

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder.

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

Devotions and opening prayer were offered by Elder, Joan Montgomery. Jim Rowe will be responsible for devotions and opening prayer for the December Stated meeting.

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

**ABSENT:** Elder, Megan Kirkham.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Clerk presented the minutes of the Stated Session meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 which were **APPROVED** as presented.

**ACTIVE SHOOTER FORUM REPORT:** Townley Hamilton and Rev. Binder

- It is recommended by those who attended that a Safety Team Task Force be formed.
- Norman Ahern is willing to serve on the “team”, along with Mike Leland and Joan Montgomery. Others who attended the forum are welcome to be a part of the team.
- Townley and Pastor Jeff both felt that it was a helpful event and provided helpful information.
- It was stated that the safety assessment that was done in 2018 will be reviewed by the group.

It was **APPROVED** unanimously to form the task force.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** –

**WORSHIP and MUSIC:** Townley Hamilton

- Sanctuary Technology Upgrades – Townley stated that Brennan Wood is researching sound equipment for the choir. The equipment will be non-invasive in the congregation’s sightline. He is requesting that funding for the equipment come from somewhere except the Music/Choir Budget.
- The camera that had been sent for repair is back and will be re-installed, along with a new cable that was ordered that has also arrived.

**NOMINATING:** Joan Montgomery –

- The committee has completed their work of forming a slate of officers to be presented to the congregation and voted on. The following individuals have been contacted and have agreed to serve:

**Elders - Class of 2025**

Renee Ahern  
Amy Meadows  
Ann Walker  
Gary Williams

**Trustee – Class of 2025**

Carol Cales

**2023 Nominating Committee**

Michael Meadows  
Bill Satterfield  
Lynn Weikle

An active Elder will be elected to serve on the committee as moderator

- A motion was made and APPROVED to call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 27, at the conclusion of morning worship to elect these individuals.
- Rev. Binder stated that Officer Training will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Ordination and Installation Service will be scheduled for January.

**PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) – Jim Rowe**

- The committee continues to meet. They recently requested and received an additional set of PIF's (Pastor Information Forms).
- "We are still at it, but have a ways to go."

**PERSONNEL – Jim Rowe**

(At this point in the meeting, Amy Kesterson and Rev. Binder excused themselves from the meeting.)

- A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to "remove from the table" the new Interim Pastor Covenant, which was tabled at the October Stated meeting. The committee presented the revised Interim Pastor's Covenant for approval. This comes as a motion from committee so no second is required; the motion/covenant was APPROVED.
- The committee is in the process of conducting yearly evaluations.

(At this point, Amy Kesterson and Rev. Binder returned to the meeting.)

**STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Scott McClelland**

- Month in Review – October was a strong month ... income is ahead of budget and expenses are below budget. There has also been an increase in loose giving.
- 2023 Budget Requests – The committee will be working on a proposed budget. If anyone has questions, contact Scott or any member of the committee.
- Dedication Sunday will be this Sunday, November 20. Currently, 17 pledges have been returned. In 2022, there were 78 pledges made. 140 Stewardship packets were recently mailed out by the church office.

**PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Binder**

- Congregational Care Updates were given, including:  
Sharon White  
Patty Plumley  
Joe Taylor  
Bill Satterfield  
Dick Marshall  
Richard Franke

Elders were reminded that they are responsible for congregational care of members.

- PC(USA) Today class (*Thoughtful Christian*) update was given.
- Vital Congregation sermon series recap was given.
- Officer Orientation/Training will be held Sunday, December 4, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Topics to be covered will include: Book of Order, OSPC Manual of Operation and the Questions of Installation and Ordination.
- The Presbytery is encouraging churches to “hold off” on church incorporation following the recent election when the amendment failed to pass.
- Committee moderators – be thinking about who will moderate committees next year and who might serve on the committee.
- Building Use Policy Revisited – Last month, on the day the Session was to meet, the church received a request from a Mom’s group to meet in the Education building. During the Session meeting, no action was taken. The next day, those making the request came for a tour of the building and signed the requested form. Following this, individuals began asking questions, including the Trustees who had a number of questions. It was APPROVED to form a group to look into the possibility of revising the Room Reservation Guidelines and Information and the Room Rental Application. The group will meet and make recommendations to the Session.
- Presbytery Meeting Update – Jim Coleman was to serve as Commissioner but was unable to attend the meeting. Rev. Binder gave a review.
- Rev. Ed Thompson, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of WV, will be in worship on Sunday, November 20; bringing greetings from the Presbytery.
- Sunday morning, December 25, Amy Kesterson will be leading morning worship.

**CLERK’S REPORT – Nancy Smallenberger**

- There was no correspondence.
- Worship Attendance

October 23	53 In-Person	23 Online
October 30	76 In-Person	17 Online
November 6	73 In-Person	19 Online
November 13	62 In-Person	15 Online
- Work is being done to update the Active Membership Roll. Letters will be sent to individuals who could possibly be moved from the active roll. This is being done prior to the completion of the annual Statistical Report.

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS –**

- Advent/Christmas Events and Dates
  - Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>
    - 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. – Wreath Making
    - 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. – Wreath Making
  - Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - 10:00 a.m. – Decorate the Sanctuary
  - Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
    - 12:00 noon – First Sunday ... Lunch and Old Stone Elves ... This brand new endeavor will entail small groups paying visits to those who could use some holiday cheer. Contact Amy K. for details
  - Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
    - 7:00 p.m. – Handel’s *Messiah*
  - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
    - 12:00 noon – Luncheon and church-wide Christmas Party ... cookie Decorating, hot cocoa bar and crafts
  - Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
    - 7: 30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with family friendly interactive nativity
  - Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
    - 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship Service

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Advent Activities
- No LOGO program this year – the youth and children will be participating in worship each Sunday of Advent
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday
- Community Thanksgiving meal at the fairgrounds on Thanksgiving Day

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

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Clerk of Session

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Moderator

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Date Signed and Approved

**NEXT SESSION MEETING – Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**