

**SESSION MEETING  
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022  
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeff Binder, Moderator/Interim Pastor. Opening prayer and devotions, prepared by Sara Irons, were presented by Karen Leland.

It was declared that a quorum was in attendance.

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

**EXCUSED:** Elders: Sara Irons, Megan Kirkham and Jennifer Runyon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Clerk presented the minutes of the Stated meeting held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. The minutes were APPROVED as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**NOMINATING** – Joan Montgomery

- The committee is continuing to identify individuals to serve as Elders – Class of 2025; Trustee – Class of 2025; and 2023 Nominating committee.

**PNC** – Jim Rowe

- The committee is meeting regularly and continues to have conversations with potential candidates.

**PERSONNEL** – Jim Rowe

- The committee is currently scheduling annual staff reviews.
- Susan Graham, committee member, is updating salary information in regards to market data.
- Discussion of covenant renewal for Interim Pastor, Ref. Jeff Binder – At this time Rev. Binder and Amy Kesterson excused themselves from the meeting. Rowe presented the proposed covenant that the Personnel committee had prepared. Following questions and discussion, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to table the covenant until members of Personnel along with Scott McClelland, church treasurer, could meet to discuss portions of the covenant, and the Session would then hold a Called meeting to vote on the covenant renewal.

**PROPERTY** – Joan Montgomery

- The Peyton Grant application had been completed and submitted. Some of the items listed on the grant application were: updating the sanctuary pew cushions, refinishing the sanctuary floors, painting Fellowship Hall. The request total was \$100,000.

- Work continues on the gutters where water overflows during heavy rain.
- The metal fence around Dr. McElhenny’s monument has been cleaned and painted.
- Rev. Binder suggested that moving forward, if OSPC is going to apply for the Peyton Grant annually, it should be on the docket for the August Stated meeting for Session discussion.
- Some members of the committee, along with other individuals, will be attending the Active Shooter Training that will be held Monday, November 7 at the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Scott McClelland

- Month in Review – finances are looking good for now.
- Stewardship Updates – The theme for this year’s campaign will be “For Such A Time As This”. Campaign kickoff Sunday will be October 30 with Dedication Sunday being November 20. Tag Galyean is drafting the campaign materials which will be mailed out to members of the congregation on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Carol Cales is identifying individuals to present a “Minute for Stewardship” each Sunday during the campaign period.
- 2023 Budget Requests – McClelland stated that a “very rough budget draft’ was included in the Session packet. Committee moderators are urged to look at their budgets and if they have any questions to contact him. The committee’s goal is to do the 2023 budget work and stewardship campaign together.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Jeff Binder

- Congregational Care updates –
  - Sharon White continues to be in rehab
  - Joe Taylor has been in and out of the hospital recently
  - Bill Satterfield continues to undergo medical tests
  - Jim Arbuckle continues to have vision issues and problems with his balance
  - Jim and Marcia Leith, following Marcia being away with family
- On the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot will be an amendment concerning the Incorporation of Churches
- The Trustees are reviewing the church’s insurance which will be due for renewal in January.
- Traditional Office Training will be held once the slate of officers has been elected by the congregation.
- PC(USA) Today class is continuing, meeting at 2 p.m. each Thursday.
- Vital Congregation Sermon Series is continuing.
- PYC hosting a Halloween “Foods” luncheon following church on Sunday, October 30.
- The choir has received a generous monetary gift.

REPORT OF THE CLERK – Nancy Smallenberger

- There was no correspondence.
- Worship Attendance –
 

September 25	78 In Person	20 On Line
October 2	73 In Person	10 On Line
October 9	66 In Person	14 On Line
October 16	121 In Person	23 On Line

- The Presbytery of WV will be meeting on Saturday, November 12 in Elkins at Davis & Elkins College. Jim Coleman was APPROVED to serve as Ruling Elder Commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Church Covered Dish Luncheon, sponsored by the Fellowship committee, on Sunday, November 13.
- December 11 will be a Cookie Decorating activity.
- Handel’s Messiah will be presented on Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of OSPC, being directed by Dr. Brennan Wood, Director of Music. Rehearsals continue to be held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- Rev. Binder stated that a request had been received to hold a preschool program for approximately 4-5 children in one of the classrooms of the Education Building. No other information was available. It was stated that procedural process needs to be followed in regards to the request (including filling out the required paperwork).
- The Personnel Committee, along with the church treasurer, will hold a called meeting on Thursday evening, October 20. The Session will hold a Called Session meeting on Sunday, October 23, immediately following worship, to address the covenant renewal of the Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeff Binder.
- Technology Questions –
  1. The radio coverage is still not working. Brahm Kesterson has been told by the radio station that there is the possibility of a new app being installed and if that doesn’t resolve the problem, new equipment will be necessary.
  2. The church is still waiting for the replacement of the sanctuary camera that was not operating and was sent out for repair/replacement. Perhaps there needs to be discussion regarding the possible purchase of optional equipment.

There being no other business to come before the Session, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Binder.

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Clerk of Session

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Moderator

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Date Signed and Approved