

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their regular Stated meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder. It was declared that a quorum was in attendance. Opening devotions and prayer was offered by the clerk, Nancy Smallenberger.

PRESENT: Moderator/Interim Pastor, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Jim Coleman, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Megan Kirkham, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe, Jennifer Runyon and Gary Williams; and guest, Rev. Cam Harkness, representing the Bereavement Group that meets at the church.

EXCUSED: Ruling Elders: Stuart Brown and Ann Walker.

The minutes of the Wednesday, January 18, 2023, Stated meeting were APPROVED as presented.

The docket was presented, with the addition of a request for the use of the facility. The docket was APPROVED as amended.

UPDATE ON BEREAVEMENT GROUP – Rev. Cam Harkness – Rev. Binder welcomed Rev. Harkness and stated that it was good to see him following his recent surgery. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED granting Rev. Harkness the privilege of the floor. Rev. Harkness presented an update on the Bereavement group that meets at OSPC and has been meeting for over 18 months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

BUILDING USE POLICY UPDATE –

Requests for Building Usage:

- Request from the Lewisburg Garden Club to meet in the Activity Room on Wednesday, March 22, at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to meet at Old Stone.
- Request for the ALP/CP Program of the Presbytery of WV to meet in the Activity Room, on the following dates: Friday, May 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday, October 13, from 7 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to meet at Old Stone.

- Request from the Daughters of the American Revolution for the use of Fellowship Hall. The request is for three dates: Thursday, March 16; Thursday, April 20 and Thursday, May 18. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to meet at Old Stone.
- Request from Janine Lazarus and Goodladd Dog Training to meet at Old Stone, beginning mid-March for six-week sessions for dog handling and training. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to DENY the request; the motion to DENY the request was APPROVED.

Building Use Survey – Amy Kesterson

- Amy presented a survey that has been compiled that will be used by the Building Use Task Force as they proceed to update the Building Use Policy and Building Use Application. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to present the survey at the Congregational meeting to held on Sunday, February 26. Copies of the survey will be available in hard copy form and online on the church's website.

WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton

Lenten Events

- Ash Wednesday service, February 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday service, April 2 with the celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Maundy Thursday service, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. – Due to the very small attendance at this service in the past, the committee discussed the possibility of providing dinner for those who attend. Pastor Jeff suggested that the evening would start with the meal being served in Fellowship Hall, followed by the service and communion, also in Fellowship Hall. A motion was made, second and APPROVED to combine the service with a meal.
- Good Friday is April 7
- Easter Cantata on Saturday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. The cantata is being directed by Dr. Brennan Wood, and presented by a community choir and an orchestra.
- Easter Service, Sunday, April 9

Memorial Service

- Pastor Jeff stated that the family of Joan Campbell has requested to hold a Memorial Service on Saturday, May 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Women of the Church will be providing a reception following the service.

PNC UPDATE – Jim Rowe

- The committee continues to meet and review P.I.F.'s
- The committee has reduced the years of experience that appears on the church's M.I.F.
- Rowe continues to be in contact with Ed Thompson, General Presbyter of the Presbytery and David Lee, C.O.M.'s Liaison to Old Stone.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Joan Montgomery

- A written report was included in the Session packet.
- Everything is going well.
- An application had been submitted in the fall for the Peyton Grant. The church received \$25,000. The committee has a list of projects they would like to complete with the grant money. They will be meeting to compile a list of project priorities and timelines to complete the projects. They are also working to develop a five-year plan for the property. Once the

committee finalizes their suggestions for use of the monies received in 2022, the list will be presented to Session for final vote.

SAFETY TEAM UPDATES – Townley Hamilton

- The task force continues to meet
- Work continues on developing a Safety Handbook

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Jennifer Runyon

Month in Review:

- 2022 ended with 98% of pledges made being fulfilled

2023 Budget Proposal:

- During discussion, a line item listed under Personnel was questioned. Members of the Personnel Committee present requested that the line item be removed from Personnel and moved to Music. A motion was made and seconded for the line item to be moved; motion was APPROVED.
- Also, during discussion, a motion was made and seconded regarding staff salaries. Following questions and further discussion, the motion was WITHDRAWN.
- Once all questions were answered and there being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented, with the one change; the motion was then APPROVED.
- The budget will be presented during the Congregational meeting on February 26.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- A motion was made and seconded to call a Congregational meeting to be held following the morning worship service on Sunday, February 26; the motion was APPROVED. At the meeting, the Building Use Survey will be presented, along with the 2023 approved budget and an update from the PNC.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Congregational Care Update –

- Patty Plumley
- Richard Franke
- Charlie Gwinn
- Herb Montgomery
- Mary Scarborough
- The Kelso Family
- Julia Nance Farrell
- Michigan State University Staff and Students

CLERK'S REPORT

Affirm 2022 Statistical Report

- Copies of the report were distributed. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to affirm the report as presented. The completed report will be submitted to the Presbytery.

Correspondence

- Nancy Greenstreet, member of the History Committee, has requested that a Thank You be sent to Lyn MacCorkle for the work she had done with the archives of the church. The clerk will send a note of thanks.
- It was reported that a Retirement Card will be sent on behalf of the Session to Rocky Poole, treasurer of the Presbytery of WV, who will be retiring the end of February. A card will also be sent in June/July to Ed Thompson, General Presbytery, when he retires in July.
- A card was received from the staff of OSPC thanking the Session for the End of Year bonuses they had received.

Worship Attendance

- These numbers had been included in the Session packet.

Sunday, January 22	73 In Person	20 On Line
Sunday, January 29	70 In Person	26 On Line
Sunday, February 5	76 In Person	19 On Line
Sunday, February 12	49 In Person	25 On Line

NEW BUSINESS –

- Amy Kesterson reported that the youth would be cooking for the Family Refuge Center. They will also be cooking for the Food Locker, along with preparing food for some of the shut-in members of Old Stone. She asked for volunteers to help deliver the food to the church members.

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

The next Stated meeting of Session will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved