

Stated Session Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2024

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, AR held a Stated Session Meeting on Saturday, September 14, 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.

Dan Johnson gave the opening devotion and prayer.

Members Present: Ruling **Class of 2024:** Lon Cross and Bev MacDonald. Nancy Ortman was absent. **Class of 2025:** Tom Hackleman, Sharon Warner, and Vicki Erickson. Dan Johnson was excused. **Class of 2026:** Peggy Prevost, Eddie Lou Taylor, and Gary Harris. **Others Present:** Karen Watson and David Rew. **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. Policies & Procedures manual is now complete. Pastor distributed copies for all Session to review. Session to approve in October meeting.
2. Elders and Deacons will meet September 18. Agenda will include a case study on one of our newest policies, Harrassment.
3. Pastor reported that Becky Morgan had fallen in her home. Is now home from the hospital.
4. Steve and Gail continue to improve and Gail plans to be back the first of October to play piano and organ.
5. Pastor informed Session a new study book titled "Signs and Wonders" has been ordered. They are \$10.00 each. Classes will start Nov. 7 thru December 12 on Thursday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. She will get with Monday group to set up time.

Deacon's Report:

1. David Rew reported 12 members are currently on the list of Deacons needing to be contacted. David commented this is the least number of members needing a Deacon in a long time. Deacons continue their visits and sending cards to their assigned members.
2. As of this date, no one has requested anything from the Deacon's fund. Session stressed the importance of confidentially in dealing this those seeking help.

Treasurer's Report: Karen reviewed the budget, noting that August is typically a slow month for contributions and pledges. However, the church still finished the month with a positive balance. **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 August 10, 2024 minutes. **Motion was made, seconded and approved as amended.**

- Reminder: Elder for the month of September is **Dan Johnson** and **Lon Cross** will serve as Liturgist.
1. Reminder: Elder for the month of October will be **Tom Hackleman**. **Sharon Warner** will serve as Liturgist for services on October 6th and 13th. Bev MacDonald will serve as Liturgist for services on October 20th and 27th
 2. Clerk reminded Elders that budget is due to Session by November 1, 2024.

Committee Reports:

Operations Committee - Lon Cross

1. August financials were reviewed. Ann Davidson recommended that we consider putting some of the church's local funds in CDs to generate interest. Motion was made, seconded and passed authorizing Ann to open three CDs in the amount of \$50,000 each with 6 month, 12 month and 18 or 24 month renewal periods. Ann will contact Arvest for rates and paperwork details.
2. Policy and Procedures Manual has been completed and copies will be provided to elders and deacons. Assuming there are no changes/additions, policy will go to Session in October for approval.

Spiritual Life Committee - Peggy Prevost

1. Discussion began with needs for Administrative Assistant. It was determined that the issue would go back to Operations updating qualifications and posting for candidate.
2. Pastor reported December 22 as date for Choir Christmas Music.
3. Dan Johnson reported on Missions expenditures.
4. Requested more information regarding the letter seeking additional funding for Presbytery Honduras mission trip.
5. Reported that at the August 4th communion, 99 members were served.
6. Tentative 2025 communion schedule was reviewed.
 - January 12 - Baptism of the Lord
 - February 2** - 1st Sunday
 - March 2 - 1st Sunday
 - April 17 - Maundy Thursday
 - May 4** - 1st Sunday
 - June 8 - Pentecost
 - **Home Communion
 - July 6 - 1st Sunday
 - August 3** - 1st Sunday
 - September 7 - 1st Sunday
 - October 5** - 1st Sunday/World Communion
 - November 23 - Christ the King Sunday
 - December 24 - Christmas Eve

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Communion Schedule

7. Dan Johnson reported:
 1. Reported on Missions Expenditures
 2. Noted Alzheimer's Walk
 3. Florence Riter reported on Gravette School Supplies.

Congregational Life Meeting - Bev MacDonald

1. Eddie Lou reported that pictures are being taken of new members and displayed in Connector Hallway.
2. Bev reported that it is time to plan for Thanksgiving. Maureen Lender will check for caterers (Eddie Lou will check with chef at the Plaza) to cook turkeys.
3. Continue reminding Shepherd group leaders about upcoming bake sale.
4. Because of church supplies missing, it was decided to put a lock on the pantry door.

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. Peggy Prevost will attend the October Presbytery meeting on October 25 & 26 in Little Rock
2. Bill Wellner and Gail Cowdin will be alternating Sunday School lessons.
3. Congregational Meeting was set for September 22 to elect Deacons and Elders. Meeting to be published in bulletin for two Sundays.
4. Pastor reported that Jim Prince is moving as well as Jan & Virg Halgrim will be moving in the spring.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Adjournment: Pastor Judi

Extinguish The Christ Candle:

Next Stated Session Meeting: October 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom A

Sharon Warner
Clerk of Session

Rev. Dr. Judith McMillan
Moderator