

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2023

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, April 8, 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 devotion and prayer was given by **Sharon Warner**. 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, Bud Clark, Jean Nichols, David Riter and Florence Riter. **Class of 2024:** Nancy Ortman, Bev MacDonald and Lon Cross. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Vicki Erickson and Sharon Warner.

Others Present: Gene McKay and Cathy Rew. Also, **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillian.

Special Order:

1. Mack Bean introduced Patricia and Kenneth Zornes as new members. Mack gave a brief summary of their life and career. The Zornes will be transferred to PCBV through transfer of Certificate of Membership from Community Church. Mack will introduce the Zornes during the Sunday, April 9th service.

Pastor's Reports:

Pastor Judi reported:

1. That the Rev. Dr. Philip W. Butin, Co-Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville will be our new Committee on Ministry Liaison. His role is to be available to the congregation and pastor if any challenges or difficulties develop for which COM guidance and/or support are needed.
2. United Campus Ministries will be here on Sunday, April 16.
3. Humor Sunday is scheduled for April 23 and the theme will be "Be My Neighbor" and all things Fred Rogers related.
4. The new study books are in and available in the office.

Deacon Report: **Gene McKay** reported Deacons continue to support 19 members of the congregation.

Treasurer's Report: **Cathy Rew** reported that there were no significant changes to Income/Expense report from last Session meeting. Cathy did clarify the three contra accounts in the General Fund account. These accounts offset the expense accounts in that category.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approved the Stated Session Minutes of March 11, 2023. Motion was made, seconded and **approved by Session**. The death of James Ferguson on March 4, 2023 at his home in Satellite Beach Florida and Jiggs Gaedtke on April 8 here in Bella Vista were reported

Committee Reports:

- 1) **Spiritual Life Committee: Jean Nichols**
 - a. Reported that 101 members were served communion on March 5 and 50 members were served on Maudy Thursday.
- 2) **Congregational Life: Bev MacDonald**
- 3) **Operations Committee: Lon Cross**
 - a. Discussion followed regarding a \$70,000 request from Committee for the purpose of updating the lighting, security, cameras, etc., of the church.

Committee will also be accepting bids for the cleaning of all areas of the church and report back to Session.

- b.** Session discussed the need to provide signs regarding the possession of weapons on church property. Motion was made to adopt a “no fire arms or weapons are allowed on the premises”. **Motion was made that items brought to Session by the Operations Committee be approved. Motion was seconded, requests were approved.**

Members of Session were provided with a complete copy of the minutes of the three committees for their review. **Motion was made, seconded and approved.**

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

1. Elect Commissioners to June Presbytery meeting to be held June 3, 2023 via Zoom.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment:

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: May 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillian
Moderator