

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated January meeting on Wednesday, January 18. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Rev. Jeff Binder, Moderator/Interim Pastor. Attendance was taken by the Clerk and it was declared that a quorum was in attendance. Opening devotions and prayer were offered by Elder, Jennifer Runyon.

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Jeff Binder; Clerk of Session, Nancy Smallenberger; and Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Stuart Brown, Jim Coleman, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Megan Kirkham, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jennifer Runyon and Gary Williams.

EXCUSED: Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; and Ruling Elders: Jim Rowe and Ann Walker.

The clerk presented two sets of minutes for approval, including:

- Stated Session meeting – Wednesday, December 21, 2022, and
- Ordination and Installation Service – Sunday, January 1, 2024.

The minutes were **APPROVED** as presented.

The docket was approved as presented. Rev. Binder reminded Session that action items will appear in bold type on the docket.

APPROVAL OF STATED SESSION MEETING DATES (3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.) These dates can be amended and this does not include any special called meetings.

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

These dates were **APPROVED** as presented.

SESSION ORGANIZATION:

- Election of Clerk of Session – Motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to elect Nancy Smallenberger to serve as Clerk for 2023.
- Election of Church Treasurer – Motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to elect Jennifer Runyon to serve as treasurer for 2023.

SESSION COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION:

- Session Committee Moderators – Committees and the Elders who will moderate or serve as members:
 - Congregational Care – Jim Coleman
 - Christian Education – Amy Meadows – moderator; Townley Hamilton – member
 - Fellowship and Growth – TBD – moderator; Megan Kirkham – member

Outreach – Jennifer Runyon – moderator
Personnel – Jim Rowe – moderator; Sara Irons – member
Property – Joan Montgomery – moderator
Stewardship and Finance – Jennifer Runyon – moderator; Jim Coleman and Stuart
Brown - members
Worship & Music – Townley Hamilton – moderator; Renee Ahern and Gary
Williams – member

- Congregation Committee – Nominating – Joan Montgomery and Renee Ahern will serve as co-moderators

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Amy Meadows

- The committee recommends the use of Lenten devotional curriculum *The Desert of Compassion* – a PC(USA) curriculum. Rev. Binder will lead the group that will meet on Tuesdays for six weeks.
- The committee also recommends the PYC to hold a Fabric Sale on Friday and Saturday, February 3 and 4, in partnership with Tracy Morgan.
- The committee is recommending that PYC hold a Parent’s Night Out Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11.
- The committee is requesting permission for the PYC to hold a Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, March 19.

These recommendations came as a motion from committee, so no second is required; motion was APPROVED.

BUILDING USE POLICY UPDATE –

- The committee met recently ... minutes will be forthcoming
- Short-term or one-time use of facility requests will continue to be accepted
- A survey is being composed that will be sent to Session members for their thoughts regarding a revised/new policy.
- The group is “moving forward” with work being done on an updated application.

WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton

- Proposed dates to celebrate the Lord’s Supper
 - Sunday, January 1
 - Sunday, February 5
 - Sunday, March 5
 - Sunday, April 2
 - Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday
 - Sunday, May 1
 - Sunday, June 4
 - Sunday, July 2
 - Sunday, August 6
 - Sunday, September 3
 - Sunday, October 1
 - Sunday, November 5
 - Sunday, December 3

This comes as a motion from committee; no second is required; motion was APPROVED.

SAFETY TEAM UPDATE –

- The group is working on creating updated usher and opener/closer handbooks.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Jennifer Runyon

- Financial statements were distributed and questions were answered.
- Some of the items that were addressed included: what does the treasurer do, what are expectations of the treasurer; financial reports and communicating the church finances, what do we care about regarding the finances of Old Stone?
- Jenn stated that she hopes to have a different “theme” for each month.
- “What would be helpful for the budgeting process?” Jenn stated that she has asked Personnel for information – not only regarding wages but taxes, etc.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Rev. Jeff Binder

- Congregational Care updates –
Patty Plumley
Richard Franke
Charlie and Jill Gwinn
Norman Ahern Sr.
Cam Harkness
Lawson, Townley and Trip Hamilton
Gary Williams
- Annual Report – committee moderators were reminded that their reports are due by February 15
- Pastor Jeff thanked Session for time to attend his recent DMin class.
- A recently updated summary of Old Stone Trustee Accounts was passed out to those in attendance.

PERSONNEL – Sara Irons

- The committee continues to meet, covering a number of items, including: salaries, Interim Pastor’s covenant, LOGO’s choir director and revising personnel manuals.

CLERK’S REPORT – Nancy Smallenberger

- There was no correspondence.
- Worship attendance, which had been included in the packet.
- Electing a Ruling Elder Commissioner for the next meeting of the Presbytery of WV, which will be a Zoom meeting, to be held on Thursday, February 16. Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Renee Ahern to serve as commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Rev. Binder welcomed members of the Class of 2025 – Renee Ahern, Amy Meadows and Gary Williams.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Binder.

The Session's next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Activity Room and via Zoom.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved