

## Stated Session Meeting Minutes December 10, 2022

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR, held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday December 10th at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A. Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan called the meeting to order, *lit the Christ Candle and led the Session in reading the Mission Statement. A quorum was present. The agenda was approved after tabling the examination of new Elders & Deacons until the January meeting, adding a motion from Outreach to remove people from the membership rolls and adding a motion from Property to sell the Playground set. Bev MacDonald gave the devotions and opening prayer.*

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

**Special Order:** Mary Nimis-Tysk, representing Outreach, introduced the Richard Washburn a transfer from the United Methodist Church, Crossville, TN. A motion from Outreach to approve his membership was made and approved to happily welcome him as a member. He will be introduced to the congregation on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Report:** Pastor Judi led the discussion on **Chapter 5** about church memories and how to listen. She had the Session members breakout in 2's and tell about memories they had of their church. Then each person summarized what each had heard.

**Deacon Report:** Susan Foster said the Deacons are currently serving 15 people. They have elected officers for 2023. Jan Halgrim will be the moderator and Susan Foster will be the Secretary.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce Allen reported that for the month of November income YTD was more than budget by \$13,723 and expenses YTD were less than budget by \$32,042 creating a favorable variance YTD of 45,765. Actual YTD income of \$326,294.51 was more than YTD expenses of \$315,200.23 by \$11,094.28.

He deferred to later in the meeting a discussion on possible accounting changes to respond to the projected budget deficits to Stewardship & Finance Committee Vice-Moderator Cathy Rew.

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 November 12<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made, seconded and the *minutes approved.*

**Member Removal:** A motion to remove Ron & Kay Burroughs from the membership rolls per their request was made, seconded, and approved.

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

**Outreach:** A motion from the committee to remove the following people from the membership rolls was approved. Joyce Bird, Don Johnson, Marilyn Lyons, Ronnie & Louise Staub, Sharyn Hughes, Sharon & Joan Osburn, Ralph & Vickie Trigg, Joan Albertson, Janet Ryan, Kathy Stoffel, Judy Wingerden, and Jim & Linda Westphal.

**Property:** A motion to sell the playground set to Rick & Sue Predl for \$100 was made, seconded and approved.

**Worship:** Communion was served to 96 people on November 30, 2022.

**Budget Items:** **Cathy Rew** presented the new terms of call for Pastor Judi. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept them and present them to the congregation on December 18<sup>th</sup> for their approval.

Fixed Expense

Salary \$36,400 +Housing \$35,350 + Retirement Plan \$3,600 = Effective Salary \$75,350

Board of Pensions Required

Pension/Medical 39% of Effective Salary = \$29,387

SECA allowance \$5,765

Total Fixed Expense \$110,502

Variable Expense

Reimbursable by Voucher

Auto Mileage \$1,700 +Business Exp. \$1,300 +Continuing Education \$4,500 +Books/Mtls. \$1,000

Total Variable Expense \$8,500

**Total Minister Expense=\$119002**

**Cathy Rew** discussed how various restricted funds could be used to offset budget shortfalls. She also discussed how the Building Fund money could be used for building expenses currently charged to the General Fund. Also discussed was charging the Memorial Garden Fund with a prorated share of the cost of landscape maintenance. These items were tabled until the January Session meeting.

**New Organization:** **Pastor Judi** went over the proposed new organization.

**Unfinished Business:** The Church Insurance policies were reviewed and accepted for 2023.

**January Elder-** Jean Nichols will do the devotions and opening prayer at the Session meeting and attend the Deaconate meeting. She 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 January 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A.

Dianne Allen

Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan

Moderator of Session