

### **Stated Session Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2023**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, May 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 **Pastor Judi**. 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:** 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. Mack Bean was excused.  
Others Present: Peggy Prevost and Cathy Rew. Also, **Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Judi McMillian.

**Pastor's Reports:** **Pastor Judi** reported on the UCM Bike-a-Thon Group Ride and the dollars raised for the United Campus Ministries. PCBV continues to be among the top contributors to UCM. Pastor also reported on her attendance at Arts, Recreation, Worship Conference she attended in Montreat, North Carolina. Conference was very informative and she plans to incorporate some of the things learned into the activities of the church

**Deacon Report:** **Peggy Prevost** reported that \$1,000 was spent from the Deacon's emergency fund. She expressed appreciation to the elders who helped with home communion and announced that a special speaker from Area Agency on Aging of NWA will speak here on June 7. All are welcome to attend. Deacons continue to support 18 to 19 members of the congregation.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Cathy Rew** reported that the financial statement continues to stay in line with what was projected. Also reported on the \$10,000 donation that was received from the Grosshuesch Trust. Missions received \$4,000 of that donation with \$6,000 going to the church. Session was made aware that due to the loss of some members, the financial picture could change, especially in the building fund. Estimated loss in pledges is \$10,000.

**Clerk's Report:** **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of April 8, 2023. Correction was made in spelling. Motion was made, seconded and **Approved by Session to accept the minutes as corrected**. Clerk read a letter from Jeff McCune resigning from Session as he and Myra are moving to Arizona. **Motion was made and seconded to accept the letter**.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

- a. Reported that 50 individuals were served communion on Maundy Thursday and 136 on Easter Sunday
- b. Reviewed calendar of upcoming events
- c. Report from Missions
- d. Report from Worship

- e. **Motion was made, seconded and approved in Committee to** request approval from Session to collect pet food and cash donations at the Blessing of the Pets event on June 11, to be split evenly between the Bella Vista Animal Shelter and Best Friends Animal Society of Bentonville.
- 2) Congregational Life: Bev MacDonald**
- a. Plans for the Blessing of the Pets Service on June 11.
  - b. Search for new Study Book
  - c. Music Competition
  - d. New Member picnic
  - e. Photo workshop
- 3) Operations Committee: Lon Cross**
- a. Lon Cross to serve as Operations Committee Moderator and Bud Clark to serve as Operations Committee Co-Moderator
  - b. Report on proposals for upgrades
  - c. Landscaping
  - d. **Motion was made, seconded and approved in Committee to** request approval from Session to allow \$3,600 to \$3,700 for upgrades to the Memorial Garden.

**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 to accept all reports and requests from committees.**

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1. **Motion was made, seconded and approved** to ratify the e-mail motion by Session for Rev. McMillian to attend daughter's wedding June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>.(vacation days)

**New Business**

- 1. No elders signed up to be Commissioners from Bella Vista attending the June Presbytery Meeting.
- 2. **Motion was made, seconded, and approved** to set the date of the Church sale on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Committees to be formed to coordinate sale

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment:**

**Extinguish The Christ Candle:**

**Next Stated Session Meeting: June 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A**

Sharon Warner  
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillian  
Moderator