

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeff Binder, Moderator/Interim Pastor. Opening prayer and devotions were offered by Elder, Megan Kirkham.

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

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Elders: Townley Hamilton, Jennifer Runyon, Jim Rowe, Sara Irons, Karen Leland, Jim Coleman, Tag Galyean, Joan Montgomery and Megan Kirkham; and guest, Becky Williams.

ABSENT: Elder, Stuart Brown.

EXCUSED: Elder, Scott McClelland.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Clerk presented the minutes of the Wednesday, August 24, 2022, Stated meeting for approval. The minutes were **APPROVED** as presented.

Rev. Binder then welcomed and introduced Becky Williams to the meeting and stated that Ms. Williams is wishing to join the membership of OSPC, by Letter of Transfer from the Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg. Becky gave a brief recap of her faith journey and all in attendance introduced themselves and where in the church they serve. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept Ms. Williams into the membership of Old Stone.

REPORT OF THE RE-OPENING TASK FORCE: Minutes of the group's latest meeting had been sent by email to members of the Session prior to the Session meeting. The task force, as medical professionals, suggest no changes in recommendations but understand that Session is wanting to continue Outreach and Fellowship activities. Also discussed by the Session were possible food restrictions and serving Communion when the county is "High Risk". The task force will continue to communicate with the congregation through the monthly newsletter and the Friday emails. Following discussion, the following motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** –
"Updates will continue to be provided and communicated. Guidelines associated will be optionally followed."

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Amy Kesterson and Townley Hamilton:

- New Class Offerings for Fall
 1. Adults – The zoom Sunday school class that meets on Sunday mornings will continue to meet.

2. New opportunity, “The Thoughtful Christian”, will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays, for six-weeks. The first class will be on Thursday, October 6th and will be led by Rev. Binder and assisted by Amy Kesterson.
 3. Another new opportunity, “First Sundays” will begin on Sunday, October 2. This activity will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. This activity is being offered to all ages on the first Sunday of the month. Everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall for a provided meal and will then divide into various groups – children and youth will meet in one area and the adults will meet in the Activity Room with Rev. Binder.
- Amy K. stated that the LOGOS group had their first session this afternoon following school and the PYC will be meeting for a cookout following morning worship on Sunday, September 25, when the youth will be presenting their report on the summer Mission Trip.

PNC – Jim Rowe, moderator, reported that the committee continues to meet weekly, looking at PIF’s and communicating with potential candidates. They hope to update and “spark up” the church website as a means of encouraging more potential candidate’s interest in OSPC.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Rev. Binder presented in the absence of Scott McClelland, moderator.

- Minutes of the most recent committee meeting were included in the Session packet, along with financial reports.
- Stewardship Updates – The committee is starting to formulate campaign plans. Sunday, November 20, has been designated as Dedication Sunday, with the kickoff being on Sunday, October 30. The committee continues to work on a theme.

WORSHIP – Townley Hamilton:

- Nativity Scene – During a recent committee meeting, Dr. Brennan Wood, Director of Music, requested that the Nativity scene not be placed in the sanctuary until after the December 10th performance of *The Messiah*, as the space that the nativity occupies will be needed for the singers and orchestra. It was decided to comply with this request, with the Property Committee deciding what they want to do with the scene, either waiting until after the performance to place the figures in the sanctuary, not using the scene this year or possibly placing it elsewhere in the Education Building.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Binder

- Pastoral Care Updates – JoAnn Pearis
Richard Franke
Jackie Bennett
Mary Scarborough
Brandon Dooley
Dick Marshall
Joe Taylor
Sharon White
Bill Satterfield
Larry Jones

- Rev. Binder thanked everyone who planned and helped in any way with the recent church picnic. He also thanked the Elders for their gifts and skills that were identified and for being creative during the recent mini-retreat.
- There will be an Elder/Session training in November once the Nominating Committee has identified new officers.
- John Wilson, president of the Trustees, has met with the pastor of the Caldwell Pentecostal church regarding their desire to sell the chapel building in Caldwell.

REPORT OF THE CLERK – Nancy Smallenberger

- There was no new correspondence.
- Church attendance

August 21	72 In-Person	19 Livestream
August 28	74 In-Person	22 Livestream
September 4	80 In-Person	18 Livestream
September 11	71 In-Person	19 Livestream
September 18	53 In-Person	15 Livestream

NEW BUSINESS:

- Request from William Burnette, nephew of Art Mashburn, to hold a Celebration of Life for Mr. Mashburn on either October 22 or October 29. Mashburn died on July 21, 2021, and Mr. Burnette had communicated with the church and had been planning a service for August 2021, until the rise in Covid-19 cases. Rev. Binder stated that this contact should have been made through him and will be in communication with Mr. Burnette.
- Fellowship committee did not get a printed report included in the packet. Karen Leland, moderator, reported that the Fellowship Committee and the Women of the Church will have a booth at T.O.O.T. on Saturday, October 8. The committee will host a Cookie Exchange following morning worship on Sunday, December 11.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Committee budget requests are due by October 19th, at the next Stated Session meeting.
- Sara Irons will have devotions and opening prayer for the October Session meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER and ADJOURNMENT – There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Binder.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved

