

Stated Session Meeting Minutes February 12, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday February 12, 2022 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and welcomed Jim Watson as a guest with voice. 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. Jean Nichols 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; **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, **Deacon** David Rew and guest Jim Watson **Class of 2022** Elder Elect. **Class of 2023 Elders** David & Florence Riter and **Class of 2024** Elder Lon Cross were excused.

Special Order: Mack Bean introduced Dale & Sharon Judson who will transfer their membership from the First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville and Paul Bennet who will become a member through a reaffirmation of faith. 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 February 13th.

Pastors Report: Pastor Judi noted there would be an Ash Wednesday service on March 2nd at noon and the Taize worship during the Lenten suppers. Pastor Judi requested approval of 1 weeks' vacation on April 2-8, 2022 and for pulpit supply for April 3rd (C.J. Williams), July 17th (Joyce Daniel), and July 24th Kade Curry). Previously 2 weeks of continuing education from July 17 through July 30, 2022 had been approved at the January 17, 2022 meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Deacon Report: David Rew said the Deacons continue doing their work. It has been more challenging with the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Allen reported that for the month of January. Income YTD was less than budget by \$5,320 and expenses YTD were more than budget by \$1,129 creating an unfavorable variance YTD of (\$6,449). Actual YTD income of \$23,095.71 was less than YTD expenses of \$32,696.45 by (\$9,600.74).

He commented that although all the January numbers are unfavorable no projection can be made from them.

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 January 17th. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

Deaths of Members: Paula Hertzog on 1/30.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Bev MacDonald had the minutes of January 12th and February 9th available. She mentioned that Dale & Sharon Judson are readers at the Boys & Girls Club and that's a worthy project.

Communications: No report

Fellowship: Barb Francis had the committee meeting minutes of February 8th available. The soups will be prepared by the committee and will be delicious. The cost will be \$4 per person.

Missions: The committee meeting minutes of February 9th are available.

Outreach: Mack Bean commented that we have had 6 new members so far this year. The new member packets have been updated with the help of the Office Staff. The class on "Presbyterian Core Beliefs" on Sunday, February 27th worship is open to anyone.

Property Committee: Jeff McCune had the minutes for the January 26th meeting available. Jeff submitted 3 action items from the Property committee for Session action: 1) Any committee or person, that holds a meeting in the church outside of regular hours, is responsible to open and close the church. This motion was tabled and referred to Worship & Fellowship for resolution and to be presented at the next Session meeting. 2) Move Section B-5.8.1 numbers 2 thru 9 to the Communications-AV Team section of the Policy & Procedure Manual. The motion was approved. 3) Paint the hallways and paint and update the bathrooms in the office section of the building. The motion was approved.

Stewardship/Finance: Janel Stryker had the minutes for the February 8th meeting available.

Worship: Jean Nichols had the committee meeting minutes of January 25th available. A motion, from both the Worship & Property committees was presented to reconfigure the left corner (Amen Corner) of the sanctuary for the Bell choir. The motion was approved. A motion was made seconded and approved to have a Holy Humor-Sunday of April 24, 2022. **Communion served on February 6 was 64.**

Administrative: The committee meeting minutes of February 7th are available.

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

Unfinished Business: The Staff Evaluations, which include meeting with each staff person to go over their evaluations, have been completed for 2021.

New Business:

- a) A motion to approve the **2021 Annual Report of PCBV** was made, seconded and **approved**. This report is submitted to the State of Arkansas to satisfy the state incorporation requirements. The annual report also includes the **Statistical Report submitted to the Presbytery annually and the Board of Deacons Annual Report. Minutes for the Board of Deacons Meetings are kept in a binder in the office work room.**
- b) A motion to elect Jean Nichols and Jeff McCune as **Commissioners** for the March 4 & 5, 2022 Presbytery Meeting was seconded and **approved**.
- c) February 20, 2022 was set as the date to ordain and install Jim Watson as the Class of 2022 Elder.

March Elder: Nancy Ortman will do the devotions and opening prayer at the March Session meeting, be the Session representative at the Deacons meeting, secure offerings and 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 March 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dianne Allen
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator of Session