

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022  
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Rev. Jeff Binder, Interim Pastor/Moderator. Attendance was taken by the Clerk and it was declared that a quorum was in attendance. Devotions and the opening prayer were offered by Elder, Tag Galyean.

**PRESENT:** Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Ruling Elders: Jim Coleman, Tag Galyean, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Karen Leland, Chuck Lewis, Scott McClelland, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe and Jennifer Runyon; and guest, Ginger Lockhart.

**ABSENT:** Ruling Elders, Stuart Brown and Megan Kirkham.

A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to amend the docket to include the addition of welcoming a guest, Ginger Lockhart, who is requesting to transfer her membership to OSPC from First Presbyterian Church in Logan, Utah. Ginger and her family moved to the area in August. Each of the Elders introduced themselves, followed by Ginger introducing herself and giving a brief overview of her faith journey. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to welcome Ginger into the membership of Old Stone Presbyterian Church.

The Clerk presented the minutes of the Stated Session meeting held on Wednesday, January 4, 2022. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as presented.

**COMMITTEE/SESSION ORGANIZATION FOR 2022**

- Welcome to the Class of 2024 - Sara Irons, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe and Jennifer Runyon
- Election of Clerk of Session – A motion was made and seconded to elect Nancy Smallenberger to serve as Clerk for 2022. The motion was **APPROVED**.
- Election of Church Treasurer – A motion was made and seconded to elect Scott McClelland to serve as Church Treasurer for 2022. The motion was **APPROVED**.
- Selection of regular meeting date and time – There was discussion to change the regular meeting date, due to the turn-around time needed to have up-to-date financial reports for the meeting. Currently the Session meets on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to move the meeting to the third Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6 p.m.

**COMMITTEE and TASK FORCE CHAIR/ASSIGNMENTS –**

- Nominating Committee Chair (elected members are Cam Huffman, Marcia Leitch, and Michael Meadows) – Motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** for Joan Montgomery to serve as chair/Session liaison.

- Personnel Committee – Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Jim Rowe to serve as chair/Session liaison. Sara Irons volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Congregational Care – It was discussed that this be coordinated with the Presbyterian Women. Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Chuck Lewis and Jim Coleman to serve as Session liaisons.
- Christian Education – Amy Kesterson represents the staff on the committee and Townley Hamilton also serves on the committee.
- Finance and Stewardship – Motion was made and seconded for Scott McClelland to serve as chair/Session liaison and for Jim Coleman, Jennifer Runyon and Tag Galyean to serve on the committee. The motion was APPROVED.
- Property – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Chuck Lewis to serve as chair/Session liaison.
- Music and Worship – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Townley Hamilton to serve as chair and for Townley and Chuck Lewis to serve as Session liaisons. Brennan Wood will represent the staff on the committee.
- Fellowship – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Karen Leland to serve as chair/Session liaison.
- Outreach – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Jennifer Runyon to serve as chair/Session liaison. Tag Galyean also volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Reopening Task Force – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Jennifer Runyon to serve as Session liaison.
- Plans Committee – There was discussion as to whether an individual committee was necessary. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the Session to handle the work of the Plans Committee as a “Committee of the Whole” this year.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS –**

##### **STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE – Jim Coleman, 2021 church treasurer**

- 2022 Budget – Coleman reported that he had emailed and also handed out hard copies of a draft of the proposed 2022 operating budget. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to suspend the discussion, and to return the draft to the committee for additional work. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to hold a Called Session meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:000 p.m. to review and approve a budget for 2022.

##### **PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Jeff Binder**

- Pastoral Care Updates were given.
- Annual Meeting date is still to be determined.
- For those interested, the Presbytery will be offering an Officer Training, via Zoom, on February 20 and 27.
- Reminder of the Transitional Ministry Retreat for the Session on February 26, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Rev. Binder informed the group of Continuing Education time he has scheduled.

- A volunteer was asked to prepare a “highlight” article for the newsletter. Jim Coleman volunteered to prepare the article.
- The church has received two requests for weddings in the sanctuary. One was approved and more information is needed before continuing discussion on the second.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Amy Kesterson presented the following requests:

- PYC would like to hold a carry-out soup luncheon on Sunday, February 13, following morning worship. Drivers are needed to deliver meals to a number of households while others will be able to pick-up their meals following the worship service. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the PYC to hold the lunch as a fundraiser for the mission trip.
- To hold Winter Bible School on Monday, February 28; Tuesday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 2. Students will meet at the church following school and meet until 6 p.m., except on Wednesday when the group will dismiss at 5:30 p.m. so they can attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 6 p.m. with their family. Amy Kesterson will be assembling the curriculum. A limit has been set for the number that can attend (per the Return Task Force): 15 Elementary students; 5 PYC youth and 5 adults. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the Winter Bible School.
- Suzanne Snyder has asked to have a second session of the Grief Support Group, beginning in March. Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to meet.
- The committee would like to begin a Confirmation Class, meeting in February and March. Currently, Amy is aware of 4 or 5 students who will be participating. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the class to be held.
- Debbie Taylor, coordinator of the S.T.A.I.R. program has requested the program be allowed to hold their End of Year Party -- exceptions would be needed to the policy of number of individuals meeting and food being served. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to table the request and to refer it to the Task Force for discussion.

### **CLERK’S REPORT –**

- Worship Attendance –
  - January 2 –
    - 47 individuals in-person
  - January 9 –
    - 33 individuals in-person and 19 on-line (this is number of “devices”, not people, during the 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. hour)
  - January 16 –
    - 31 individuals in-person and 25 on-line
  - January 23 –
    - 48 individuals in-person and ? on-line not working
  - January 30 –
    - 57 individuals in-person and 18 on-line
- 2021 PC(USA) Statistical Report – Due on February 17

- Election of Ruling Elder Commissioner for Presbytery meeting, via Zoom, on Saturday February 19 – Townley Hamilton – motion made, seconded and APPROVED for Townley to serve as Commissioner

**NEW BUSINESS** – There was none.

REMINDER: Called Session Meeting – 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022  
Session Retreat – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 26, 2022  
March Stated Session Meeting – 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2022

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, with all in approval joining Rev. Binder for the closing prayer.

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Clerk of Session

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Moderator

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Date Signed and Approved