

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder. Opening devotions and prayer were presented by Rev. Binder.

Attendance was taken by the clerk and it was declared that a quorum was in attendance.

PRESENT: Moderator/Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Ruling Elders: Stuart Brown, Jim Coleman, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Scott McClelland and Jennifer Runyon; and guests: newly elected Elders: Renee Ahern, Ann Walker and Gary Williams and Trustee, John Wilson.

EXCUSED: Ruling Elders: Tag Galyean, Megan Kirkham, Karen Leland, Joan Montgomery and Jim Rowe; and newly elected Elder, Amy Meadows.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the docket as presented, with the exception of moving the presentation by John Wilson, on behalf of the Trustees, to this point in the meeting. The motion was **APPROVED**. The presentation pertained to the church's insurance coverage. The current policy is due for renewal on December 31, 2022. The Trustees recently met to review information presented by a new carrier, with the possibility of changing agencies. As of this time, the Trustees have decided to stay with, and pay the current premium, the current carrier, but will be meeting again to review the coverage provided by the new carrier.

Two sets of minutes were presented for approval:

- Stated Session meeting held on Wednesday, November 16 – **APPROVED** as presented and amended
- Congregational meeting held on Sunday, November 27 – **APPROVED** as presented.

INTRODUCTION/EXAMINATION OF ELECTED RULING ELDERS:

Rev. Binder asked the three newly elected Elders in attendance to give an overview of their faith story and their journey at Old Stone. Following a time of discussion, a motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to sustain the examination and **APPROVE** Renee, Ann and Gary to serve as Elders; and Amy Meadows was **APPROVED** in abstention, being as she has previously served a number of terms.

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held, as a part of the worship service, on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

Rev. Binder thanked members of the Class of 2022 for their service: Tag Galyean, Karen Leland and Scott McClelland. It was stated that we give thanks for Chuck Lewis, who was also a member of the Class of 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

BUILDING USE TASK FORCE – Rev. Binder gave an update on the recent meeting of the group when they met to review and revise/update the Building Use Policy. The group is recommending to pause all long-term building use applications (new inquiries) until a new policy is approved. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the recommendation.

SAFETY TEAM – Minutes of the teams recent meeting were included in the packet for Session’s review. The group will be meeting again in January.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Scott McClelland

- Month in Review – McClelland stated that the reports he had sent to Session were through December 18th, which showed income had exceeded the budget and expenses were below budget. The committee will be having a Year End Financial Review done after the year ends.
- Stewardship Updates – Presently, 70 pledges have been received for 2023, compared to 78 which were received for 2022. A letter is being drafted to be sent to individuals who have not pledged as of now.
- 2023 Budget requests – The committee is waiting for all of the pledges to come in before preparing the operating budget for 2023. Committee budget requests should have been submitted to the committee but if any moderators have questions, contact McClelland or Jennifer Runyon. The church has received information from the Presbytery regarding our contributions to the Shared Mission contribution and the Per Capita contribution. The committee hopes to have the budget completed and ready for approval in January or February.

Session will be electing a new church treasurer at the January Stated meeting. Rev. Binder, on behalf of the church, thanked Scott for his efforts this year.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Binder

- Congregational Care Updates –
Patty Plumley
Richard Franke
Norman Ahern’s father
Lynn Weikle and Family
Cam Harkness
- Church Incorporation Updates – The amendment for this did not pass during the recent election. Churches are being told by the Presbytery and the state not to file applications now.
- Pastor Jeff reported that he will be on vacation December 25-31. Amy Kesterson will be leading worship on Sunday, December 25. He will also be out of town, attending the DMin class January 7-14. Becky Williams will be filling the pulpit on Sunday, January 8.
- Committees are encouraged to continue meeting and to start identifying moderators for 2023.
- It was reported that the PNC continues to meet and interview candidates.

CLERK’S REPORT –

- Correspondence included: information from Presbytery regarding: Shared Mission and Per Capita contributions, revised Pulpit Supply list, 2022 Prayer List for Churches, and Bluestone Camp and Retreat dates concerning Summer Camp dates and Retreat dates.
- Worship Attendance

Sunday, November 20	61 In Person	16 On Line
Sunday, November 27	89 In Person	18 On Line
Sunday, December 4	125 In Person	15 On Line
Saturday, December 10	132 In Person	15 On Line
<i>Handel’s Messiah</i>		
Sunday, December 11	90 In Person	11 On Line
Sunday, December 18	94 In Person	20 On Line
- Active Roll Update – Removal of inactive and those who have moved. Letters had been sent to individuals to “check in” regarding this. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to remove the following names: Frances Layton, Arlen Myers and Ginger Lockhart.

There was no NEW BUSINESS to be addressed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS –

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- Christmas Day Worship Service

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Binder.

The next Stated meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the church and via Zoom.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Approved and Signed