

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their regular monthly Stated meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt. Opening devotions were given by Elder, Renee Ahern.

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

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson and Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Stuart Brown, Townley Hamilton, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe, Jennifer Runyon and Gary Williams.

ABSENT: Ruling Elders: Jim Coleman, Sara Irons, Megan Kirkham and Ann Walker.

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes of the Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Julie:

- Pastor Julie thanked the Session for their support with her Installation service;
- It was reported that she had recorded updated radio spots for the church;
- She had met recently with the clergy colleague group;
- A called meeting of the Presbytery of WV had been held. Maureen Wright, Stated Clerk, was elected to serve as the Transitional General Presbyter following the retirement of Rev. Ed Thompson.
- The next Stated meeting of the Presbytery of WV will be held on Thursday, August 17 at the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church. Pastor Olt stated that she will be preaching during the worship service at the meeting.
- Pastor Julie stated that she and Sky are enjoying their time here in Lewisburg and have attended many events in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS presented included:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Amy Kesterson

- Minutes of the committee's recent meeting were included in the Session packet.
- The committee is requesting permission to remove a few pews in the back of the sanctuary on the left side for an area for children – age 5 and younger – to play quietly during church. This is not a way to replace the nursery. The area would be available for use for the time prior to the children's time during morning worship. This came as a motion from committee, no second is required, motion was **APPROVED**.
- 1st Sunday was also discussed.
- Amy reported that she has been asked, and agreed, to serve another term on the Leadership Team of the Presbytery.

FELLOWSHIP – No one from the committee was in attendance.

- Pastor Julie announced that the Church Picnic will be held, following worship, on Sunday, August 27th, at Ironside Farm.

OUTREACH – A report was in the Session packet. The committee had no action items.

PERSONNEL – The committee had a report included in the Session packet.

PROPERTY - The committee had no action items.

WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton

- Discussion was held on possible times and ways to observe the 250th anniversary of the church.
- A letter from Dr. Brennan Wood, Director of Music, was included in the packet regarding the proposal for addition sound and video equipment for the sanctuary.
- A complete report of the most recent meeting of the committee was included in the packet.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Jennifer Runyon

- Financial reports and a report of the committee’s recent meeting were included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS –

- Committee moderators were reminded if they had not already submitted them, that budget requests for 2024 need to be submitted.
- If any committee has a request to be included in the upcoming Peyton Grant application, these are also needed. The application will be completed and brought to Session prior to it being submitted.

NEW BUSINESS –

- A request was received from one of the P.E.O. chapters to hold their meeting in one of the rooms on the third floor of the Education Building on September 5, from 5 to 9 p.m. The request was APPROVED.

The next Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other items requiring action by the Session, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Pastor Julie.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved

