

Old Stone Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

The Session of the Old Stone Presbyterian Church met for their Stated meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the moderator, Rev. Julie Olt.

Attendance was taken by the clerk, with a quorum in attendance.

PRESENT: Moderator, Rev. Julie Olt; Clerk, Nancy Smallenberger; Educator/Program Coordinator, Amy Kesterson; and Ruling Elders: Renee Ahern, Amy Brown, Andy Kelso, Mike Leland, Amy Meadows, Joan Montgomery, Jim Rowe, Jennifer Runyon, Debbie Taylor, Ann Walker and Gary Williams.

EXCUSED: Ruling Elder: Sara Irons.

Rev. Olt gave the devotions for the evening from *Growing Together*, focusing on the different gifts each one brings.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- Minutes of the Sunday, December 17, 2023, Congregational meeting were presented. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the minutes as written.
- Minutes of the Wednesday, January 24, 2024, Stated meeting were presented. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the minutes as written.
- The Lord's Supper will be observed during morning worship on Sunday, March 3. The Class of 2025 will be responsible for preparing and serving.
- Copies of the 2023 Statistical Report for OSPC were distributed. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to accept the report was presented.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Some of the items that Pastor Julie highlighted included:

- The Lenten Bible Study is continuing. There are two sessions, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from now until Easter.
- The *New Hope* Grief Sharing group has begun meeting.
- She recently visited with Herb Montgomery at UVA hospital. She had also recently visited with Sara Grahm at the Brian Center in LowMoor, VA.
- She is excited about the Care Group getting reorganized and beginning their work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

WORSHIP and MUSIC – a written report of the committee's last meeting was included in the Session packet. It was announced that the time for the Easter *Messiah* on Saturday, March 30, has been changed to 4:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP and FINANCE – Ann Walker, treasurer, reported that she and Pastor Julie had recently met with Doug Bicksler and Diane Rose, of Bicksler's CPA firm, to review the work the

firm is doing for OSPC. She indicated some of the things that she would like looked into, that would require monies, are: staff salaries, obligations to the Presbytery and the reorganized Care Committee and their work.

PERSONNEL – Moderator, Jim Rowe, announced that the Personnel and Finance Committees had held a joint meeting recently and a copy of their report had been emailed to the Session members. Two of the items from the report were presented to Session as motions, including:

- *2023 Staff Bonus Pay Ratification* – Rowe indicated the Session should ratify the unauthorized 2023 staff bonus pay financed by the Trustees. This comes as a motion from committee so no second is required. Following questions and discussion, the motion was APPROVED.
- *Staff Cost of Living Salary Increases* – Rowe stated that the group agreed to recommend that Session approve a cost of living pay increase for the salaried members of the staff. (This recommendation would not include Contract Employees.) This comes as a motion from committee so no second is required. Following questions and discussion, the motion was APPROVED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Per the Book of Order, it is necessary to hold a Congregational Meeting to approve the Pastor's Call for 2024. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to call the Congregational meeting to be held immediately following service on Sunday, March 3, 2024.
- A Building Use Request was received from the Lewisburg Garden Club to hold their meeting in the Education Building on Wednesday, April 1, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED for the group to use the Activity Room for their meeting.
- Amy Brown, moderator of the Care Committee, requested \$75 a month for the group to use for postage. A motion was made, seconded and APPROVED to make these funds available to the committee.

The Session's next Stated meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Joys and Concerns included:

- Amy Kesterson reported that 16 youth had taken part in the youth Lock-In last weekend.
- "Welcome back to Renee Ahern" following her recent knee surgery.
- Positive comments had been received concerning the new pew cushions.
- Prayers for those facing health issues.

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