

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2024

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024 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 **Bev MacDonald**.

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2024:** Bev MacDonald and Lon Cross. Nancy Ortman was absent **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Dan Johnson and Sharon Warner. Vicki Erickson was excused due to illness. **Class of 2026:** Peggy Prevost, Gary Harris and Eddie Lou Taylor. **Others Present:** Sharon Judson and Karen Watson. 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 that our new cleaning crew (Jan-Pro) will provide cleaning on Mondays and Thursdays of each week with a deep cleaning of the kitchen and bathrooms scheduled for Thursday, January 11.

The two Book Groups will begin meeting January 15, 2024. First group will meet on January 15 at the Mockingbird Café and the second group on January 18 in Fellowship Hall. Title of the study is *You Are Changing the World, Whether You Like It or Not* by David LaMotte. Pastor also shared a brief video by Coach K on Leadership.

Other topics discussed: a) Ash Wednesday on February 14th
b) 3 week sermon series on Facing Our Fears
c) Pastor Judi will be attending a Worship Conference in Grand Rapids, MI February 6th thru 12th

Deacon's Report: **Sharon Judson** reported on her visit with a church member who is currently in Hospice and has been for some time. She posed the question on what determines if a person should be in hospice care and how long. It was suggested that information regarding Hospice be gathered and available to church members should they have a need.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Watson reported no changes to financial condition of the church. Bev had a question regarding an entry and will get with the accountant regarding for correction.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of December 9, 2023. There being no corrections, **Motion was made, seconded to approve.**

- a) Reported on e-mail received from Linda and Cy Whatley informing Session of their intent to move to a church closer to their home. Motion was made and approved to accept their letter.
- b) Reminder: **Elder** for February will be **Vicki Erickson** and **Liturgist** for February is **Lon Cross**
- c) Motion was made and seconded to move the next Stated Session Meeting from February 10, to February 17, as Pastor will be at a Worship Conference.

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

- a) Annual Church Sale set for September 20-21, 2024
- b) Annual Meeting set for January 28, 2024 to approve annual report
- c) Spring Fundraiser set for May 18, 2024
- d) New coffee maker will be in place by end of January 2024
- e) Draft of P & P will be done by end of January
- f) Office Audit conducted December 27, 2023
- g) Discussion followed on who should be responsible for closing the church after worship each Sunday. Decision was made that the Elder of the month will be responsible for securing the building

Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost

- a) Committee will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month in Classroom A
- b) Slate of servers for communion on Sunday, February 4 and Ash Wednesday February 14 was prepared
- c) Suggestion to request money rather than cans of soup during the Lenten Soup Suppers was made. Decision on this will be made by the Committee.

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

- a) Eddie Lou Taylor will moderate the Outreach Committee along with Dan Dovell, Frank Taylor, Ron Burroughs and Mary Nimis-Tysk
- b) Loaves & Fishes moderator will be Bev MacDonald along with Carolyn Cross and Sharry McGuire
- c) Plans are underway for the Lenten Soup Suppers.
- d) Bev explained to Session the purpose of the Prayer Pockets that will be introduced to the congregation on February 18 and showed examples of some.

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.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: February 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator