

### **Stated Session Meeting Minutes - July 13, 2024**

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, May 11, 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.

Meeting was called to order and quorum was present.  
Peggy Prevost gave the opening devotion and Prayer.

Eddie Lou Harris presented four new/returning members:

- a. Bill and Fran Zimmermann are returning members and came by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- b. Sandy Andrews is returning by Transfer of Membership from the First Christian Church in Rogers.
- c. Nina Berger is a new member coming from the Methodist Church (Highlands) by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Motion was made and seconded to receive the above as new and returning members.

**Members Present:** Ruling **Class of 2024:** Bev MacDonald and Lon Cross. Nancy Ortman was absent. **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:** Terry Woods and **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 Judi reported that due to the death of Ann Davidson's mother, she will be out the office the week of July 15, except for a short time on Monday.
2. If there are items to put in bulletin, email information to Judi at [pcbvoffice@pcbv.org](mailto:pcbvoffice@pcbv.org).

#### **Deacon's Report:**

1. Terry reported there are currently 14 church members on the watch or confined list.
2. Deacons continue their visits and sending cards to their assigned members.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Pastor reported no significant changes in the condition of the church over the past month and asked for approval of the financial statements for June 30, 2024.

**Clerk's Report: Sharon Warner** asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of the May 13, 2024 minutes. **Motion was made, seconded and approved as amended.**

- a) Elder for the month of August will be **Nancy Ortman** and **Jerry Lender** will serve as Liturgist.
- b) Reported that on May 19, 2024, David Bachelder and Sandy Bachelder were introduced as new members. They came by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- c) Reported the death of Hope Kinney on June 18, 2024. Hope will be buried in Missouri.
- d) Reported the death of Marvel Pokorny on June 28, 2024. Marvel will be buried in Fayetteville.
- e) Reported the approval by Session on June 18, 2024, of a job description for an Administrative Assistant for the church. Approvals were received by Pastor Judi via email and a quorum of the Elders responded.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Operations Committee - Lon Cross**

- a) June YTD financials were reviewed
- b) Lon reported Gail Knudsen, organist, will be unable to perform her duties due to a broken femur for an unknown period of time. Lon noted that Sandy Andrews is willing to play the piano for one month during Gail's absence. In the event Gail is not able to return after one month, a representative of the Organist's Guild was contacted, seeking help in finding a possible substitute organist.
- c) Bids continue to come in for the power washing of the exterior of the church.
- d) Bids for the carpet cleaning in Fellowship Hall are in and Ann will contact company to schedule time for the cleaning.

### **Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost**

1. Pastor reported that we will be having Hymn Sing in August. A list of some familiar hymns has been prepared and members are asked to check which hymns are some of their favorites. List is in connector Hall.
2. Missions:
  - a) Dan reported the Gravette School supplies list is in connector hall and boxes have been prepared and are on the stage for items purchased by members.
  - b) Lon Cross and others collected and delivered goods/donations to Decatur for tornado recovery.
3. Worship:
  - a) Gary Harris reported on the receipt of more attendance pads and Kerrie oil for pulpit candles.
  - b) Had CPR/AED training on June 6. Eight people attended
  - c) Had program by BVPD on "active shooter" on June 1.
  - d) Items discussed were:
    - means of providing ushers for worship services
    - protocols regarding postlude
    - ways to more immediately identify worshippers who need to be served communion where they are seated.
- 4) Communion:
  - a) Peggy reported approval of committee for July 2024 Calendar
    - July 7 ---Communion
    - July 14 ---Martha Wettersten's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday
  - b) May 5 Communion - 100 served
  - c) May 19 Communion (Pentecost) - 99 served
  - d) June 2 Communion - 84 served
  - e) Committee will begin moving all communion supplies into old nursery as it is more convenient to sanctuary.

### **Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald**

1. Bev MacDonald reported the fall picnic will be August 4, 2024, pot luck after church services. Set up to be Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 am. Signup sheet in Connector Hallway. Paper and plastic dishes and utensils will be used.
2. Shepherd Group Leaders will contact members of the church for the Bake Sale which will be same days as garage sale, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Sale Committee needs to know how many members will be willing to provide baked goods at the sale.
3. Putin on the Ritz raised \$2,800 after expenses and before deductions.

**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**

Peggy Prevost attended the Presbytery meeting in June and reported on;

1. Welcomed ministers to presbytery (including Ron Gilmer) and said goodbye to others.
2. Examined and approved call of new MWS Elizabeth Calhoon (to be ordained and installed at Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock on August 17).
3. Received reports from committees.
4. Reviewed working document of future goals of the Presbytery from Mark Devries of Ministry Architects.
5. Said goodbye to Stewart Smith, General Presbyter.
6. Insurance deductibles.
7. Next meeting: October 25-26 Second Presbyterian Church Little Rock.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi**

**Extinguish The Christ Candle:**

**Next Stated Session Meeting: August 10, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A**

Sharon Warner  
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan  
Moderator