

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church called a Congregational Meeting to be held following the morning worship service on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to present the 2023 operating budget, to invite the congregation to participate in a building use survey, and to receive an update from the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee).

The meeting was called to order by the Interim Pastor/Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder. It was declared that a quorum was in attendance. Rev. Binder then opened the meeting with prayer. The congregation was reminded by Rev. Binder that normally the first congregational meeting of the year would be when the congregation would vote on the terms of call for the pastor. That is not necessary this year as Rev. Binder is serving as Interim Pastor and his covenant is voted on by the Session.

2023 OPERATING BUDGET

Jennifer Runyon, church treasurer, presented the 2023 Operating Budget to the congregation. The budget had been presented to Session at their February Stated meeting and was approved at that time. A few of the items that were highlighted regarding the budget included:

- This is a revenue neutral budget for 2023
- In 2022, 98 percent of the pledges made were fulfilled
- The amounts shown in the budget under **Presbytery** were explained. The \$6,030 that is listed as Per Capita is based on the total active membership of the church that is listed on the church's annual Statistical Report. The \$6,030 that is listed as Presbytery (Contribution) has been reduced ... having been as much as \$20,000 in past years.
- Amounts that are shown in boxes are monies that have been or will be raised outside the budget.

BUILDING USE SURVEY

Jennifer Runyon presented this portion of the meeting, noting that she would be using a script compiled by Amy Kesterson, who was sorry to be missing the meeting. The purpose of this survey is to obtain and compile the thoughts and recommendations from members of the congregation regarding the use of the facilities that are Old Stone Presbyterian Church. The task force that is working on this project have identified areas they hope to cover, including:

- Changes we have faced and continue to face
- To identify hopes and goals of OSPC
- How can we be the church outside of 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning
- Hopefully to use the survey information – not to just have it as “paper work”

The task force would like to have surveys returned to the church by March 15th. They hope to have 100% participation by the Session and those of who were in attendance at the meeting. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Amy Kesterson.

PNC (PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE) UPDATE

Jim Rowe, moderator of the PNC, presented this report. He reviewed the process that the committee has taken to be where they are today. Some of the steps that are part of this process include:

- Completing a Mission Study that is approved by Session.
- Once the Mission Study is approved, it is submitted to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval. Following that approval, that information is used by the PNC to complete the M.I.F. (Ministry Information Form) which is approved by individuals with the Presbytery. At that time, the M.I.F. is sent to the PC(USA) office where it is submitted to be included on the C.L.C. (Church Leadership Connection) website.
- At this time, the PNC contacts the General Presbyter who will compile a set of P.I.F.s (Pastor Information Forms) for the PNC to review. The committee then reaches out to the candidates they feel could be a match with Old Stone. As of now, the committee has reviewed over 150 P.I.F.s and contacted a number of individuals and have conducted about a dozen interviews.
- The committee feels that it's a tough market but continue on with the process. There is good news to report – the committee has identified a candidate that they continue to have conversation with, while they continue to review new P.I.F.s. They ask the congregation to “be patient” and remember that this is a lengthy process.
- Members of the P.N.C. are: Amy Brown, Becky Kelso, Leslie Bicksler, Jason Long and Jim Rowe.

Rev. Binder thanked Jennifer Runyon and Jim Rowe for their participation during the meeting.

There being no other business requiring the congregation's attention, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Binder.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved