

Stated Session Meeting Minutes March 13, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Sunday March 13, 2022 at 11:15 a.m. in Classroom A. Pastor Judi welcomed guests Myra McCune, Ruth Lawson and Peggy Prevost. Ruth Lawson and Peggy Prevost are guests with 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. Nancy Ortman 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, Florence and David Riter; **Class of 2024:** Linda Ervin, Nancy Ortman, Jeff McCune, Bev MacDonald and Lon Cross. Also, **Moderator** Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan, **Clerk of Session** Dianne Allen, **Treasurer** Bruce Allen, **Deacon** Peggy Prevost. **2023 Elders** Bud Clark and Jean Nichols and **Class of 2022 Elder** Jim Watson were excused.

Pastors Report: **Pastor Judi** noted that she has visited 49 members in their homes and has heard positive feedback from the Taize worship at the soup suppers. She is looking for suggestions on how to improve our website and for participation in the Holy Humor Sunday. Pastor Judi will be riding in the UCM Fundraiser and Bike Ride along with Pastor Dennis Ritchie. Pastor Dennis is “The Rim of the Ancient Peddler” and Pastor Judi is the “Knight of Sufferlandria” There will be sign-up pledge sheets for each of the riders.

Deacon Report: **Peggy Prevost** said the Deacons continue doing their work. They have 25 people on their care list, 12 who are in care facilities and 3 in bereavement.

Treasurer’s Report: **Bruce Allen** reported that for the month of February. Income YTD was less than budget by \$5,273 and expenses YTD were less than budget by \$261 creating an unfavorable variance YTD of (\$5,012). Actual YTD income of \$51,557.65 was less than YTD expenses of \$62,873.57 by (\$11,315.92).

He commented that although all the February 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 February 12th and for the Called Congregational meeting on February 13th. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

For the Record: Deaths of Suzanne Moore-2/7/22, Greg Grim-2/23/22 and Joan Dahl-3/2/22.

Membership Rolls: Dianne asked for approval of the transfer of membership of Beverly Novak to the First Presbyterian Church, Bemidji, MN. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

Committee Reports:

Communications: No report

Fellowship: Barb Francis had the committee meeting minutes of March 8th available. 77 people attended the 1st soup supper. Extra soup will be frozen in small containers and put in the freezer to be given to shut-ins or to be taken by whoever else wants them. Barb Francis or Terry Woods will be responsible for closing the church after each soup supper.

Missions: David Riter had the committee meeting minutes of March 1st available. A motion from the committee to approve Mary Hackleman to be on the Board of the Bella Vista Pre-School was approved.

Outreach: Mack Bean had the minutes for the March 1st meeting available. Mack Bean commented there will be a meeting with Communications to discuss advertizing on March 17th at 11 a.m. The committee is working on having a festival in mid-June for community outreach.

Property Committee: Jeff McCune had the minutes for the February 23rd meeting available. The ice machine in kitchen is still not working. The Pews have been relocated from Amen Corner and the Bell Choir tables installed. The Church Spring Cleaning & Tree Trimming is to be scheduled in the future.

Stewardship/Finance: Janel Stryker had the minutes for the March 8th meeting available. Cathy Rew discussed the conversion to QuickBooks and a reduction of the number of accounts. A meeting on March 15th will be held to discuss the plan forward.

Worship: Committee meeting minutes of February 22nd were available. A motion from the Worship Committee was presented to approve a Minute for Mission for the United Campus Ministry on March 13th and for UCM student Martha Arambel to preach on March 13th. The motion was approved. **Communion served: 3/2- 34 and 2 Home Communion, 3/6-100, 3/8- 2 Home Communion.**

Administrative: The committee meeting minutes of March 7th are available. Lon Cross placed the accountant position on Zip Recruiter with no response, so he removed it and is going to try Indeed.

Christian Education: Bev MacDonald had the minutes of March 8th available. She mentioned Pastor Judi will be conducting an after Easter study "Short Stories by Jesus" that includes a video on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Classroom C from April 28 through June 2.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Jeff McCune gave a report on the March Presbytery Meeting. He chose the presentation given by Paul Grier & Joseph Moore from the Presbyterian Foundation. Their presentation was on the statistics showing how the PCUSA is doing. One of the most interesting statistics was that 70 percent of the pews are empty and their motto was "Don't wait too long before doing something".
- 2) Jeff McCune reported on the request from the Benton County Election Commission. Jeff made a motion from the committee to allow all the elections requested by the commission to be held at the church. The motion failed. 4-yes to 7-no.
- 3) Jeff McCune has not been able to contact the Life Line Screening representative about the April 30 date.

April Elder: Janel Stryker will do the devotions and opening prayer at the April Session meeting and will be the Session representative at the Deacons meeting. Jeff McCune will be the liturgist and 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 April 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dianne Allen
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator of Session