At 9:35 a.m., Moderator Randall Gill called the meeting to order. Rev. Diane Shoaf led the Presbytery in prayer of thanks for the beauty of the world, our lives, and our lives together. We are thankful to have been called to this work for which we ask God’s blessings, presence, guidance, wisdom, mercy, compassion and truth in Christ’s Name. Moderator Gill reminded everyone that when speaking to the body it is necessary to come to a microphone and identify themselves. Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced by their pastors and welcomed.

The following Corresponding Members were introduced and seated by the Presbytery: Rev. Bruce Chapman, Florida Presbytery, FSU Campus Minister; Emmie Brown, DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach) Miami; Nathan McConnell, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland, Adjunct Professor Palm Beach Atlantic University who will be serving as Student Pastor for Lakeside Presbyterian Church for the next three months; Steven DeVane, CEO Duvall Home; Rev. Jennifer Young-Thompson Teaching Elder-elect for First Port St. Lucie; Dr. Sam Rutland, Honorably Retired, introduced his wife Mimi.

**MSA:** To enroll Corresponding Members.

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ELDER MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE: Elizabeth Torres, George Knapp, Randy Shine, Arlene Van Kirk, Michelle Ready

OTHER MEMBERS WITH PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Shari Lowe, Nancy Fine, Barbara Prieto, Barbara Yatrousis

ATTENDANCE TOTALS: Ministers: 54, Commissioners: 55, Elders by Virtue of Office: 5; Total: 114 (eligible votes). Registered guests: 4

Interim Stated Clerk, Dr. Albert (Skip) Bush, declared a quorum to be present.

MSA: That the docket be adopted (Addendum A).

GREETINGS

Rev. Bruce Chapman brought greetings from FSU in Tallahassee. He introduced Don, a student in the class of 2016, who is from Winter Park, FL. They both will be available throughout the day for conversation and questions. When Rev. Chapman was here last, he had the opportunity to meet with some of the Presbytery’s youth leaders. He asked the pastors and congregations to communicate information regarding their students going off to college to campus ministry. When in Tallahassee, please visit Westminster House and also Calvin’s for a great cup of coffee.

Host Pastor Noe Juarez welcomed the Presbytery to Sunset Presbyterian Church in English, Spanish and Chinese (apologized for not knowing Korean). Members of the second (Hispanic) service are preparing lunch today. Rev. Juarez had submitted a current overview of Sunset Church which was included in the packet (Addendum B). The Moderator praised the work being accomplished at Sunset.

Rev. Steven DeVane brought greetings from Duvall Home which provides residential care and day training programs for adults with developmental disabilities. Rev. DeVane is the new CEO as of January this year. He and his wife, Lisa, were introduced. A short video was shown – the story of resident, Kristen – which showcased the miraculous results proper care can bring. He
thanked the Presbytery and all who remember Duvall Home with their gifts. If anyone wishes to learn more, please check the website (duvallhome.org). Those who might be traveling through Deland were invited to visit.

CORAL GABLES FUND

Elder George Knapp presented the proposed policy for second reading. The rationale for the change appears as Addendum C.

Elder Maxine Long spoke regarding the historical prospective of the original policy of the church. The members (she was one) felt that rather than wait for everyone to pass away that the Presbytery use these funds as stipulated. No grant money was to be used for salaries or administrative purposes; it should be for mission outreach and growth. Geographic limitations were made due to the location of the church but also because that area had the greatest concentration of population and the greatest potential area for growth. Elder Long said that given the change in the make-up of the Presbytery now it might be appropriate to eliminate the geographic limitation, however she would like it to remain.

Following further discussion and clarification, the Interim Stated Clerk suggested the following enabling motion:

**MSA:** Passage of the Coral Gables Fund Policy supersedes and sets aside all other Coral Gables Fund Policies and Procedures adopted previously by the Presbytery.

**MOTION:** To receive and adopt the Coral Gables Fund Policy on Second Reading.

**MOTION ADOPTED.**

THE CORAL GABLES FUND POLICY

Adopted June 1, 2013

1. **Background**
   This document evolved from The Coral Gables Fund Committee Report Adopted September 26, 2006

2. **Guiding Principles**
   a. **Purpose:** The Coral Gables Fund was intended as a permanent fund representing the good and faithful stewardship of the FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CORAL GABLES. Now and in the future, the fund is to be devoted to the faithful service of the mission and ministry of the Church, by providing funds for grants approved by the Presbytery.
   b. **Integrity of Principal:** It is the goal that the value of the corpus of this Fund shall remain at equal or greater value than at the time this fund was established ($4,089,547.80 on June 30, 1998) plus an amount equal to the annual rate of inflation.

3. **Operating Policies**
   a. The Coral Gables Fund Committee will consist of two (2) members from each of the regions of the Presbytery, nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the Presbytery. One member shall be designated Chairperson by Presbytery each year. The Committee's duty will be to administer the Grant Fund in accordance with the policies set by the Presbytery.
b. To the extent that is possible or practical the Nominating Committee should nominate Elders, Ministers or members who have a background in business, finance or investments, accounting or law.

c. The term of committee members shall be three years, subject to one renewal term.

d. The members of the Committee will elect each year a Vice-Chairperson who will act as Chairperson in his/her absence.

e. The Committee will have its own set of books, which will be kept in accordance with the principles of accounting. With the exception of item 4 b, the Presbytery’s accounting department will maintain the books and records of the Committee at no cost to the Committee subject to the instructions of the Committee.

f. The Committee may, at its discretion and cost, employ an independent accountant for audit purposes.

g. The Coral Gables Fund is large enough to be managed by a money manager rather than invested in mutual funds. The Committee may interview investment consultants and select one to invest the funds and manage the investment portfolio to meet the investment goals of the Fund. The selection should be based upon the consultant’s past investment record and whether his/her proposed investment strategies best meet the goals of the Fund.

h. The investment goal of the Fund is to obtain the highest total return consistent with preservation of the principal.

i. Those authorized to sign on behalf of the committee will be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Treasurer of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida. Each may sign individually.

4. Financial Policies

a. As of September 30 each year, the committee shall determine the running average value of the Fund over the prior 20 quarters and may designate a percentage of that value available for Grants for the ensuing year up to a maximum of five percent (5%). The Committee shall advise the Financial Resources Committee of that amount by October 15th.

b. One-half of a point (1/2%) of interest paid for existing Coral Gables Fund Loans will be paid to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida to defer administrative costs associated with managing those loans until all existing loans are paid off.

5. Funding of Grants

a. The Financial Resources Committee, or other committee(s) selected by the Presbytery, will be responsible for selecting the grants to be funded by the funds provided in Section 4 a. Such grants will be based on merit using the following criteria.

i. Grant applications must be consistent with “The Great Ends of the Church” as stated in the Book of Order.

ii. Grants will be provided based on the financial need of the church.

iii. Any church requesting renewal of a grant will have the grant reviewed by FRC to insure that the goals contained in the grant proposal are being met.

b. No amounts greater than 10% of the grant amount may be withheld from any grant for a mission commitment to the PTF’s mission budget or for any other payment to, or on behalf of, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida.

6. Miscellany
a. In line with Presbytery auditing rules a financial review shall be conducted annually. A full audit and compliance audit by an independent accountant shall be conducted every five years. Review and audit reports will be made to the Presbytery at a regularly stated Presbytery meeting.

b. Quorum for the Committee shall be 1/2 of its elected members.

c. No Elder or Minister or member from the same region shall be in the same class.

d. Persons filling an unexpired term will be eligible to continue on the committee for a full three year term but shall not serve more than five (5) consecutive years without a one year absence.

e. The Committee cannot be dissolved by Presbytery except on a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote after two consecutive readings with specific prior notice. The notice must also be published in the Presbytery Packet.

f. Amendments to these principles and guidelines shall be by two-thirds (2/3) majority of Presbytery after a first and second reading or thirty (30) day prior written notice of the wording of the amendment(s). The wording of the amendment shall also be published in the Presbytery Packet.

Chair Knapp was thanked for his work on this report by the Moderator and the Clerk. The Presbytery conveyed its appreciation as well through applause.

INTERIM STATED CLERK

1. **Minutes and Records Review.** The second of four opportunities to review Session Minute and Record Books was held at Second Presbyterian Church on February 26, 2013 immediately following the Stated Meeting of Presbytery. We are reviewing 2011 and 2012.

   The following Sessions were reviewed:

   **Approved Without Exception**
   - Community Presbyterian Church, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea
   - Community Presbyterian Church, Clewiston
   - First Presbyterian Church, Boynton Beach
   - First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach
   - First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach
   - Peace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Key West

   **Approved With Exception**
   - Calvary Presbyterian Church, Coconut Creek
   - First Presbyterian Church, Lake Worth
   - Goodwill Presbyterian Church, Ft. Pierce
   - Second Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale

   On April 20th, the following Sessions were reviewed at Myrtle Grove Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m.

   **Approved Without Exception**
   - Ascension Peace Presbyterian Church, Lauderhill
   - Friendship Presbyterian Church, Hialeah— 2011, 2012
   - Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Miami
   - Korean Presbyterian Church Miami, Cooper City
   - Palm Beach Korean Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach,
   - New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Miami – 2011
Following this meeting the final review of session records will be held. Dr. Bush gave directions to the conference room past the pastor’s office where the review will be held following adjournment.

2. **Year-end Reports.** The following churches did not submit year-end reports for 2012 as indicated:

   - **General Assembly Annual Statistical Report and Clerk’s Annual Questionnaire**
     - First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale
     - Grace Presbyterian Church, Lantana
     - Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Miami
     - New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Miami
     - New Life Presbyterian Church, Miami
     - Pan-Americana Presbyterian Church, Miami
     - Sunrise Presbyterian Church, Miami

   - **General Assembly Statistical Report**
     - Community Presbyterian Church, Deerfield Beach
     - El Cordero Presbyterian Church, Miami
     - First Presbyterian Church, Port St. Lucie
     - First Presbyterian Church, Stuart
     - First Presbyterian Church, Tequesta
     - Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, Miami Shores

   - **Clerk’s Annual Questionnaire**
     - Friendship Presbyterian Church, Hialeah
     - Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami, Cooper City
     - Korean Presbyterian Church of Palm Beach, West Palm Beach
     - Lakeside Presbyterian Church, West Palm Beach
     - Palms West Presbyterian Church, Royal Palm Beach

3. At his request and for personal reasons, the Rev. Dr. Keith Riddle has renounced jurisdiction and laid aside his ordination January 16, 2013. We have notified the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and removed his name from our roll of Teaching Elders.

4. The Permanent Judicial Commission will be holding a “trial” of a disciplinary complaint made against a minister member of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida at the Pink Church, Pompano Beach on June 3, 4, and 5. We will have some expenses associated with this trial, some will be sent to another presbytery where the case originated.

5. The Rev. Bob Davis of San Diego Presbytery has asked for permission “to labor within the bounds” to serve as a Counsel for the defense. This has been referred to COM for action.

6. Amending the current Book of Order, 12-A through 12-J (*Addendum D*) from Presbyterian Outlook was included in the packed. Amendment booklets were mailed with the packets and additional copies brought to the meeting.
Dr. Bush explained the process to be used for the voting. Each was moved in the positive (to concur with the amendment). Dr. Bush read and explained the amendment being voted on individually and discussion was invited before each oral vote.

12-A. For the Amendment
12-B. Against the Amendment
12-C. Against the Amendment
12-D.1-9 For the Amendment
12-E. Against the Amendment
12-F. Against the Amendment
12-H. For the Amendment
12-I. For the Amendment
12-J. For the Amendment

The results of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida’s Overture votes will be faxed to the General Assembly by tomorrow which is the deadline for receipt.

With three minutes remaining before the Order of the Day, Worship, Dr. Bush reported that the Presbytery office is in receipt of an Overture from the Pink Church Session (First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach), signed by the Clerk of Session Scot Sell, which is referred to the Presbytery for its concurrence. (Addendum E)

GA OVERTURE

Direct the PCUSA Board of Pensions to disenroll and distribute all accumulated pension benefits as a lump sum check or electronic transfer within 120 days after a Teaching Elder not yet age 65, becomes ordained, appointed, commissioned or affiliated with another faith denomination in the position of Teaching Elder, priest, pastor, minister, clergy, or working administrator.

Dr. Bush explained that as Interim Stated Clerk he had to report any Overture received from a church session. The Presbytery can receive this Overture and take no action; it can refer to one of the Presbytery’s bodies or it can concur or not concur.

ORDER OF THE DAY – WORSHIP

Praise Teams from Sunset, Fort Lauderdale; Grace Point NCD, in Miami Shores; and Korean Central of Miami (Heal) participated in the contemporary worship which was a true celebration of our faith. The Worship bulletin appears as Addendum F. Rev. Shoaf invited Presbyters to bring their offering forward when they received Communion. The offering will be shared between Thornwell Home for Children and Duvall Home. During the afternoon session it was announced that $904.00 had been collected.

TRIENNIUM

From July 16 to 20, 2013, the Youth Triennium of the PCUSA will be held at Purdue University in Indiana. Approximately 5000 youth are anticipated. The Presbytery is sending 10 youth, 3 adult advisors and 1 person to serve on the Work Crew. Those who were present today were asked to come forward for the Commissioning Service (Addendum G).
HUNGER ACTION

Rev. Hallie Hottle introduced herself as the new Hunger Action Enabler and announced that information about the Centsability Program will be going out next week in the newsletter. Miami Shores member, Andrew Smith, will be embarking on a motorcycle fundraising journey from Miami to the Arctic Circle and back, 15,000 miles in 120 days. Presbyters were encouraged to speak with him today to see what it’s about.

MSA: That the Presbytery adjourn for lunch.
Rev. Hottle led the Presbytery in the blessing before lunch, asking that the meal being shared unite the Presbytery as one body in service to God.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Charles Denison invited the committee members to meet during lunch in the pastor’s conference room.

LUNCH

During lunch Emmie Brown spoke with the presbytery about DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) which is a faith-based network of six cities that provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within the urban context. DOOR hosts volunteers from a weekend to a year, providing opportunities for individuals and groups through the following program options:

Discover: For groups to participate in coordinated weekend and weeklong trips designed to challenge them to “See the face of God in the city” as they sped time listening, volunteering, worshipping and reflecting on their experiences.

Discern: For individuals to spend one to three months in an environment of service, learning and leadership by working as support staff with the Discover program or doing a three-month internship.

Dwell: For individuals to spend a year living in intentional Christian community while serving in a local agency placement, worshiping in an urban congregation, and reflecting together as a community.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Presbytery meeting was reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

INTERIM STATED CLERK (Cont.)

Dr. Bush reminded the body that the Presbytery can receive this Overture and take no action; it can refer to one of the Presbytery’s bodies or it can concur or not concur. Currently on the table:

MOTION: To receive the Overture and take no action.
Dr. Bush explained the ramifications of voting for or against the motion.

MOTION DEFEATED.

Discussion included thoughts of appearing punitive to those who had left for reasons of conscience and also time constraints due to changes in the overture process. Though normally
the Council would have received this Overture, it was received after their meeting. It was noted that if sent back to Council the Motion is moot. Dr. Gordon reminded Presbyters that they would have the opportunity to vote on this again should the GA accept it for consideration by all Presbyteries.

**MSA:** To call the question.

**MOTION:** That the Presbytery concur with this Overture and forward to the General Assembly. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

In concluding his report, Dr. Bush referenced the Constitutional Musing: Misrepresentations about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which was received from the Office of the General Assembly and included in the packet (*Addendum F*).

**MSA:** That the report of the Interim Stated Clerk be received.

**TRANSFORMATION**

Elder Michele Ready called Presbyters’ attention to her report (*Addendum G*) which was in the supplemental packet. The report is a summary of the two different programs that a variety of our churches have been participating in. She spoke of the New Beginnings Program in which her church, Riviera, is participating along with Lakeside, Grace, Sunset, New Covenant, and Calvary. These churches will be brought together next in a Cluster Event over a two-day period, date to be determined.

Rev. Ruffin Stepp thanked Michele for her leadership on the Transformation Committee adding that this committee was one of the most needed and vital committees in the Presbytery. The Re-Focusing Program addresses questions that need to be answered in the life of any church. It is intensive and programs need to be shelved to go on a three-step journey towards determining (1) your gifts as a congregation, (2) assessment on how these gifts coincide with the needs of the community and (3) connecting with those needs and planning a vision for greater connection. Currently the congregations of Palms West, Hollywood First, Deerfield Community, and Second are participating in the Re-Focusing Program. New Beginnings and Re-Focusing are just two tools in the toolbox – prayer is most necessary. Churches were asked to share their best practices. Let the chairs know or tell the Presbytery Administrator. He met with the New Church Development Committee during lunch and it was agreed that these two committees need to be on a parallel track for the Presbytery to grow and make a big dent for the Kingdom. The Palms West elders have been using placards for the last few months which have the names of the churches in Tropical Florida. It’s the Brush and Pray Program. The placards are to be placed wherever their toothbrush is kept and the elders pray for the churches that were highlighted that day. In that way each church is prayed for at least once a week. Were all of the churches to do this, it would truly be pleasing to God as we pray for one another.

The Residency Program falls under the oversight of the Transformation committee.

**MOTION:** To continue support of the Rev. Noe Juarez, Sunset and the Rev. CC Armstrong, Grace for one more year at the rate of $500.00 per month for each resident. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**MSA:** To receive the report of the Transformation Committee.
NOMINATIONS

Elder Arlene Van Kirk submitted her report which had been in the mailed packet. She noted that at the March 13, 2013 Council meeting the motion was made and passed “That the Council acknowledge the Presbytery tradition of no two members of a church being on the same committee, and that the Council support the Nominating Committee’s nomination of Dr. Douglas Brouwer as Chair of CPM during these difficult times.” However, Dr. Brouwer has since asked the Committee on Nominations to withdraw his name as nominee for the Chair of Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Elder Van Kirk updated several items on the report and presented the following motion:

**MOTION**: That the following persons be placed in nomination for the stated positions:
- **Coral Gables Fund**
  - Elder Marisa Leach, Grace Lantana, Class of 2013 LFC region 1
- **Committee on Ministry**
  - Dr. Timothy Stover, Calvary, Class of 2015 CMC region 2
  - Elder Curtis Hodge, Ascension-Peace, Class of 2015 LMR region 2
- **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**
  - Rev. Shirley Saunders, Class of 2015, Chair CFC region 1
- **Financial Resources Committee**
  - Elder Randy Shine, First Pompano, Class of 2014, Chair LMC region 2
- **Permanent Judicial Commission**
  - Elder Han Chae, West Palm Beach Korean, Class of 2018 LMR region 1
- **Disaster Subcommittee under FRC**
  - Elder Linda Warner, First Stuart, Class of 2015 LFC region 1

**MOTION ADOPTED**.

There was discussion regarding the following motion and the long-standing practice of not having two from any one church serve on a committee. The question was called.

*Rationale for this change: The CON will continue to work within the traditional structure of nominating one person from an individual church to serve on a committee whenever possible. However, in order to facilitate the nomination of qualified, capable nominees in this unusual and difficult period, it is becoming apparent that CON needs the option and flexibility of selecting two from the same church in exceptional cases.*

**MOTION**: That the Committee on Nominations have the freedom to nominate up to two people from any one church for service on a Presbytery Committee.

There was a division of the house in the oral vote. A standing vote was taken.

**Against the Motion**: 46  
**In Favor**: 37

**MOTION FAILED**.

Presbyters were reminded since this motion failed that their help would be most important in either volunteering to serve or recommending and urging members of their congregations to do so.

**MSA**: To receive the Nominations report.
DISCERNMENT

Dr. David Massey, who with Elder Michele Ready, co-chairs the Discernment (Peace, Unity and Purity “PUP”) Administrative Commission briefly updated the Presbytery on where we are in the process. It has been a year since nine churches left. Since then the Gracious Separation Agreement has undergone changes to bring it into compliance with the General Assembly. Four churches are currently in the process and the Presbytery Response Team leaders: The Reverends Joan Abel and Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts and Elders Michele Ready and Maxine Long are working with these churches. In accordance with the new amendment, MAI appraisals have been ordered for the four properties. Two churches have asked questions and responded to requests from the PRT and two churches have not. The AC has a meeting set for next week and will continue working over the summer. One of the churches may be ready to leave at the September meeting.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT TASK FORCE

Rev. Noe Juarez thanked the Presbytery for its support. The Gold Coast Youth Retreat in April was a great success with about 80 youth in attendance along with and 10 adults. Members of the Task Force were identified and thanked: Rev. CC Armstrong, Rev. Hallie Hottle, Boisy Waiters, Kelsey Larson, Judyt Bermudez, Sandra and Willie Figueredo. They hope to have 120 next year.

The Presbytery Youth Triennium will be held at Purdue July 16-20, 2013. Tropical Florida will be sending three leaders: Rev. Hallie Hottle (Miami Shores), Kelsey Larson (First Boynton) and Boisy Waiters (Ascension Peace) to accompany our delegation: Julianne Amaya, Kalyn Buteyn, Aleishka Rodriguez (First Boynton), Melissa Benedek, Sophia Sandoval (Miami Shores), Stephanie Bermudez (Grace Point), Afsaneh Taylor, Malik Richetts (Ascension Peace), Jaz Hunter and Briana Mitchell (Goodwill). Please keep them in your prayers as they join approximately 5000 youth at the gathering.

MSA: To receive the report of the Task Force.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Rev. David Kwon was called upon to deliver the Council Report and Consent Agenda. He asked that #3 be stricken from the record (Council concurring with motion allowing 2 members from same church to be on a committee) given the vote during the Nominations Report. There were no questions regarding the items submitted for information:

1. The Council Retreat will be held on June 21-22 with Jill Hudson Coordinator, Mid Council Relations, PMA/OGA, as Facilitator.

2. The Executive Committee of Council took the following action on April 4, 2013 regarding extension of GSA reimbursement:
   That the special GSA mileage reimbursement be extended until December 31, 2013 or until one month after the last dismissal is complete.

1. See list below of confirmed Presbytery dates for 2013 and 2014:
   2013
   September 24 Tuesday First. Fort Lauderdale
   December 7 Saturday Myrtle Grove, Miami Gardens
2014

March 1  Saturday  First, Delray Beach
June 3  Tuesday  Community, Lauderdale by the Sea
September 23  Tuesday  Ascension Peace, Lauderhill
December 6  Saturday  Gardens, Palm Beach Gardens

2. The Council sitting as Trustees took the following actions:
   
a. That the Council as Trustees approve allowing property which the Presbytery owns in Hinsdale, MA (1/7 of an acre) to be claimed by the City of Hinsdale MA for back taxes.
       **Rationale:** this has been going on for 15 years (since 1998). (See history of this property on Addendum H.)
   
b. That, if the way be clear, that Sunset’s 3 loans be consolidated, the term extended by 2 years, the interest rate be 3%. This would reduce their loan payments monthly by $164. This would help their cash flow during their time of transition.
       **Rationale:** we need to receive copy of minutes of Congregation meeting approving this action.

Rev. Kwon reviewed several items on the Consent Motion. He noted that the Presbytery was still operating under the model put into place by many of the pastors who had left. Jill Hudson from General Assembly will be meeting with Presbytery leaders in two weeks in an overnight retreat to explore the future of the Presbytery and how we can restructure it.

The following motions were presented as a **CONSENT AGENDA.**
Since an amendment was requested for #2, it was removed for separate vote.

**(STATED CLERK)**
1. That the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of February 26, 2013 be approved.
2. **Removed for separate vote to add “on matters related to the COM”**.

**(COUNCIL)**
3. That the offering at the June 1, 2013 Presbytery meeting be received for one half Thornwell Homes and one half for Duvall Homes.

**(FINANCIAL RESOURCES)**
4. That an additional $500. be placed in Admin Budget line #521399 (Temporary Help) for an intern over the summer to complete the Mission InSite project.
5. That up to $1,000 be allocated from the 2013 Mission Budget surplus to cover a mentor to meet quarterly with each Residency pastor and mileage. The mentor will report that these meetings have taken place to Amalie.
6. That $1200. set aside in 2002 and carried over to 2003 for a Youth Retreat shall be expensed from the 2012 Mission Budget remainder to close this matter out. (Rationale: Susan found this item in “Other Assets” #130030 (Gold Coast Christian Camp) in her computer. The actual retreat was held in 2003.)
7. That an additional $1,000. be added to the Mission Budget Backpack line to bring the total up to $6,000. (same as in 2012). Funds to come from the 2013 Mission Budget Surplus line.
8. That the attached current staff job descriptions be received for information. These job descriptions show what the staff is currently responsible for. (Addendum I)

CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTED.

Words in italics below were added to the original motion.

AMENDED MOTION:

2. That the Presbytery on matters related to the COM make the Committee on Ministry an Administrative Commission to act for the Presbytery between the close of business of the June 1st Stated Meeting and the next Stated Meeting on September 24th, 2013. COM shall report all AC actions to the Presbytery to be spread upon the minutes.

AMENDED MOTION ADOPTED.

Rev. Kwon acknowledged how very difficult it is for the Nominations Committee to find people to serve on various committees and task forces without help from the Presbytery. With the departure of the churches last year, he felt that there should be more racial-ethnic leadership and encouraged those who were not involved to be bold and participate.

Taking a time of personal privilege, Rev. Kwon shared the future plans he and his wife have to explore a ministry of sharing the gospel in the Middle East as missionaries, which necessitates stepping down as Council Chair. His letter of resignation appears as Addendum J.

MOTION: That the Presbytery receive the resignation of Rev. David Kwon as Chair of Council, commend him for his service, and wish him Godspeed in the missionary work that he wishes to take on.

MOTION ADOPTED.

MSA: To receive the report of the Coordinating Council as amended.

MINISTRY

Dr. Leon Lovell-Martin presented the following items for information:

1. Approved the request from the Reverend Robert “Bob” Davis of San Diego Presbytery for permission to labor within our bounds to serve as co-counsel for a teaching elder against whom charges have been filed.

2. Approved a Church Information Form (CIF) for Riviera Presbyterian Church, Miami to seek an interim pastor.

The Chair directed the Presbytery to the report which had been mailed in the packet and the green sheet which was included with the supplemental papers. Two items for action (numbers 5 and 6) were removed and a new motion was inserted. Dr. Lovell-Martin requested that the following items for action be voted as an Omnibus Motion.

OMNIBUS MOTION:

1. Approve the renewal of funding for the Residency Program that benefits Sunset Presbyterian Church and Grace Presbyterian Church of Lantana at the levels previously approved.

2. Approve the covenant between Dudley Rose as interim pastor and Miami Shores Presbyterian Church effective March 10, 2013 (attached Addendum K).
3. Approve the renewal of the covenant between Dr. William "Bill" Stepp as temporary missional pastor, and Faith Presbyterian Church, Palm Springs effective March 14, 2013. Annual salary $32,568 for 20 hours weekly.

4. Moderators of churches without Installed Pastors:

Region 1:  
- First, Port St. Lucie  Robert Sullivan (Thru June 16) 
- Faith, Palm Springs  Bill Stepp 
- First, Lake Worth  Leah Meador 
- Lakeside, W.P.B.  Albert ‘Skip” Bush 
- Goodwill, Ft. Pierce  Bob Coleman 

Region 2:  
- Second, Ft. Lauderdale  Jack Noble 
- Calvary, Coconut Creek  Tim Stover 
- First, Pompano Beach  Leon Lovell-Martin 
- Glades, Boca Raton  Jim McNaull 

Region 3:  
- Pan Americana  Aida Diego 
- New Covenant  John Vaughn 
- First, Miami  Chris Atwood 
- Friendship, Miami  Winston Sosa 
- El Cordero, Miami  Julio Delgado 
- Riviera, Miami  Stephen Sapp/Eve Tolley 
- Miami Shores  Dudley Rose 

OMNIBUS MOTION ADOPTED.

Dr. Lovell-Martin called forward Rev. Jennifer Young-Thompson for examination. He asked the members of First Port St. Lucie stand to be recognized and invited Elder Ken Mazur, who led the search committee, to tell the Presbytery a little about the congregation. The church had its previous pastor for 17 years. When he retired they were looking for someone who was willing to lead the church to do some different things. They had reviewed 97 applications and believe they have found the right person to do this. During her examination, the pastor-elect said that she had heard what had happened in Tropical Florida and was grateful that we had followed the call of the Lord to stay family. She feels that we have an opportunity to build an even stronger from this faithful remnant.

MSA: To sustain her examination and call for the vote.
Rev. Juarez accompanied Rev. Young-Thompson from the sanctuary during the vote.

MOTION:  
5. Approve the examination of the Reverend Jennifer C. Young-Thompson for enrollment as a member of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida (see Addendum L).

MOTION ADOPTED.
Rev. Young-Thompson returned to the sanctuary to the singing of the Doxology.

MOTION:  
6. Approve the terms of call between the Reverend Jennifer C. Young-Thompson as pastor and the First Presbyterian Church, Port St. Lucie effective June 6, 2013 (Terms on Addendum M).

7. Approve the following persons to serve on the Installation Commission on June 9, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Lucie beginning at 4:00 p.m.
   Ruling Elders: Cecil Adderley, First Boynton; Ken Mazur, First Port St. Lucie; Catherine Hilton, Community Hobe Sound
Teaching Elders: CC Armstrong, Grace Lantana; Shirley Saunders, First West Palm Beach; Leah Meador, HR; Pedro Rivera, Sunrise Miami

**MOTION ADOPTED.**
Chair Lovell-Martin presented Rev. Young-Thomson with a Certificate of Membership.

Dr. Lovell-Martin invited Rev. Jessi Higginbotham and the First Delray Beach Pastor, Dr. Douglas Hood forward and asked that any others from the church stand to be recognized. Dr. Hood was asked to share a little about the church to which Rev. Higginbotham is being called. Dr. Hood said that the previous Associate Pastor, Rev. Aaron Janklow, now continuing his studies in Scotland, had set a very high standard for serving as a youth pastor. The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee was charged to find another Aaron Janklow. Dr. Hood is delighted that they accomplished this goal by selecting Jessi Higginbotham. He is pleased with her call to ministry, her energy, intelligence, enthusiasm and eagerness to be involved at the Presbytery level. He knows that First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach has been largely absent from the larger ministry of the Presbytery and he and Jessi are committed to be involved in Presbytery. Pastor Hood expressed his appreciation for the generosity of time given to the church during the search process by the Committee on Ministry and their liaison Elder Marianne Shine. The examination commenced.

Rev. Higginbotham was excused during the following vote:

**MOTION:**
8. Approve the examination of the Reverend Jessi Higginbotham for enrollment as a member of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida (see Addendum N).

**MOTION ADOPTED.**
Our newest member returned to the singing of the Doxology.

**MOTION:**
9. Approve the terms of call between the Reverend Jessi Higginbotham as associate pastor, and the First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach effective June 2, 2013 (Terms attached, Addendum O).

Further, approve the following installation commission for service on July 14, 2013, 4 p.m. at First Church, Delray Beach: Teaching Elders: Drs. M. Randy Gill (Moderator), W. Douglas Hood, and N. Leon Lovell-Martin. Ruling Elders: Harlyn Fritz (Grace Church, Lantana), Ann Heilakka (First Church, Delray Beach), and Marianne Shine (First Church, Pompano Beach).

**MOTION ADOPTED.**
Rev. Higginbotham was presented a Certificate of Membership.

Noting the Presbytery’s appreciation of the service given by the two pastors seeking Honorable Retirement, The COM Chair shared his memories regarding both and invited members of the gathering to also share their experiences, gratitude and well-wishes with Rev. Jack Noble and Dr. Sam Rutland.

Mrs. Rutland was thanked for her support during her husband’s pastorates. The Moderator led the Presbytery in the Service of Retirement (Addendum P).

**MOTION:**
10. Approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Jack Noble and First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach effective April 30, 2013.

11. Approve the status of Honorably Retired to the Reverend Jack Noble effective May 1, 2013.
12. Approve the status of Honorably Retired to Dr. Sam Rutland effective February 28, 2013.

MOTION ADOPTED.

Dr. Lovell-Martin presented the Presbytery Residency Program, which was included in the supplemental packet for First Reading (Addendum Q). Presbytery Administrator Amalie Ash was asked to say a few words about the program which is to revitalize the Presbytery, provide an opportunity for ministerial experience to recent seminary graduates while giving pastors' support. There were no questions. This will be brought to the September 24th Presbytery meeting for second reading at which time amendments would be appropriate if necessary.

MSA: To receive the Presbytery Residency Program for First Reading.

MSA: To receive the Committee on Ministry report.

TREASURER / FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Treasurer Marge Hellgren presented this combined report.

1. Palm Springs Hialeah Fund: Invested $875,000. Balance of funds as of 4/30 $ 558,993.39. Funds used to date: $ 487,884.03.


4. GSA expenses to date: $17,629.86. The Executive Committee of Council has voted to continue the GSA reimbursement amounts until 12/31/2013 or when the last GSA church is dismissed.

5. Jubilee Funds: Peace Covenant was awarded project funds of $134,000. Fund are on deposit at Presbytery Office. First request received for funds of $33,500. for start up costs..

6. Rhema rent for May was paid by cashier’s check.


8. FLAPDAN contract signed, $5,000 yearly payment made, 3 members of FLAPDAN board elected by Presbytery in February.


10. Grace Community, Boca: final dismissal agreement signed and completed. Originals are at the Presbytery Office. Per our attorney’s advice a copy was sent to the Clerk of Session at Grace. Original will be given to Grace Boca at date of final dismissal. We are awaiting word from the Clerk as to when the remaining 2012 funds will be coming.

11. Trustees approved suspending All Nations loan payments through 12/31/2013, forgiving their Presbytery 2013 Per Capita, and did not give permission to sell church land. Council has requested that the Pastor meet with Rev. Leon Lovell-Martin and Dr. John Vaughn prior to the June COM meeting. The church is now 3 months behind on their repayment to COM of funds paid on their behalf to the Board of Pensions.

12. Letter received from National Black Presbyterian Caucus requesting a donation for the Caucus work and for an ad in their Souvenir Booklet for their Convention. Amalie has funded $150. from her Mission Outreach Funds.

All Nations Presbytery Per Capita has been forgiven.

GSA Churches (8): 5 have paid their PC in full, 3 are paying in 6 monthly payments.


15. Mission Budget on target.

16. Alta Vista rents: Amalie is negotiating with New Jerusalem on last month’s rent.

17. Haitian Consultant: Amalie is searching for a new person to finish up this grant project.

18. Loans: Glades Funeral Home is 3 months behind in their payments.

19. Homestead House #2: they are paying their property insurance in monthly installments.

20. 2012 Audit: we are in the process of obtaining an estimate for this audit which includes the Coral Gables funds as well.

**MSA:** To receive the report from the Treasurer and append the 2013 Mission and Per Capita receipts as of April 30, 2013 to the minutes as *Addendum R*.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Elder Marianne Shine noted that we are not alone during this period of rebuilding. With God’s guidance we are in this together. In October the Presbytery will be presenting two free interactive workshops created by the Presbyterian Foundation and Board of Pensions, led by Robert Hay, Jr., Ministry Relations Officer. The more leadership churches bring the more it will work for you. Make a commitment and call Shari now to register for one of the dates October 3, at First Tequesta or October 5, Second Fort Lauderdale. Elder Randy Shine noted that times are changing and you need to think of church as a business and be aware of these changes so that your business will keep going forward and grow. The key is to get everyone involved. The Presbytery is giving churches copies of “Not Your Parents’ Offering Plate” which pastors and stewardship chairs should read over the summer prior to the workshop. The informational flyer appears as *Addendum S*.

**MSA:** To receive the Stewardship Report.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Elder Elizabeth Torres, Moderator presented her report. The scripture for the upcoming Encuentro VII is taken from Isaiah 54:2 and it reads, “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.” This scripture describes very well what Presbyterian Women are doing in the Presbytery. While living through our Purpose we strive to grow and gather women, who love to pray, study the Bible and do justice and peace.

In February we invited the Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer to present the Horizon Bible Study on the Beatitudes that she wrote. We invited the whole church to participate in this wonderful bible study. She traveled from Stuart to South Miami. We had about 50 men and women attend these bible studies. It was an enriching experience for all.

Presbyterian Women gathered in Delray Beach for our annual Gathering. Our main speaker was Rev. Noelle Damico, from the Hunger Program office in Louisville. She was on a march with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in Florida and made a detour to join us. She enlightened and encouraged us to help support the efforts of the CIW and the Fair Food Program. She also informed us about human trafficking and what we can do to help. Afterwards
she flew back to the march and onward to Lakeland to present a petition at the Publix Supermarket headquarters asking them to join in supporting the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Fair Food Program.

We also installed our new Coordinating Team. The Moderator Elect, Carmen Stewart from Sunrise Presbyterian Church will be installed as Moderator next March 2014. We are working hard at getting her acquainted with the “job”. Marge Hellgren was given “another” Honorary Life Membership Pin during the Gathering. We had fun reading to her what her daughter wrote about her life as a lifelong hardworking Presbyterian woman.

We also celebrated the life of Polly Shafer our dear sister in Christ who passed away just a couple of weeks before our Gathering. Polly was very active in PW at all levels of the church, from her local beloved church in First Stuart as well as Churchwide. She was serving as PWP Treasurer at the time of her passing. We all miss Polly and thank God for having known this wonderful woman of faith.

We are in the process of reviewing our Bylaws and hopefully at our next annual Gathering we can have them amended to reflect the changes we are having in the church and PW.

On March 17th I traveled to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Key West to install the new Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women. What a joy and blessing it was for me! The whole church gave me such a welcome and I felt right at home.

Last week we held our Spring Retreat at Sunrise Presbyterian Church. Our invited guest speaker was Sherry Roberts, the Global Exchange Representative who traveled last year to India. She talked to us about the church in India, her experience during her travels and also about human trafficking. Material was handed out about where to call if we suspect someone is in need of help. During the afternoon session Rev. Diane Shoaf led us in a blessed spiritual retreat (vacation with God) and talked to us about finding our purpose in the Beatitudes. Many women went away with a new meaning of the Beatitudes.

We are also glad to announce that one of the grants of 2013 Thank Offering was given to the Key Clubhouse of South Florida. This is a place where people with mental illness are treated like people, not patients; where they can rejoin the world through friendships, meaningful work, employment and education.

We are thankful to God from whom ALL blessings flow and continue to serve Him through the Presbyterian Church and the women.

Now here are some dates to remember:

May 4th  PWP Coordinating Team meeting at First Spanish in Miami
May 18th  Hispanic/Latin PW Spring Music at Grace Point, Miami Shores
July 19-21  Encuentro VII at Orlando, Florida
July 28th  Hispanic/Latin PW “Horas Felices”, First Spanish in Miami
Sept. 26th  PWP Coordinating Team meeting, John Knox Village
Oct. 25-27  Synod PW Gathering, Epworth, St. Simons Island, GA

**MSA:** To receive the report of Presbyterian Women for information.
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Chair Rev. Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts presented the report on behalf of the committee. Candidate Willy Figueredo has been certified as ready for examination for ordination, pending a call, according to G-2.0607.

MOTION: That the following elders be elected by the Presbytery to serve as readers of the ordination exams (February 2014):
- Teaching Elders: Leon Lovell-Martin, Myrtle Grove; Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts, First Spanish
- Ruling Elders: Marianne Shine, First Pompano; Mary Lesesne, Ascension Peace
- Alternate Teaching Elder: Richard Anderson, HR, First Fort Lauderdale

MOTION ADOPTED.

MSA: To receive the Committee on Preparation for Ministry report.

MSA: That the meeting be adjourned until September 24th, 2013, when the Presbytery of Tropical Florida will meet at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale.

The Interim Stated Clerk reminded those who had brought their session records for review to come to the pastor’s conference room following the meeting.

The Presbytery stood for the benediction by Moderator Gill. He gave thanks for all that transpired this day and the joyful things that had occurred and that the Lord continue to pour His blessings upon us and be with us and help us to be His light in the world.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Albert W. Bush, Jr.
Interim Stated Clerk