exceed \$695,000?" The vote was taken by ballot. Elder John Domm and the Rev. Gail Heimberger were appointed as tellers. The motion failed by a vote of 8 for and 35 against.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 5:05 p.m. by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joelle S. Davis
Executive Presbyter/ Stated Clerk