

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022
(HYBRID MEETING)**

The Session of the Old Sone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The moderator declared that a quorum was in attendance and opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

PRESENT: Moderator/Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger and Ruling Elders: Townley Hamilton, Jennifer Runyon, Karen Leland, Joan Montgomery, Sara Irons and Stuart Brown.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson and Ruling Elders: Jim Coleman, Jim Rowe, Scott McClelland, Megan Kirkham, Chuck Lewis and Tag Galyean.

Two sets of minutes were presented by the Clerk for approval:

- Stated Session meeting – Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- Congregational meeting – Sunday, April 10, 2022

A motion was made and seconded to accepted the minutes as presented; motion was APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Townley Hamilton:

- The committee recommends having the nursery open on only the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month and closing the nursery during the summer (June – September). This decision was based on the lack of children coming to the nursery during Sunday morning worship. The nursery will be open on holidays. This recommendation comes from committee so no second is required. The motion was APPROVED. The committee will continue to seek volunteers to assist with the nursery.

MUSIC and WORSHIP – Townley Hamilton and Chuck Lewis:

- The latest revision of the Funeral and Wedding policies were included in the packet. Townley stated that the edits/changes are printed in red. Elders are encourage to take time to read and digest the policies and a vote will be taken at the May Session meeting to approve the changes.
- The committee presented for approval, the dates for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. This comes from committee so no second is required; motion was APPROVED. The dates presented include:

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Sunday, March, 6, 2022

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Maundy Thursday

Sunday, May 1, 2022

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Sunday, August 7, 2022
Sunday, September 4, 2022
Sunday, October 2, 2022
Sunday, November 6, 2022
Sunday, December 4, 2022

And any additional home communion celebrations

- There was discussion on communion elements. The pre-packaged elements will be used for Maundy Thursday and it was decided to resume having Elders prepare and pass the elements on May 1.

PROPERTY – Joan Montgomery:

- The committee is working on Building Use Guidelines to be included in the Manual of Operations and will be looking for volunteers to serve as openers and closers on Sunday mornings.

PNC – Rev. Binder reported that plans are underway to have a representative from the Presbytery schedule training for the committee.

REOPENING TAKS FORCE – Jennifer Runyon and Rev. Binder:

- There was discussion to eliminate the “Yellow” part of the chart – using just “Green” and “Red”. A motion was made and seconded to eliminate “Yellow” and to allow the celebration of the Lord’s Supper when the county is “Green”; the motion was APPROVED.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Binder:

- Transitional Conversation: Discipleship Opportunities
 1. Volunteer involvement
 2. Bible Study
 3. Choir
 4. Other opportunities that may be discovered
- Possibility of holding a New Membership Class
- Updating all the handbooks and policies of the church prior to a new pastor being called.
- The Elders were encouraged to take the on-line survey that Rev. Binder will be sending out the link to, with the deadline for responses being April 25.

CLERK’S REPORT – Nancy Smallenberger:

- A Ruling Elder Commissioner is needed to attend the meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia on Thursday, May 19, at the Beckley Presbyterian Church. Jennifer Runyon offered to serve – motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to have Jen represent OSPC.
- A Membership Request has been received to reinstate the following to the Active Membership List: Bill, Anita, Gillian and Benjamin Snyder and David, Kathy, Madison and Adam Snyder. Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to make the change.
- Worship Attendance –
 - Sunday, March 20
 - 75 In Person
 - 11 On-line

Sunday, March 27
64 In Person
12 On-line
Sunday, April 3
86 In Person
17 On-line
Sunday, April 12
114 In Person
13 On-line

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting with all in approval bowing their heads for the closing prayer, offered by Rev. Binder.

The next Stated meeting of the Session will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved