

Stated Session Meeting Minutes August 13, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday August 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A. Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan called the meeting to order, *lit the Christ Candle and read the Mission Statement. She welcomed the guests and gave them voice. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved. Tom Hackleman gave the devotions and opening prayer.*

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

Special Order: New Members-Daniel Johnson and Milton & Linda Whatley were introduced to the Session by Mack Bean. Each was asked to describe their faith journey. A motion was made and approved to accept the transfer of membership to PCBV from New Hope Presbyterian Church, Castle Rock, CO for Milton & Linda Whatley and accept Daniel Johnson through reaffirmation of faith.

Report: Pastor Judi –A 15-minute discussion on “How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You Are Going” was conducted. Pastor Judi handed out a new Newsletter submission Policy. Pastor Judi said her home visits will resume soon. A motion to approve Rev. John King to be pulpit supply for October 23rd was made, seconded and approved. Pastor Judi will be conducting a book study called “Freeing Jesus” starting Thursday August 25th at 3 p.m. in Classroom C.

Deacon Report: Sharry McGuire said that the Deacons rely on the Session to inform them of the needs of the congregation. The Deacons are requesting 2 things from the Session. 1) Have 3 teams available for quarterly Home Communion. 2) List specific items the Deacons’ Assistance Fund can be used for.

Treasurer’s Report: Bruce Allen reported that for the month of July income YTD was more than budget by \$20,958 and expenses YTD were less than budget by \$22,097 creating a favorable variance YTD of 43,055. Actual YTD income of \$219,867.43 was more than YTD expenses of \$198,875.06 by \$20,992.37.

He mentioned that the Treasurer’s Report which is included in the Sunday Bulletin / Newsletter will be revised to provide an explanation of the numbers reported. He also said YTD Budget vs. Actual and Transaction Detail reports for each committee will soon be issued through July.

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 June 11th. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes approved.

A motion to approve the transfer of membership for Sandy Andrews to the First Christian Church of Rogers, Rogers, AR was made, seconded and approved.

For the Record: Deaths of Hartley Skinner on 3-25-22, Robert Stephens on 6-23-22 and Muriel Cross on August 10, 2022.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: Jeff McCune had the minutes for the July 27th meeting available. A motion from the committee to sell the church bus was approved and referred back to the committee to determine the details for the sale. A motion from the committee to have a sale of excess church items was approved and referred back to the committee to determine the dates. Jeff also mentioned that Property is investigating rekeying the church, using a cleaning service and possibly eliminating the alarm system.

Stewardship/Finance: Janel Stryker had the minutes for the August 9th meeting available. Stewardship/Finance is working with Fellowship to put together a meal for the 2023 Pledge Drive on November 6th after church.

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

Communion was served on July 3rd-77 plus 14 Home Communion and on August 7th-86. Jean will present the final Medical Emergency Procedure for approval at the September Session meeting.

Administrative: The committee meeting minutes of August 8th are available. Pastor Judi suggested that Session members read the PCBV Session reorganization recommendations and be prepared to discuss them at the September Session meeting.

Christian Education: Bev MacDonald had committee meeting minutes of August 10th available. Bev mentioned a high school music competition that Steve Knudsen is working on.

Fellowship: Linda Ervin had the committee meeting minutes for June 14th and August 2nd available. Linda asked for approval for Fellowship to spend the excess funds from the Lenten soup suppers. After a discussion the motion was referred back to committee to work with Missions to resolve the issue.

Communication/AV: Jim Watson had the minutes for the August 1st meeting available. Jim is working on write-ups for the 3 AV stations. Also, Jim wants to have 3 people available to run each AV station.

Missions: David Riter had committee meeting minutes of August 3rd available. The blessing box is being constructed.

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

Unfinished Business: The Stewardship & Finance committee conducted a financial review of the payroll/personnel files that was completed on August 8, 2022.

September Elder-Mack Bean will do the devotions and opening prayer at the Session meeting and attend the Deaconate meeting. He will also be 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 September 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A.

Dianne Allen
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator of Session