Minutes — Racial Reconciliation Special Committee (RRSC)

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Held at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson Ms
September 8, 2015 from 5:31pm to 7:30 (approximately)

Chairman RE Hugh Potts called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Chairman Potts opened the meeting up with prayer.

In Attendance

Arnold, AI RE (Redeemer)
Baird, Jim TE (Honorably Retired)
Collins, Roger (Clerk of MVP)
Duncan, Ligon TE (RTS)
Glenn, Ricky TE (Macon)
Hayes, Robert TE (Honorable Retired)
McGowan Elbert (RUF JSU)
McRoberts, Gene RE (First, Jackson)
Menogan, Kelle RE (Redeemer)
Potts, High RE (Kosciusko)
Simpson, Kevin RE (Highlands)
Thompson, Will RE (Second, Yazoo City)
Absentees
None

Chairman Potts passed out a proposed agenda to help the committee stay disciplined to the task.

Old Minutes were approved with one exception (the spelling correction of Kelle Menogan's name). A motion was made to approve old minutes with the exception. A second was given. Motion passed.

Chairman Potts invited new members or members of the committee who were absent at the previous meeting to share why they either wanted to be on the RRSC or how they could assist its purpose.

TE Ligon Duncan (RTS) requested that others who didn't share last week get an opportunity to share.

Chairman Potts asked that everyone introduce themselves to the members of the committee who were not present at the previous meeting or who were added as an alternate.

Some discussion was made about the task of the RRSC. What exactly does it mean to "guide the presbytery"?

Chairman Potts recommended we finish at 7:30 pm.

TE Baird suggested that the committee get reformed African American leaders (not presbyterian) in the community to talk to us.

RE Thompson made a motion that the chairman appoint a drafting committee who would work together to create talking points for our next meeting. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. Chairman Potts appointed TE Duncan, RE Thompson, and TE McGowan.

TE McGowan asked to be excused at 7:08 pm.

Chairman Potts recommended that instead of deciding a meeting time for our next meeting, let the drafting committee create talking points first.

RRSC to adjourn. Meeting closed in prayer by TE Glenn and RE Menogan.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Ricky Glenn, Secretary