

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2023

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, February 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 **Vicki Erickson**. 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, Lon Cross and Jeff McCune.

Class of 2025: Tom Hackleman, Vicki Erickson and Sharon Warner.

Others Present: Susan Foster and Cathy Rew. Also, **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillian.

Special Order:

- 1) **Mack Bean** introduced Charles Whitford. Mr. Whitford gave a brief summary of his life and career. Mr. Whitford will be transferred to PCBV through reaffirmation of faith and will be presented to the congregation by Peggy Provost on Feb. 12, 2023
- 2) **Approval to approve Corporate Officers:** Per email vote tally from Pastor Judi, the following received unanimous (9 votes) approval for election of Corporate Officers per our By-Laws and per the State of Arkansas Requirements.
 - a. **President: Bev MacDonald**
 - b. **Vice President: Vicki Erickson**
 - c. **Secretary: Sharon Warner**
 - d. **Treasurer: Cathy Rew**

Motion was made, seconded and approved to ratify the election of officers.

Pastor's Reports:

- 1) **Pastor Judi** gave a summary of her recent Boundary Training through the Synod of The Sun and LeaderWise. Discussion followed about the types of boundaries and ones that might be encountered. Session continued with a discussion of Chapter 6 in the book "When you don't know where you are going". Questions arose about:
 - a. Who do we serve
 - b. Do we have any clarity about who we are called to serve
 - c. Is there energy among us to try something new
 - d. Core Values
 - e. What are the core values at PCBV
 - f. Future Ideas another

Motion was made, seconded and approved by Session to dispense with items being discussed in Item #1 and set a time and date for a retreat. A planning group for this retreat was scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Retreat to be held after Session on March 11. Agenda for Retreat will be decided at the planning group meeting on February 13.

- 2) **Session** was provided a list of vacation, study leave requests and guest preachers for Pastor Judi for 2023.
 - a. **Vacation 1** - March 20 – 26 (Guest Preacher Ronnie Provost)
 - b. **Study Leave Week I** - May 8 – 14 – Montreat, NC:ARW, Arts, Recreation Worship Conference (Guest Preacher Joyce Daniel)

- c. **Study Leave 2** - July 9 – 15 Peace/Music Conference, Ring Lake Ranch, Dubois, WY (Guest Preacher CJ Malone)
- d. **Vacation 2** - on either side of Study Leave - probably July 7, 8, and July 16-20 (Preacher TBD)
- e. **Vacation 3** - August 4-10 (Guest Speaker Ronnie Prevost (need approval for communion.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously **approved** to accept the requests.

Deacon Report: **Susan Foster** advised there was no meeting this month. They continue see 20 people per month.

Treasurer's Report: **Cathy Rew** reported she and Ann continue working on the balance sheet and income statement consolidation.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approved the Stated Session Minutes of January 14, 2023. Motion was made, seconded and **approved by Session**.

Committee Reports:

1) **Spiritual Life Committee:** **Jean Nichols**

2) **Operations Committee:** **Jeff McCune**

Motions to be voted on by Session:

- a. **That the Church hold a sale in the fall (date TBD).**
- b. **That the Singing Men of Arkansas hold a concert n the church on Sunday, May 21 2023. Proceeds from concert to be split 50//50.**

3) **Congregational Life Committee:** **Bev MacDonald**

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 and approved to approve all reports

Unfinished Business: none

New Business

1. **Pastor Judi** reviewed with Session the 2022 Annual Report and ask for Session approval. Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to accept the Annual Report. The annual report also includes the **Statistical Report submitted to the Presbytery annually and the Board of Deacons Annual Report. Minutes for the Board of Deacons Meetings are kept in a binder in the office work room.**
2. **Election of Commissioners to March Presbytery Meeting March 3rd and 4th.** Jean Nichols and Pastor Judi will be attending the meeting
3. **Elder Lon Cross** will serve as Liturgist and secure the offering and Florence Ritter will do devotions and visit Diaconate meeting for the month of March
4. **Clerk** will be reviewing minutes and church register for report to and approval by Session at April Session Meeting.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment:

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

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

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillian
Moderator