

Stated Session Meeting Minutes January 17, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Monday January 17, 2022 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (Changed from Saturday January 15th because of inclement weather). Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan called the meeting to order, *lit the Christ Candle* and welcomed those present. *A quorum was present. The agenda was approved with one change to allow the Deacon Report to be given after the New Members introduction.* Pastor Judi gave the *devotions and opening prayer.*

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

Special Order: 1) Mack Bean introduced Daniel Dovell who will transfer his membership from the First Presbyterian Church, Rogers; Doty Carter who will transfer her membership from Highlands Methodist Church, Bella Vista and Bill Boucher who will transfer his membership from the Bella Vista Community Church, Bella Vista. A motion from Outreach to approve their membership was made and approved to happily welcome them as members. They will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday January 23rd.

2) A motion was made, seconded and approved to *elect Dianne Allen as Clerk of Session and Bruce Allen as treasurer from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022*

Deacon Report: Gary Stumbo thanked the Session for all their support. Home Communion was conducted by the Deacons on January 9th. 17 people received Home Communion.

Pastors Report: Pastor Judi went over her Focus and Goals in her monthly report. There will be an Elder/Deacon Retreat on February 5th from 9 a.m. to Noon in Fellowship Hall. When we have our Annual Congregational Meeting in February to present the 2021 Annual Report to the congregation, she wants the committee moderators to stand upfront so the congregation knows who they are and if there any questions to be answered. Pastor Judi requested approval of 2 weeks of continuing education from July 17 thru July 30, 2022. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: **Bruce Allen** reported that December income YTD was more than budget by \$37,324 and expenses YTD were less than budget by \$24,584 creating a favorable variance YTD of \$61,908. Actual YTD income of \$365,259.36 was more than YTD expenses of \$323,366.23 by \$41,893.13.

A budget deficit is still forecast for 2022 due to increased expenses. He did note that although the number of pledges is lower for 2022 the pledge total to date is \$6,072 higher than for 2021.

Bruce finished by reporting that several account balances have been cleared including a prepayment to the Board of Pensions, balances in the Endowment Birthday and Gift Funds (sent to the Texas Presbyterian Foundation) and a second distribution of \$1,212.26 received in November from the (Carolyn) Hansen Trust was distributed as per P&P Manual Section H-14.0.

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 December 11, 2021. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

Deaths of Members: Jim Jennings-12/9/21, Bobbie Gardner-12/17/21, Barbara Pintar-12/28/21 and Robert Rishel-1/7/22.

Corporation Meeting: A motion was made, seconded and *approved* to recess the Stated Session Meeting and open the meeting of the Corporation. Officers of the Corporation for 2022 will be: President is **Janel Stryker**, Vice President is **Cathy Rew**, Treasurer is **Bruce Allen** and Secretary is **Dianne Allen**. There being no further business a motion was made, seconded and *approved* to approve the 2022 officers and recess the meeting of the Corporation and resume the Stated Session meeting.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: The minutes of January 10th are available. Tom Hackleman from the Nominating Committee presented the name of Jim Watson to fill the unexpired term of Jim Prince, Elder Class of 2022. He will be presented to the congregation for approval at the February Annual Congregational Meeting.

Christian Education: Bev MacDonald had the minutes of December 15th available. She mentioned that the children's reading program at the Boys & Girls Club makes our church more visible in the community. The committee is working on having children's Sunday school again.

Fellowship: Barb Francis had the committee meeting minutes of January 11th available. Soup Suppers have been moved from Wednesday to Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Missions: David Riter had the committee meeting minutes of January 5th available.

Outreach: Mack Bean had the committee meeting minutes of January 4th. Their vision is to grow the church.

Property Committee: Jeff McCune said their first committee meeting will be January 26th.

Stewardship/Finance: The minutes for the January 11th meeting are available. Cathy Rew commented on the 2022 Budget approved by the Stewardship/Finance committee. The motion to approve the 2022 budget was *approved.*

Worship: Jean Nichols had the committee meeting minutes of December 28th available.

Communion served on Christmas Eve was 80 and on January 9th was 94. Home Communion served on January 9th was 17.

Communications: No report

A motion was made to accept all committee reports. It was seconded and approved.

Unfinished Business: 1) A reminder to each moderator to provide their 2022 committee members to Ruth for the annual report. 2) **The Staff Evaluations have been completed for 2021** but Lon Cross must still meet with the people to go over their evaluations. This was delayed because of interviews for the new Accountant.

A motion was approved to have the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 13, 2022 to elect the 2022 Nominating Committee, receive the 2021 Annual Report and to nominate and elect Jim Watson to fill the unexpired term of the Class of 2022 Elder.

February Elder: Florence Riter will do the devotions and opening prayer at the February Session meeting and be the Session representative at the Deacons meeting. Lon Cross will be the liturgist. 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 February 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dianne Allen
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator of Session