

**STATED SESSION MEETING
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024**

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer at 6:30 p.m. by the moderator, Rev. Julie Olt.

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, Amy Brown, Sara Irons, Andy Kelso, Mike Leland, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe, Jennifer Runyon, Debbie Taylor, Ann Walker and Townley Hamilton.

EXCUSED: Ruling Elder: Gary Williams.

CLERK'S REPORT – Items presented included:

- Minutes of the Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Stated Session meeting and the Sunday, November 19, 2023, Congregational meeting were presented. These minutes were **APPROVED** as presented.
- Communion will be observed during morning worship on Sunday, February 4, 2024.
- Recent deaths included Page Murphy and Tommy Garten.

PASTOR'S REPORT – Items covered by Pastor Julie included:

- Members of the congregation had received their “Star Word” for 2024 a couple of weeks ago. Session will have the word *Community* as their “Star Word” ... what does it mean to be a community in the building and outside the church building.
- Committee assignments were made by Pastor Julie. It was suggested that the committee moderator make a 3-ring binder for their committee. The binder should contain what the committee does, processes and any passwords that are used. Also, list 3 ways/goals to build community inside and outside the congregation.
- Elder Training will be held for everyone on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Pastor Julie announced that she is serving on C.O.M. (Committee on Ministry) for the Presbytery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – (Committees having Action Items)

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Jennifer Runyon

- The committee recommends (as a motion) to adopt the 2021 Financial Review by Suttle and Stalnaker. As this comes from committee, no second is necessary, motion was **APPROVED**.
- The committee recommends (as a motion) for Session to adopt the proposed budget for 2024. As this comes from committee, no second is needed; motion was **APPROVED**.
- Recommend Session pass the necessary resolutions to update any and all financial accounts for Old Stone Presbyterian Church, including but not limited to the bank accounts, credit

card, mutual fund account, brokerage account to reflect the 2024 treasurer as well as other Church members who are fulfilling certain tasks. The following individuals have at this time agreed to the following duties:

- a. Check signing: Townley Hamilton and Nancy Smallenberger
- b. Brokerage account: Nancy Smallenberger and Michael Meadows

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

NEW BUSINESS –

- Elect Church Treasurer for 2024 – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Ann Walker to serve as church treasurer.
- Elect Clerk of Session for 2024 – A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Nancy Smallenberger to serve as clerk.
- Jennifer Runyon was thanked for all the work she had done as treasurer during 2023.
- A Building Use Request was received from Janine Lazarus to hold dog handling and training (Goodladd Dog Training). The request is for the use of Fellowship Hall. Following discussion of the request, a motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to meet for a six-week trial basis.
- The next Stated meeting of Session will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- A Ruling Elder Commissioner is needed for the February meeting of the Presbytery of WV meeting, that will be held via Zoom on Saturday, February 17. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for Ann Walker to act as commissioner.

JOYS and CONCERNS were covered.

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

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Date Approved and Signed