

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - March 9, 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 **Sharon Warner**

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

Approval of Agenda: **Pastor Judi** asked if there were any changes, omissions, additions to the agenda. There was one change. Gary Harris will act as Elder of the Month in place of Vicki Erickson. Agenda was updated and on motion, second, **Agenda was approved**

Pastor's Reports: **Pastor Judi reported:**

1. attendance has been good for Lenten Soup Suppers
2. Book study (You Are Changing the World) wrapped up with attendance averaging 23 per week between the two groups
3. Holy Humor is set for April 7, at 10:00 am with this year's theme "The Great Wedding Banquet"
4. Pastor reported on her attendance at the Presbytery Overnight at College of the Ozarks and reviewed with Session some of the Ministry Architects Presentation regarding strengths/weaknesses, and future plans for the church

Deacon's Report: **Gail Cowdin** reported the Deacons are currently serving 19 members, 3 of which are bereaved and 3 are almost ready to be removed.

Treasurer's Report: In **Treasurer's absence,** **Pastor Judi** reported no significant changes in the condition of the church and on motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of February 17, 2024. **Motion was made, seconded and approved.**

- a) Clerk reported the death of church members Gary Stumbo on 2/18/2024 and Bernie Hietbrink on 2/24/2024.
- b) Reminder: **Elder/Liturgist** for the month of March is Sharon Warner.

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

- a) Lon reported that we have received two bids for upgrading the rear parking lot lights (11) to LED's. Bids are within a few dollars of each other (8,300.00 plus tax). Lon asked for permission for Operations two meet with the two companies and make a decision on which to use. **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Operations decision on which company to use in the amount not to exceed \$8,400.** Lighting for the front of the church needs updating as well but is a work in progress with Carroll Electric.
- b) Updates to the Policies & Procedures manual continue.
- c) Gary announced that Maria Adair will be at the church on June 4th at 9:00 a.m in Fellowship to demonstrate procedures if a member has to administer CPR. Discussion followed

regarding an active shooter situation at the church. Gary will be contacting local police about a program addressing this situation.

Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost

- a) Committee reviewed the following upcoming events of the church:
- b) Pastor Judi will be out May 26 (Rev. Joe Tropansky will serve as minister).
- c) Pastor Judi will be out June 2 (Dr. Ronnie Prevost will serve as minister).

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

- a) New Member event will be on hold until a later date
- b) June 1st will be combination of a fashion show, silent auction and bake sale. Bev will get with the Shepherd Group leaders to organize this.
- c) Bev reported on a possible bake sale. Will ask PW if they would be interested in helping with baking.

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

- 1. Clerk reviewed with Session any corrections/changes/additions that need to be addressed in her review of the Church Register and Session Minutes. Three items were noted and have been corrected. Clerk will forward to Clerk of Presbytery for their review. **Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept findings of the review.**
- 2. Request from Operations that Session approve funds from the Spring Fling will go to the purchase of 25 forty eight inch tables to be purchased for possible fundraisers and other church events. **Motion was made, seconded and approved by Session.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: April 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator