

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2024

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 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 **Peggy Prevost**.

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2024:** Bev MacDonald and Lon Cross, Nancy Ortman was excused. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Dan Johnson and Sharon Warner. Vicki Erickson was excused. Dan Johnson was excuse. **Class of 2026:** Peggy Provost and Eddie Lou Taylor, Gary Harris was absent. Others Present: Gail Cowdin and Karen Watson Also: **Moderator: Pastor Judi McMillan. A Quorum was present for the meeting.**

Approval of Agenda: On a motion made and seconded, Session approved the Agenda.

Pastor's Reports: Pastor Judi reported:

1. Pastor requested Session approve her third week of vacation, dates June 30 through July 6. **Motion was made, seconded to approve vacation.** Vacation dates of August 11-17 and May 23-June 6 were approved at an earlier Session
2. Church will be hosting three memorials (Gene Felton, Marilyn Vits, and Bernie Hietbrink) over the next couple of weeks.
3. Discussed a possible fall potluck gathering with Deacons and Elders. Pastor will distribute a list of possible dates.
4. Session approved special request for Singing Men of Arkansas

Deacon's Report: **Gail Cowdin** reported the Deacons are currently serving 13 confined members and 5 members who were bereaved. There were no requests for assistance through the Deacon's Assistance Fund for the past month.

Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer** reported no significant changes in the condition of the church over the past month. Treasurer did report that as a result of the 4 recent deaths, the church could have a shortfall of \$17,000 for the year.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of March 9, 2024. **Motion was made, seconded and approved.**

- a) Clerk reported the death of church members Marilyn Vits on March 8, 2024 and Gene Felton on March 22, 2024.
- b) Elder for the month of March is Gary Harris and Jean Nichols will be Liturgist. Peggy Prevost will be Elder and Liturgist for the month of May 2024.

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

- a) Lon informed Session that the church will have its annual church sale on October 18 & 19, 2024 instead of the previously approved dates of September 20-21. This change is due to the date of the Bella Vista Craft Sale
- b) Updates to the Policies & Procedures manual continue

Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost

- a) Maudy Thursday report
- b) Missions:
 - 1. Dan Johnson discussed/explained the purpose of NOROC.
 - 2. Reported Missions YTD (through April) expenditures (\$8,988.52) and YTD credits (\$453)
 - 3. Jan Halgrim reported that CANOPY was doing well.
 - 4. CPR training is set for June 4 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. Sign up sheet will be provided in Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

- a) Committee received a report on "Puttin on the Ritz". Event to be held June 1st with a fashion show with silent auction
- b) Report on Lenten Soup Suppers: average attendance was 60 people. \$1,400 was made from the dinners (\$280 will go to mission \$1,120 will go back into Congregational Life)

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

None

New Business

None

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: May 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator