

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2023

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A. Rev. Dr. Judi McMillian called the meeting to order, lit the Christ Candle and welcomed those present. Opening prayer and devotion by **Florence Ritter**. Pastor Judi asked if there were questions on the agenda. There being none, motion was made, seconded and **approved by all members**

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2023:** Mack Bean, Jean Nichols, David Riter and Florence Riter. **Class of 2024:** Nancy Ortman, Bev MacDonald, Lon Cross and Jeff McCune. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Vicki Erickson and Sharon Warner. **Class of 2024** Bud Clark was excused. **Quorum was present.**

Others Present: Mary Hackleman and Cathy Rew. Also, **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillian.

Special Order:

- 1) **Mack Bean** introduced Linda and Dick Dahlquist as new members. Linda and Dick gave a brief summary of their lives and careers. They will be transferred to PCBV through Transfer of Certificate of Membership and will be presented to the congregation by Mack Bean on March 12, 2023. **Motion was made and approved to accept Linda and Dick as new members.**

Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Judi gave her monthly report. Highlights include:

1. Attendance at Presbytery at Lyon College with Jean Nichols
2. Start of Lent
3. Completion of Ann Lamott Book Study
4. Rev. John King to preach July 16

Pastor read the pages from Bible Study book regarding areas of growth. Suggestions include:

1. Book Studies
2. Soup Suppers
3. Growth in choir
4. Church has podcast
5. Blessing Box
6. Painting Classes

Discussion followed about getting the Men's Group active again. (Lon and Jeff)

Deacon Report: **Mary Hackleman** reported 10 members plus Pastor Judi were present for the March 1 meeting. Regarding the Deacon's Assistant funds, the Deacons were in agreement on the money for the financial and medical bills.

Treasurer's Report: **Cathy Rew** reviewed the Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense detail and the General Fund. Cathy also reported on the \$4,450.30 gift from the Ruth Grosshuesch estate. According to the Policies & Procedures Manual, \$1,780.12 will go to missions and the remaining \$2,670.18 will be decided later. **Motion was made, seconded and approved by all members..**

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approved the Stated Session Minutes of February 11, 2023. Motion was made, seconded and **approved by Session.**

Other business:

1. Letter was read from Carol Ritchie thanking the Church for the use of Fellowship hall and requesting to continue holding their P.E.O. meeting there for the coming year.

2. Letter from John Jaeger stating his desire to remove his name from the membership records

Motion was made, seconded and approved with one no vote.

Report of March Presbytery Meeting: Jean Nichols gave a report on the March Presbytery meeting that was held at Lyon College in Batesville on March 3-4, 2023. A complete report was given elders for their review. Jean presented the highlights of the meeting and a discussion followed regarding the proposed amendments.

Committee Reports:

1) Spiritual Life Committee: Jean Nichols

2) Operations Committee: Jeff McCune

Motions to be voted on by Session:

a. Year-end budget adjustment procedures

b. Formation of a special committee to plan, coordinate and oversee the PCBV Annual Sale. Date of sale will be in October.

3) Congregational Life Committee: Bev MacDonald

Bev opened discussion regarding the music competition proposed by Steve Knudsen for scholarships. Given the agendas and activities already in discussion, it was decided to table this event/activity until next year.

Members of Session were provided with a complete copy of the minutes of the three committees. Each leader highlighted items they thought should be noted.

Motion was made, seconded to approved all reports

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment:

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: May 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillian
Moderator