

## **Stated Session Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2023**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A. 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. Pastor Judi gave the devotions and opening prayer.**

**Present:** Ruling **Class of 2023:** Tom Hackelman, Mack Bean, Bud Clark, Jean Nichols, David Riter and Florence Riter. **Class of 2024:** Nancy Ortman, Bev MacDonald, Lon Cross and Jeff McCune (via telephone). **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Vicki Erickson and Sharon Warner. **Others present:** Cathy Rew, Gail Cowdin, Alice Irwin, Peggy Prevost, Susan Foster and Harry Rief. Also, **Moderator** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan.

### **Special Order:**

- 1) Examination of new Elders and Deacons-** Alice Irwin, Gail Cowdin, Vicki Erickson and Sharon Warner. Each were asked what do they love about being Presbyterian and how do they expect to use their gifts/talents in the coming year. **Motion was made and seconded to sustain the exams.**
- 2) Election of Sharon Warner as Clerk of Session and Cathy Rew as Treasurer** for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. **Motion was made and seconded, election was approved.**

**Pastor's Report:** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan gave her report for January 2023 and noted that the reading of the final chapters of "*How to Lead when you don't know where you are Going*" are being tabled until new Elders have had a chance to read.

**Deacon Report:** **Peggy Prevost** reported that there are 21 people under care, 2 beveament and 19 watched and/or confined.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Cathy Rew** reported on the continuing efforts to simplify the accounting process and how various restricted funds could be used to offset budget shortfalls. Also discussed were procedures for approving expenses. **Motion was made, seconded and the Treasurer's report was approved.**

### **Clerk's Report:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes:** Sharon Warner asked for approval of the minutes for the Stated Session meeting of December 10, 2022. Motion was made, and seconded and the **minutes were approved.**
- 2) For the Record:** Death of Linda Ervin on December 18 was reported
- 3) Approval of Minutes of the Called Congregation Meeting of December.** Purpose was to vote on the change of Pastor Judi's terms of call. A motion was made and seconded, the **minutes were approved.**

- 4) **Correspondence:** Sharon Warner read a letter regarding the usage of the dishwasher by Shepard Groups during Sunday's coffee/cookie times. Question was, should we continue using paper products or use glassware for serving. Discussion settled on letting each Shepard Group determine what they wanted to use. A motion was made, seconded, **motion approved.**

#### **Committee Reports**

- 1) **Spiritual Life Committee:** Jean Nichols reported they will be having their first meeting in the coming week and that the Committee will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month thereafter.
- 2) **Congregational Life Committee:** The meeting was opened by Bev MacDonald with prayer. Those present were Mary Nimis-Tysk, Mack Bean, Peggy Prevost, Sue Predl, Steve Knudsen, Gail Knudsen, Alice Irwin, Susan Foster, Mary Hackleman, Maureen Lynch, Terry Woods and Pastor Judi

##### **Discussion points**

- a. Loss of church members, burn-out of chairs/leaders.
  - b. Congregational Life Committee chair, Bev, will report to Session
  - c. Bev must sign every request for purchase/reimbursement of expenses.
  - d. Flow chart will be prepared for clarification of duties
  - e. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, at 3:00 p.m.
- 3) **Operations Committee:** Jeff McCune, moderator participated via phone. Others present were Lon Cross, Bud Clark, Vicki Erickson, Tom Hackleman, Meeting opened with prayer.
- a. ARVEST Bank signature card to be updated to reflect Cathy Rew, Vicki Erickson and Jeff McCune as new signers
  - b. Motion was made and seconded that the function of the Church Secretary be filled by volunteers from the congregation.
  - c. Motion was made and seconded that the proposed budget for 2023 be approved by the PCBV Session

#### **Unfinished Business**

- 1) Vicki Erickson will be the **February Elder** and will perform the devotions and opening prayer at the Session meeting, visit Diaconate meeting, collect the offering plates and serve as liturgist
- 2) **Set Congregational Meeting** – to elect Nominating Committee and receive the annual report from Session. A suggested date of February 12 was made. **Motion made and seconded to approve the date.**
- 3) **Set meeting of the Corporation to elect officers - Motion made and seconded to approve February 12 as date for meeting.**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and adjournment**

#### **Extinguish the Christ Candle**

**Next Stated Session Meeting: February 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A**

Sharon Warner  
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan  
Moderator of Session