

August 31, 2009

The congregation of Springhill Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, August 30, at noon, to consider the following question:

Do you favor the request for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and affiliation with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

The order of the meeting followed the previously agreed-upon docket. Ten minutes were docketed for the pastoral team and staff of Yellowstone Presbytery to speak, and Freeman McCall, Phil Maxwell, and Jody McDevitt spoke on behalf of the presbytery. Fifteen minutes were allowed for comments and questions from active members, inactive members, and regularly attending non-members, followed by a response time. The secret ballots were distributed in a very orderly manner to active members, and the votes were counted by John Grossenbacher and Scot Smith (Springhill elders) and Phil Maxwell and Jody McDevitt (pastoral team members).

The vote was 114 YES and 2 NO.

Those attending the meeting representing the presbytery were the three pastoral team members named above, presbytery moderator Susan Thomas, vice-moderator Ted Williams, stated clerk Ron Hanson, and co-general presbyters George and Kathy Goodrich.

The pastoral team will continue to meet with the session of the Springhill Church and its dismissal team, with the intention of bringing a recommendation to the presbytery at its meeting November 6-7, 2009 in Butte.