

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2024

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, October 12, 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.

Lon Cross gave the opening devotion and prayer.

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2024:** Lon Cross, Bev MacDonald and Nancy Ortman. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Sharon Warner, Dan Johnson. Vicki Erickson was excused. **Class of 2026:** Peggy Prevost and Eddie Lou Taylor. Gary Harris was absent. **Others Present:** Karen Watson and Deacon Sharon Judson.

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 the remainder of her vacation which will be Christmas Day thru January 2, 2025. **Motion was made, seconded and approved.**
2. Reported that Stewardship Time will begin October 27 with an announcement in the weekly bulletin. Announcement will continue on November 3 and November 10 with the Stewardship Dinner on November 10 following worship.
3. United Christian Ministry held their 60th anniversary celebration which was attended by Pastor Judi, Peggy and Ronnie Provost.
4. Pastor informed Session that Becky Morgan is now at the Bradford House in Rogers and that her granddaughter is with her. Also, there will be no service at PCBV for Lou Vits. A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Deacon's Report

1. Sharon Judson reported that 12 members received communion.
2. Deacons continue to add to the grief package and will have their first grief session on November 24th after worship.
3. Deacons are preparing a list of care givers for those members in need of help.
4. Deacons continue sending cards and making phone calls.

Treasurer's Report: Karen reported that church received notice of an insurance increase of over 39% for the 2025 year. This equates to about \$8,000. It was suggested that the church engage an appraisal to determine if perhaps the church is over insured. Also noted was that the three CD's approved in the September Session Meeting have been purchased. The CD's are for \$50,000 each with rotating maturities of 30, 60, and 90 days. **Motion was made, seconded and approved by Session to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

Clerk's Report: Sharon Warner asked for a motion to approve the Stated Session Minutes of September 14, 2024 and the Called Congregational Meeting of September 22, 2024. **Motion was made, seconded and approved as amended.**

2. **Reminder:** Elder for the month of October will be **Eddie Lou Taylor**. **Susan Foster** will serve as Liturgist for the month.

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

1. August financials were reviewed.
2. Power washing and touching up the exterior (sidewalks in front and side of church) have been completed.
3. As approved at September's Session meeting, locks for pantry sliding door and two cabinets in Fellowship Hall have been purchased and installed.
4. Committee approved a Motion that proceeds from the annual Church Sale go to the following:
 - a. \$1100 to pay off the balance of the round 48" tables purchased for Fellowship Hall
 - b. \$3000 - \$5000 to purchase and install a commercial ice machine in the Kitchen
 - c. \$3000 for a commercial refrigerator to replace an existing refrigerator that is approaching end of its life cycle.Discussion followed. Session asked the Church Sale Committee to research the different types of appliances and get actual costs, types, etc. Will report back at November Session Meeting.
5. Motion from Operation Committee to move the closing time of the church from 4:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. was approved in their meeting and sent to Session for final approval. Motion was made, seconded and approved by Session.

Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost

1. Following discussion, Committee voted to give the church's allotment of Global Peace Offering to Canopy.
2. Reviewed mission expenditures for the month and was reminded that PCBV regularly gives to 25 mission causes.
3. Discussed process, preparation and service for All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024
4. Pastor Judi will be holding a training for liturgists after worship on October 27.
5. Report on previous Communion numbers will be forthcoming.
6. The need for ushers and their training was discussed. Training will be ongoing as new members volunteer.

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

1. Pastor Judi reported on the upcoming book study, "Signs and Wonders". Classes will begin Monday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 7th at 2:00 p.m. Pastor also informed the meeting that she will be on vacation from December 25, 2024 thru January 2, 2025
2. Eddie Lou reported that Mary Nimis-Tysk has volunteered to have two new member gatherings at her home. Dates are November 5th and November 13th.
3. It was suggested that we include in our church directory non-members. This was discussed and agreed upon.
4. Bev reported planning continues for Thanksgiving dinner. Will inform session when complete.
5. Shepherd groups will remain the same for the coming year. Committee is also looking for ideas for activities that all members of the church can participate in. Session received full copies of minutes from each committee.

Unfinished Business

1. All members of the Session have reviewed the updated Policy and Procedure Manual. **On a motion, seconded and approved. Session approved the updated manual with a couple of minor changes.**

New Business

1. On October 24, Pastor received a request from Bud Clark for the church to host another Singing Men of Arkansas event on Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m. An e-mail was sent to all Elders requesting a vote, yes or no. Seven votes were received. This being a majority, request was approved.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

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

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator