

Stated Session Meeting Minutes April 9, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday April 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Judi welcomed guests Bill Bennett, Mary Hackleman, Ruth Lawson and Jim Prince. All guests were given voice. Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan called the meeting to order, *lit the Christ Candle and read the Mission Statement. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved. Janel Stryker gave the devotions and opening prayer.*

Present: Ruling Elders **Class of 2022** Tom Hackleman, Cathy Rew, Janel Stryker and Jim Watson; **Class of 2023:** Bud Clark, Jean Nichols, Florence and David Riter; **Class of 2024:** Lon Cross, Linda Ervin, Nancy Ortman, and Jeff McCune. Also, **Moderator** Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan, **Clerk of Session** Dianne Allen, **Treasurer** Bruce Allen, **Deacon** Mary Hackleman. **Class of Elder 2022** Barb Francis and **Class of 2023 Elder** Mack Bean were excused.

Pastors Report: **Pastor Judi** is looking for jokes or stories for Humor Sunday. Gail & Steve Knudson have written some new words to the old favorite "Take Me Out to the Ball Game". Pastor Judi mentioned she is working on applying for a \$5000 Presbytery grant for use on AV equipment. There will be liturgist training on May 22nd after the worship service.

Deacon Report: Mary Hackleman said the Deacons continue doing their work. They had 18 in person visits last month. 12 cards were sent out.

Treasurer's Report: **Bruce Allen** reported that for the month of March income YTD was more than budget by \$14,801 and expenses YTD were less than budget by \$3,082 creating a favorable variance YTD of \$17,883. Actual YTD income of \$100,047.74 was more than YTD expenses of \$91,620.68 by \$8,427.06.

He commented that although all the March numbers are favorable, it is the result of a one-time special donation of \$10,000.00.

A motion was made, seconded and the *Treasurer's report was approved.*

Clerk of Session Report:

Minutes Approval: Dianne Allen asked for approval of the minutes for the Stated Session meeting on March 13. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

For the Record: Deaths of Karen Prince 3/25,2022 and Willa Oliver 3/31/2022.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: Linda Ervin said the committee was working on what they will be serving during coffee hour on Easter Sunday and after the Men's Choruses on Sunday May 15th. Hot Dogs and chips will be served on Humor Sunday.

Missions: David Riter had the committee meeting minutes of April 6th available.

Outreach: The minutes for the April 5th meeting are available. Bill Bennett said the committee was working on follow-ups for 5 possible new members.

Property Committee: Jeff McCune had the minutes for the March 23rd meeting available. The new ice machine in the kitchen should be installed by Monday. The Church Spring Cleaning & Tree Trimming was held on April 2nd.

Stewardship/Finance: Janel Stryker had the minutes for the April 5th meeting available. Three items were presented to Session for approval: 1) A motion from committee to wait on the publicity for on-line giving until we have a new accountant. The motion was approved. 2) A motion from committee to deposit a large donation, with a request to be given to the greatest need, into the general fund. The motion was approved. 3) Cathy Rew presented and distributed a new simplified balance sheet with account numbers for Session approval. After discussion it was decided to table its approval until the next Session meeting.

Worship: Committee meeting minutes of March 15th were available. A motion from the Worship Committee was presented to have an offering taken on Christmas Eve. The motion was approved. Jean Nichols handed out the instruction sheets for communion on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday and asked the Elders to sign-up as servers.

Administrative: The committee meeting minutes of April 4th are available. Tom Hackleman went over the four changes to the P&P manual that need Session approval.

1) Page 58, Section H-12.0 #2- From "A designated use of the profits from the event must be stated in advance and be for the mission or philanthropic purposes"; To " A designated use of the profits from the event must be stated in advance and approved by session". The motion was approved.

2) Page 58, H-12-0 #4- Delete. The motion was approved.

3) Page 59 H-14.0 Undesignated Bequests. Instead of breaking monies into six different funds change it to "The distribution structure for undesignated bequests will be 40% Missions and 60% Endowment Fund or a fund specified and approved by Session". The motion was approved.

4) Page 70 J-5.2 #3-From "Final division of funds remaining in this account at the end of the year will be used for specific Mission projects selected by the Presbyterian Players. The account will be zeroed out each year"; To "Final division of funds remaining in this account at the end of the year will be used for specific projects selected by the Presbyterian Players. The account will be zeroed out each year". The motion was approved.

Tom Hackleman presented the name of Sharon Judson for the Class of 2023 Deacons to replace Mickie Victor. A motion to have a Called Congregational Meeting on May 2 to nominate and elect Deacons was made and approved.

Christian Education: No report

Communication/AV: Committee meeting minutes of April 4th were available. Jim Watson reported that Paul Bennett is working on refreshing our website. Each committee is responsible for updating their committee information and placing photos on the web. The committee is reviewing our AV needs.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Jean Nichols had her report on the March Presbytery Meeting in the Session packet. She chose the presentation given by Dr. Cindy Morgan on “Lifestyle Changes”.
- 2) The tabled motion from the 3/12/2022 Session meeting stating “Any committee or person that holds a meeting outside of regular hours is responsible to open & close the church.” This has been resolved by Worship and Fellowship.

New Business:

Bud Clark made a motion to have a free will offering at the May 15th Concert and the proceeds divided 50 -50 between the Singing Men of Arkansas and the Bella Vista Men’s Chorus. The motion was seconded and **approved.**

May Elder: David Riter will: do the devotions and the opening prayer at the May Session meeting, be the Session representative at the Deacons meeting, be the liturgist and also secure the offerings. A motion to adjourn with prayer was made, seconded and **approved.** Pastor Judi **closed the meeting with prayer.** The Christ Candle was extinguished. The next Stated Session meeting will be May 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dianne Allen
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator of Session