

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
HYBRID MEETING**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church held their monthly Stated Session meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and opened with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt. Devotions and prayer were given by Elder, Megan Kirkham.

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

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger and Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Jim Coleman, Townley Hamilton, Sara Irons, Megan Kirkham, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe and Jennifer Runyon.

ABSENT: Elder: Stuart Brown.

EXCUSED: Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; and Elders: Ann Walker and Gary Williams.

The minutes of the May 17, 2023, Stated Session meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made, seconded and **APPROVED** to accept the minutes as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:

WORSHIP and MUSIC – Townley Hamilton:

- A report was presented to Session on the information that had been received from Electronic Specialty Company, including quotes for additional choir microphones and camera for the sanctuary. The committee feels that the livestream/virtual service is a vital part of the Sunday worship service. Following Townley's presentation, there was discussion with questions, including: where would the funds for such a purchase come from; are there other vendors available where this equipment could be purchased; is this the same company that the current equipment was purchased; does the quote given include any type of maintenance agreement. No further action was taken by Session.
- Rev. Olt's Installation and Ordination service will be held on Sunday, July 30, at 4:00 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship.
- The 240th anniversary of OSPC is this year. Following discussion, it was decided for the Worship Committee, Fellowship Committee and History Committee to meet for further discussion and possible planning.
- Pastor Julie will be out of the pulpit on September 10th, for Continuing Education. The committee recommends that Rev. Schuyler Olt fill the pulpit. This comes as a motion from committee so no second is necessary; motion was **APPROVED**.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Jennifer Runyon:

- Jennifer stated that she had no items requiring Session action and that financial reports had been included in the Session packet.

BUILDING USE TASK FORCE –

- A final draft of the revised Building Use Application was submitted for approval. This comes from the task force so no second is required; the application, along with fee information, rules and regulations and waivers were APPROVED by Session.

PROPERTY – Joan Montgomery:

- The committee is requesting monies to be applied to the purchase of pew cushions for the sanctuary. There is money left from the sanctuary carpet project (from the Peyton Grant) to cover a large portion of the cushion purchase. The motion, coming from the committee, is to request up to \$3000 from the Trustees, by the treasurer on behalf of Session. The motion comes from committee so no second is needed; motion was APPROVED.

PASTOR’S REPORT – Pastor Julie:

- Pastor Julie stated that she will be on vacation the week of October 9th; pulpit supply will be needed for Sunday, October 8th.
- Pastor Julie reported that she has been making nursing home visits; attended a zoom gathering of clergy women and also meeting with local clergy.
- The first month here at Old Stone has been exciting! There have been many committee meetings with finances being a common denominator with every group. Hopes are to work on the process of how we do things.
- Committee budget requests for 2024 will be due by the August Stated Session meeting (August 16th), along with any requests for this year’s Peyton Grant application.

CLERK’S REPORT – Nancy Smallenberger:

- Worship Attendance had been included in the Session packet:

Sunday, June 25	88 In Person	15 Online
Sunday, July 2	153 In Person	21 Online
Sunday, July 9	60 In Person	10 Online
Sunday, July 16	69 In Person	7 Online
- A Ruling Elder Commissioner is needed for a Called Presbytery Meeting that will be held via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023. Motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Jennifer Runyon to serve as Commissioner. This meeting has been called by the Leadership Committee of Presbytery to hear the report of the Transitional General Presbyter Search Committee, including voting on the nomination of a candidate to fill the position and any business related to the election of the Transitional General Presbyter.
- A Ruling Elder Commissioner is also needed for the regular Stated meeting of the Presbytery that will be held at the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church on Thursday, August 17. (Pastor Julie will be preaching during the worship service at this meeting.) A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Nancy Smallenberger to serve as Commissioner.

NEW BUSINESS:

- On Sunday, July 2, 2023, there were four baptisms. The request for these baptisms was received between the time of the May and June Stated Session meetings. Normally, the request would have been approved at the June meeting but there was not a quorum in attendance at this meeting. At this time, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for these baptisms. The children that were baptized included:
 - Paris Elmore Irons, daughter of Oliver and Jessica Irons
 - Wiley Belle Irons, daughter of Oliver and Jessica Irons
 - Willis Irons Nichols, son of Anny Irons
 - Emma Chadwick McClelland, daughter of Scott and Natalie McClelland

The Session's next Stated meeting will be Wednesday, August 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

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

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Signed and Approved