

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeff Binder, Moderator/Interim Pastor. Elder, Townley Hamilton offered the devotions and opening prayer.

Attendance was taken by the Clerk and the Moderator declared a quorum was in attendance.

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger and Elders: Townley Hamilton, Jim Rowe, Stuart Brown, Sara Irons, Karen Leland, Jim Coleman and Joan Montgomery.

EXCUSED: Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson and Elders: Jennifer Runyon, Scott McClelland, Tag Galyean and Megan Lewis Kirkham.

The docket was approved with the addition of a report by Jim Rowe, moderator of the PNC. Rowe reported that the committee has met several times recently and have been reviewing the 25 PIF's they had received, which included listening to many sermons.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the Wednesday, July 27, 2022, Stated meeting were **APPROVED** as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Townley Hamilton

- Curriculum Approval – The committee presented the following recommendations:
 - Logos** -- “The Exodus” from “Growing God’s Love”
 - PYC** – “What Are God’s Gifts?” and “What Is The Good News?”, both from “Simple Sundays”
 - Adult Sunday School** – will continue using “Present Word”

These are all PC(USA) approved publications. This comes as a motion from committee, so no second is required. The motion was **APPROVED**.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Printed reports had been included in the Session packet. Rev. Binder also distributed a report from Scott McClelland, church treasurer.

- Pledges are on track.
- Unpledged/loose giving YTD has already exceeded annual budget.
- The committee will be meeting following the Labor Day holiday to focus on the Stewardship Campaign plan and kickoff and to plan a timely approval of the 2023 budget.
- Expenses are staying under control.
- Committee moderators will receive copies of their actual budget. They are asked to closely review to ensure that things are being booked/coded correctly. There remains to be some

work to do to clean up accounts prior to year-end. Everyone is urged to use correct coding when filing out the expense/check request forms.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Sara Irons reported that the committee had recently met, via Zoom, with a representative from the Board of Pensions.

PRESBYTERY REPORT –

- **CALLED PRESBYTERY MEETING** – Thursday, August 4, via Zoom with Karen Leland serving as Commissioner. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the proposed sale of the Presbytery building. The sale was APPROVED, with the price coming in above the asking price. The funds from the sale will be placed in the General Fund for now.
- **STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING** – Thursday, August 18, via Zoom. Rev. Binder and Nancy Smallenberger had attended the meeting. Highlights included: increase in Per Capita giving, reports on the General Assembly meeting and the proposed budget for next year was presented and approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Rev. Binder

- Pastoral Care Concerns:
 - A number of folks have been back and forth to the hospital recently.
 - JoAnn Pearis, who continues to have back issues.
 - Dena Williams, who recently underwent back surgery.
 - Richard Franke, who continues to have issues with his health.
 - Jackie Bennett
 - Mary Scarborough
 - Bobbi Hoffman, who is requesting possible rides on Sunday to church
 - Brandon Dooley
 - Dick Marshall
 - Joe Taylor
 - Emma McClelland and her family
 - Nancy Greenstreet

If anyone is aware of individuals needing pastoral care and “check-ins”, please contact Rev. Binder, the church office, Jim Coleman and/or Tracy Morgan.

- A Memorial Service will be held for Alice Jeffries on September 7th at 3:30 p.m. at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home with Rev. Binder officiating.
- How does Session see the current church library being used in the future?
- The Presbytery continues to urge churches to continue discussions regarding their church being incorporated.
- The Caldwell Pentecostal Church, who at one time used the chapel building in Caldwell owned by OSPC, is wanting to sell the chapel, without including a Reverting Clause. Rev. Binder has spoken to the Presbytery staff regarding this request and will be talking with Jim Rowe and the Trustees of Old Stone.
- Larger conversating regarding Covid protocols. It was recommended to send this item back to the Return to Worship Task Force, being as they were the ones who had suggested the current protocols being used.
- The upcoming Session Mini-Retreat that will be held on Saturday, September 10.
- Rev. Binder reported that he will be on vacation September 12 – 17.

CLERK’S REPORT –

- Correspondence
- Church Attendance

July 31	71 In Person	15 Viewing YouTube
August 7	72 In Person	17 Viewing YouTube
August 14	47 In Person	9 Viewing YouTube
August 21	72 In Person	19 Viewing YouTube

NEW BUSINESS:

- In the past, every five (5) years, the membership of Old Stone has observed the anniversary of OSPC. If this schedule of celebrating would continue, this would occur in September 2023.

This was mentioned only to put the information out for future discussions.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS –

- “More Than Mortar” will be held following morning worship on Sunday, August 28, with hot dogs and sides being provided.
- The annual Church Picnic will be held following morning worship on Sunday, September 11, at Charlie Mackey Park in Maxwelton.
- The Americana Rummage Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27, in Fellowship Hall and the Americana Shop.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Jeff Binder.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

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