

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022  
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Moderator/Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeff Binder. Elder, Karen Leland offered devotions and opening prayer.

**PRESENT:** Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Ruling Elders: Jennifer Runyon, Townley Hamilton, Stuart Brown, Karen Leland, Sara Irons and Jim Coleman; and guests: Roger Wolfe, Rev. Cameron Harkness and Suzanne Snyder.

**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Ruling Elders: Tag Galyean, Scott McClelland, Megan Kirkham, Joan Montgomery and Jim Rowe.

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

Rev. Binder introduced guest, Roger Wolfe and stated that Mr. Wolfe was wishing to transfer his membership to Old Stone Presbyterian Church. All those in attendance introduced themselves and Mr. Wolfe gave a brief background intro of his church experiences. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to receive Roger Wolfe into the membership of OSPC.

Rev. Binder then welcomed Cam Harkness and Suzanne Snyder who were present to give an update on the Bereavement Group that is meeting at the church. The group is led by Harkness and Rev. Ike Hughes and it was reported that twelve (12) individuals have participated. Harkness stated that he and Rev. Hughes are willing to lead at least one more session (six weeks) and they feel that it is a program that needs to be built upon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Two sets of minutes were included in the packet for approval, including:

- Stated Session meeting – Wednesday, June 22; and
- Special Meeting – Wednesday, July 13.

A motion was made and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:**

**FELLOWSHIP** – Karen Leland

- The church picnic that has been scheduled for Sunday, September 11, will be held at Charlie Mackey Park in Maxwelton.
- A “Pool Splash Party” will be held at Greenbrier Valley Aquatic Center on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost will be \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.
- “More Than Mortar” will be held, following morning worship, on Sunday, August 28. Committees are asked to have sign-up sheets available along with information sheets on committee responsibilities.

- The committee is asking for \$300 to cover the cost of the meat for the picnic, with other expenses being covered by funds in the committee's budget. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the church to provide the \$300 requested by the committee.
- The committee is also talking with the Women of the Church to possibly participate in T.O.O.T. – more information will be forthcoming.

PROPERTY – Rev. Binder (in the absence of Joan Montgomery, moderator) presented the committee's motion to approve the recently updated Room Reservation policy. With this coming from committee, no second is required; motion was APPROVED and the policy will be included in the Manual of Operations.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Monthly financial reports were included in the Session packet.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT –

- Rev. Binder stated that the new insurance provider had been obtained by the Stewardship Committee. Members of the Stewardship Committee have spoken with the Church Trustees asking them to take on the management of the insurance umbrella for the church, with the Trustees agreeing. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the Trustees to handle the insurance for the church moving forward.
- Rev. Binder also reported the updated Manual of Operations, pages 1-8 had been presented to the Elders in June and are to be approved at this meeting. The last time the manual was updated in 2020. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the update, with the addition of a bullet point regarding the Trustees to handle the management of the insurance balloon.
- Pastoral Care Updates included:
  - JoAnn Pearis
  - Richard Franke
  - Jackie Bennett is now home, following surgery for a broken hip and rehab
  - Mary Scarborough is now home, following stays in Greenbrier Valley Medical Center and Raleigh General Hospital
  - Family of Patricia "Pat" King following her death
  - Family of Debbie Wilson following her death – Amy Kesterson thanked everyone for their understanding with her needing extra time off during this time
  - Scott McClelland and Family on Emma's upcoming hand surgery
- Anyone knowing of congregational care concerns should pass this information on to the church office, Rev. Binder and/or Jim Coleman.
- Continuing the Transitional conversation, Elders should familiarize themselves with the portion of the Manual of Operations covering the responsibilities of Session members.
- Rev. Binder thanked the Session for the time needed to attend Part II of Interim Training that he recently attended. He also stated that he will be taking some vacation time in August and September.

#### CLERK'S REPORT included:

- Correspondence
- Attendance report, which had been included in the Session packet

- There will be a Called Meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia, pertaining to the sale of the Presbytery office building, to be held on Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4. Karen Leland was approved to serve as Commissioner.
- The next regular meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia will be held on Zoom on Thursday, August 18. Jim Coleman was approved to serve as Commissioner.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- Jen Runyon reported that Robert C. Byrd Clinic’s mobile unit will be parked on Church Street during the September Food Locker distribution and will be manned by the Osteopathic students who will be doing blood pressure and A1C screenings.
- Townley Hamilton and Rev. Binder had attended/participated at the recent WVSOM Resource Fair.
- Townley Hamilton stated that there are still three open spots for communion prep on Sunday, August 7.

The next Stated Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned with all 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