

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - May 11, 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 **Gary Harris**.

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2024:** Bev MacDonald and Nancy Ortman. Lon Cross was excused. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Dan Johnson, Sharon Warner, and Vicki Erickson. **Class of 2026:** Peggy Prevost, Eddie Lou Taylor, and Gary Harris. **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 proposed the following Fee Structure for inclusion in the Policies and Procedures Manual:
 - (a) Bulletins \$25.00 - this will recoup the cost of printing. (based o 100 printed bulletins)
 - (b) Sound & Projection \$100.00 - to run photography and sound.
 - (c) PowerPoint Creation and Projection \$100.00 – this is for use before worship and/or in fellowship hall. This will require that all items for PowerPoint and Projection be received in Church office 1 (one) week prior to the event.
 - (d) Live Broadcasting \$100.00
(Should a family be unable to pay for these services, Session may look at a way for the budget to accommodate.

Deacon's Report: In the absence of a Deacon, **Pastor Judi** reported on:

1. A Policy for sound & tech is being drawn up for those who need access.
2. The issue of scams is being addressed.
3. A page has been added online for prayer requests
4. A new podcast be being developed titled "Let's Talk"

Referring to Minutes of the Deacons' Meeting, 14 members remain on the Watched and Confined list. Another was added at request and 5 were currently listed on the bereaved list.

Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer** reported no significant changes in the condition of the church over the past month.

Clerk's Report: **Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of April13, 2024. **Motion was made, seconded and approved as amended.**

- a) Clerk reported on receipt from Presbytery
- b) Elder for the month of May is Peggy Prevost. Peggy will serve as Liturgist for the first two Sundays of May and Jean Nichols will serve the last two Sundays of the month,

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

- a) April/YTD financials were reviewed. Activity included:
 - \$9,060 for parking lot lights (since this was not budgeted item transfer of funds was submitted to Texas Presbyterian Foundation to cover cost)
- b) Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 from 9:30 to 11:00 to review suggested changes.

Spiritual Life Committee

- a) Missions:
 - 1. Dan reported on special offerings for April:
 - a) NOROC offering \$402.00
 - b) One Great hour of Sharing - \$1,735.00
 - c) Contributions from Lenten Suppers: \$278.00
 - d) Will begin reporting special mission offerings amounts in bulletin
- b) Worship:
 - 1. a) Attendance pads have been ordered
 - b) Active shooter response training is being researched
 - c) CPR training set for June 4 at 9:00 a. (5 have signed up to date)
- c) Communion
 - 1. a) Peggy reported that 40 members were served on Maundy Thursday and 89 were served on Easter.

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. Publicity for this event will be in the Vista, on facebook, posters are in banks, restaurants, etc.
- b) Ron and Dan expressed ways to welcome people into the church.
- c) Nancy Ortman reported that books "Falling Upward" have been ordered and should be delivered shortly. Book Study will be on Mondays at 4 p.m. and Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

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

Discussion followed regarding the Church members currently involved in external activities such as Helping Hands, Preschool and United Christian Ministry. To date, a report from these individuals has not been required by Session. Election of those joining external activities shall take place at the January Session meeting with a report from each entity given to Session on a quarterly basis.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

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

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator