

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - November 11, 2023

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A. Rev. Dr. Judi McMillan called the meeting to order, lit the Christ Candle and welcomed those present. Opening devotion and prayer were given by **Bud Clark**

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

Others Present: Cathy Rew, Eddie Lou Taylor, Peggy Prevost and Daniel Johnson. Also: **Moderator: Pastor Judi McMillan.**

Approval of Agenda: **Pastor Judi** asked if there were any changes, omissions, additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was approved.

Pastor's Reports: **Pastor Judi** reported on the continuing efforts to review the membership rolls for those no longer active or who have not given in the past two years. At this meeting, a total of 14 have been identified. Motion was made, seconded and approved to remove these from the rolls. (The names of those identified will be listed in a later section of these minutes.)

Pastor reported on the continuing process to update and consolidate the Memorial Garden records. New pricing is being worked into the P & P Manual and Session These updated prices are based upon the new costs for Wooden Ash Boxes (a special upgrade) as well as the brass name plates.

Pastor suggested a book "You Are Changing The World" as a possible book for CE class. She also reminded Session of Advent and said those responsible would be asking for individuals to sign up for the Lighting of our Advent Wreath. Advent Begins December 3.

Deacon's Report: **Peggy Prevost** reported that 22 people are now being served by our Deacons, five of which are bereaved and some will be rolling off soon.

Treasurer's Report: **Cathy Rew** opened her report noting that, based on the current number of pledges, the Church will end 2023 very strong. Karen Watson will be taking over as Treasurer in January 2024. Session thanked Cathy for her work this year in consolidating, deleting, correcting, etc., the Church's financial information into a smaller and more understandable format.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of October 14, 2023. There was one correction to be made. **Motion was made, seconded** to approve minutes as corrected.

A partial review of names to be deleted from the Church rolls was reviewed by Session **and motion was made and approved to remove the following list.** (It should be noted that these individuals were contacted by phone or e-mail regarding their status with the Church before being presented to Session)

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| -Jan and Stuart Wallace | -Jack McClellan |
| -Dick Wohlberg | -Mary Partridge |
| -Georgie Sterry | -Ann and Leroy Millard |
| -Ami and Darrell Maples | -Nancy Skinner |
| -Shirley Baker | -Norie Allen |
| -Lorna Sterrett | |

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

- a) Report of financial status
- b) Report on stewardship campaign. Cathy reported that Ann has received 42 pledge cards which reflected an increase of approximately of \$15,000 in pledges.
- c) The Church's new sound system is due to be completed by November 10th, and training of the sound operators will take place the next two Sundays, November 12th and 19th.
- d) The new security system is currently being installed and is due to be completed by November 15th. Once installation is complete, detailed instructions need to be drafted and a section will be added to the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- e) Bud reported that landscaping in and around the Memorial Garden has been completed

Spiritual Life Committee - Jean Nichols

- a) Reported 91 received communion in worship and 13 received home communion.
- b) Report from Missions
- c) Report from Worship
- d) 2024 Missions/Minutes for Missions Dates and 2024 Communion Schedule were presented and approved in committee. Committee approved a request from Ronnie Prevost for a moment for mission on November 26. **Dates were presented to Session November 11th. Motion was made and seconded to approve. (A copy of the 2024 Missions Calendar Dates will be attached to these minutes.)**
- e) Discussion followed on how to allow guests/member if¹ they arrive after the 10:00 a.m. service start time
- f) Request from Stephen and Gail Knudsen to trade their piano for the Church's electronic piano was tabled.

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

- a) Thanksgiving potluck meal will be Thursday, November 23, in Fellowship Hall
- b) Advent begins November 28
- c) Christmas meal is scheduled for Monday, December 25 at 12:00 noon
- d) Bev currently has three group leaders, need one more. Sharry McGuire and Terry Woods will be Shepherd Group Coordinators.

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.

NewBusiness:

2024 SESSION COMMITTEES (Classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026) were announced:

Operations Committee: Moderator: Lon Cross - Secretary: Vicki Erickson

- a) Administration: Lon Cross (2024)
- b) Property: Tom Hackleman (2025)
- c) Stewardship & Finance: Vicki Erickson (2025)
- d) Nominations: Vicki Erickson (2025)

Spiritual Life Committee: Moderator: Peggy Prevost

- a) Worship: Gary Harris (2026)
 - b) Communion: Peggy Prevost (2026)
 - c) Missions: Dan Johnson (2025)
 - d) Secretary: Ronnie Prevost (2024)
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Congregational Life: Moderator: Bev MacDonald (2024) Secretary: Susan Foster

- a) Church Events: Bev MacDonald (2024)
- b) Fishes & Loaves: Bev MacDonald (2024)
- c) Outreach: Eddie Lou Taylor (2026)
- d) Christian Education: Nancy Ortman

OTHER Business

- a) Dedication of the pledges will be on December 19, 2023
Motion was made and approved
- b) Ordination date is January 7, 2024
Motion was made and approved

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

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

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillian
Moderator