

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder, Interim Pastor. The opening prayer and devotions were given by Elder, Stuart Brown.

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

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder, Interim Pastor; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson and Ruling Elders: Karen Leland, Scott McClelland, Megan Kirkham, Stuart Brown, Tag Galyean, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe and Jennifer Runyon.

EXCUSED: Ruling Elder, Jim Coleman.

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

A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept the docket as presented.

Rev. Binder began the business portion of the meeting by explaining that when he was researching for the most up-to-date copy of the church's Manual of Operations, the last copy he located was a draft, dated March 15, 2020. The first eight pages of this document had been included in the packet for this meeting for the Elders to read, for a first reading. Elders were encouraged to read these pages and they will be voted on at the July Stated meeting for adoption. With the Session now being down to eleven (11) members, a quorum for business meetings and votes will be six (6) Elders in attendance to vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Stated Session meeting – Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Due to there not being a quorum in attendance at the April Stated Session meeting, these minutes need to be approved. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept as presented.
- Stated Session meeting – Wednesday, April 12, 2022 – Again a quorum was not in attendance so minutes are to be approved as this meeting – motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept as presented.
- Called meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 – Examination of Confirmands – Motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as presented.
- Also presented was an email vote taken to approve the May 15, 2022, special offering on behalf of the Presbyterian Women for their Birthday offering. The email vote passed unanimously – and was once again **APPROVED**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Townley Hamilton and Amy Kesterson

- The committee is recommending that John Bicksler be elected to serve on the Presbytery of WV Youth Council. This comes as a motion from committee so no second is required; the motion was APPROVED. Kesterson stated that Bicksler has agreed to serve, if approved.

WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton

- The committee had presented, in May, revised copies of both the Wedding and Funeral policies, for a first reading; with the policies being presented at tonight's meeting for approval. This comes as a motion from the committee so no second is required; the motion was APPROVED. Rev. Binder reminded the Session that these are "living documents" which can be amended when needed.

OUTREACH – Jen Runyon

- Session had voted, via email, to approve the June 5th Pentecost offering with the local portion of funds collected going to Reach Out and Read. The email vote had been approved and was RE-APPROVED during the June meeting.
- The committee is requesting to schedule two special offerings: the first being on Sunday, July 3, to benefit the United Way 211 fund and the second being on Christmas Eve to benefit Davis Stuart. These come as a motion from committee so no second was required, the motion was APPROVED.

P.N.C. – Jim Rowe

- Rev. Binder has asked that the committee present an update during the monthly Session meetings. Rowe stated that they have formed, been trained by Presbytery staff and have met several times. They currently have completed the M.I.F. (Ministry Information Form) and submitted it to David Lee, liaison to Old Stone from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery for approval by the C.O.M. Once approved by C.O.M., the committee will present it to Session for approval before it can be submitted to be published on the PC(USA) C.L.C. website.

PROPERTY – Joan Montgomery

- Room Reservation policy update – The committee has met and reviewed the policy pertaining to the rental of rooms in the Education Building. It was decided by the committee that rooms that will be available to rent would be the Activity Room and Fellowship Hall, along with the kitchen. They also adjusted the rental rates. (Note: the Session/Conference room is NOT included in rooms available for rent to outside groups.) This information was included in the Session packet for a "first reading" and will be voted on at the July Stated Session meeting.
- Motion to re-open the sanctuary to the public – The committee is recommending that the sanctuary doors be unlocked during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday – Friday. It was reported that the majority of the electronics in the balcony used during

livestreaming is locked up following the worship service on Sunday mornings and that the doors into the sanctuary from the breezeway will remain locked (from the breezeway side of the doors). This comes from committee so no second is required; the motion was APPROVED.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Scott McClelland

- Approval of the finalized 2020 Financial Review by Suttle and Stalnaker – The committee recommends approval of the review; no second is required; motion was APPROVED.
- Approval to begin the 2021 Financial Review by Suttle and Stalnaker – The committee recommends that the church contract the firm to conduct the 2021 review. There had been discussion of conducting the review in-house but following the committee’s discussion and research, it was determined they wish to have the 2021 review once again conducted by Suttle and Stalnaker. This comes from committee; no second is required; motion was APPROVED. The question was asked if this had been included in this year’s budget and the answer is no but the committee feels it a necessary expense.
- Insurance Update – McClelland asked committee member Jen Runyon to bring the Session up-to-date on this matter. Runyon stated that the company that currently carries the insurance for Old Stone will no longer be providing this coverage as of June 30, 2022. The committee has reached out to several companies that are familiar in offering insurance to churches and will have three quotes for coverage by end of day on June 23. Once the quotes are received, the committee will review them and recommend a new carrier for the next year. A motion was made and seconded to allow the committee to select the new carrier once they have reviewed the quotes and the coverage offered, on behalf of the Session and the church. The motion was APPROVED.
- McClelland gave a month/quarter in review stating:
 - income is ahead of budget as of May 31, 2022
 - expenses are less than budgeted
 - finances are ahead of this time last year

FELLOWSHIP – Karen Leland

- Sunday, July 3, there will be a Fellowship Time following the morning worship service, hosted by the committee. Others are being asked to contribute snacks/cookies/treats for those attending. Following the service, and during the time of fellowship, the Old Stone choir will be singing Patriotic songs and there will be selections from the Greenbrier River Brass Quartet.
- “More Than Mortar” has been scheduled for Sunday, August 28. More information to come.
- Sunday, September 11, has been selected as the date for the Church Picnic – more information to follow.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Binder

- Pastoral care updates:
 - Chuck Lewis and family
 - JoAnn Pearis
 - Debbie Wilson, Amy Kesterson’s mother-in-law

Richard Franke
Jackie Bennett
Mary Scarborough
Dick Marshall

Brandon Dooley and Family, Amy Brown's brother

- Updates from Rev. Arpi Tordai will start being included in the Stone Chippings
- Church Directory Update – Stuart Brown has volunteered, with others, to take new photos for those wishing to have them for a new church directory. Other new, updated information that individuals wish to have included can be submitted to the church office.
- New Member Class – Pastor Jeff stated that he had only had one individual approach him expressing their desire to join Old Stone and they will be meeting with the Session at the July Stated Session meeting.
- Pastor Jeff thanked the Session for allowing him the time away from the office to attend his doctorate class held earlier in the month. He also reported that he will be attending a class on Transitional Ministry, beginning July 17, and lasting the week; along with taking some vacation time in August.
- Transitional conversation continued, with those in attendance being asked the question “What is one God-sized goal you’d like Old Stone to take on in the next year?” Each individual was asked to give one or two ideas they had, with a few being:
 - reaching out to younger families and getting them engaged
 - more community involvement with community organizations
 - having more children involved
 - being relevant
 - becoming more engaged
 - growth of membership
 - doing a better job of communicating to the public on what we’re doing
 - wider involvement

CLERK’S REPORT – Nancy Smallenberger

- Request from Katrina White to be moved back to the Active Membership roll. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for this action.
- Worship Attendance
- Correspondence

NEW BUSINESS –

- Amy Kesterson stated that she needs a Liturgist for Sunday, June 26. Karen Leland will serve.
- Pastor Jeff asked Amy K. for a brief report on the recent mission trip. Amy reported that the work was hard and it was a very hot week but that it had been a good week. She stated that not only were the individuals that the group helped appreciative for the work that was done for them, they were also appreciative of the youth who provided the work. Those who participated in the trip will be making a full report during a morning worship service in the fall.

The next Stated Session meeting will be Wednesday, July 27th, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no other business to be conducted, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, with all bowing their heads and joining in prayer offered by Rev. Binder.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved