

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference
Minutes for Fall Meeting, November 12, 2023
@ St. Paul's UCC, Amityville & via Zoom

The Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Fall Meeting was held on November 12, 2023, at St. Paul's UCC in Amityville, Pennsylvania.

Opening Worship began at 3:00 pm and was led by Rev. Steven Simpson and Organist, Mrs. Martha Sitler.

Following worship, Mr. Charles Kuthuru, Conference Moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the Conference Minister, Rev. William P. Worley. Rev. Worley introduced the pastor of St. Paul's UCC, Rev. Simpson and thanked St. Paul's for their hospitality. Rev. Worley introduced Mr. Jayaker Daniel Erpula, President of YMCAs of Greater Hyderabad, as well as the members of the Tech Team, Consistory Officers, Consistory Members, and Conference Staff.

Mr. Kuthuru introduced and welcomed the Dean of the Church & Ministry Council, Rev. Suzanne Spaulding. Following her introduction, the Moderators of the five PSEC Associations were introduced by Mr. Kuthuru.

The business session was called to order at 3:41 pm by Moderator, Mr. Kuthuru.

1. Acceptance of the Agenda
2. Acceptance of the Standing Rules
3. Adoption of the 2023 Annual Spring Meeting Minutes
4. Appointment – Rev. Melissa Burkhart, Vice Moderator, as Credentials Chair.

The above reports were made as one motion by Rev. Suzanne Schwarz-Green and seconded by Peg Schwarz-Green. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

5. Credentials Report – Motion to accept the Credentials Report made by Rev. Ann Few and seconded by Rev. Anne Cormier. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
6. Elections – the following appointed members are being elected to the Church and Ministry Council: Cora Shenk (Schuylkill Association). This motion to approve is made by the Church and Ministry Council and is seconded by Rev. David Heckler. There was no discussion. The motion carried. Cora Shenk was elected.
7. 2023 Endowment – This motion to approve is made by the Budget and Finance Committee and is seconded by Rev. John Folk. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
8. 2023 Treasurer's Report – Rev. Bob Fogal, Treasurer, gave the 2023 Financial Report. OCWM giving is approximately \$52,000 under budget and the overall variance from budget is a deficit of \$68,137. This motion to approve is made by the Budget and Finance Committee and is seconded by Joanne Cooper. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
9. Generosity Mission Team – Rev. Bill Worley gave this presentation. The presentation

included facts about congregations' OCWM contributions and expressing gratitude for all who contributed. The goals of the Generosity Mission Team are to have every congregation participate, keep invested funds invested, connect congregations to resources, and help tell the OCWM story.

10. 2024 Spending Plan – Rev. Bob Fogal, Treasurer, presented the 2024 Spending Plan. The Spending Plan proposing a \$79,174 deficit which would be covered by money in savings. He responded to the few questions that were asked. There was a question about how the Keystone Conference has and will play a role in this and future spending plans. It was indicated that if the vote to move forward with the Keystone Conference is passed, finances among the conferences will begin to merge in 2025 and if it does not pass, major adjustments such as reduction in staff will need to occur in order to avoid a deficit spending plan in 2025. This motion to approve is made by the Budget and Finance Committee and is seconded by Debbie Greenwald. The motion carried.
11. Report from the Keystone Study Group – Rev. Bill Worley gave a presentation on the work of the Keystone Study Group. He responded to the questions that were asked. Rev. Worley offered a blessing as discussion ran over the 5:00 pm adjournment time. The Q&A session continued.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Suzanne Schwarz-Green and seconded by Peg Schwarz-Green. The motion carried.

Rev. Cean James closed the meeting with prayer. The day ended at 5:23 pm.