

First Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Somerset, KY

May 16, 2024

Moderator: Rev. Brad Napier

Clerk of Session: Laura Kamperman

Elders Present: Jo Salmon, John Wright, Laura Wright, Perry Waller, Laura Kamperman and Charlie Leveridge. Excused: Sharon Mandt, Zach Vaught).

Guests: Sue Guffey, and Rev. Tim Noel

Gathering in God's Name:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Library at 5:00 p.m. on Thurs., May 16, 2024 for its stated meeting. Rev. Brad Napier called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

Agenda: The agenda was accepted by unanimous consent.

Consent Agenda:

1. Motion: Approve the April 18th Stated Session Meeting.
2. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.
3. Motion: Approve April financial reports.

A **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Jo Salmon and seconded by Charlie Leveridge and the **Motion passed**.

Clerk:

1. Elder of the month for May is Perry Waller and June is Laura Wright.
2. Nominating Committee: no report
3. Membership roll report: Jo Salmon presented lists of friends and members of the church for whom there are no records of current addresses. She asked Session members to contact her with if they have contact with these individuals.
4. Update on the church brochure: Kirby Stephens has an associate, Bill, who is taking photographs of church activities (Fellowship dinner, Pentecost picnic and interracial communication group). He is still accepting informational copy for the brochure.

Pastor's Report: Tim Noel reported he has been doing in-home communion and some pastoral counseling. He is requesting vacation time for events he had prior commitments. **Motion:** To approve vacation time for the Sundays of July 14 and July 21, 2024. Motion made by Laura Wright, seconded by Jo Salmon. **Motion passed.** For planning purposes, he also indicated that he will be requesting time off on Oct. 6, 2024 (World Communion Sunday). The Spiritual Formation Committee will hire pulpit supply for these dates.

Moderator's Report:

1. Rev. Brad Napier noted that he has served one year as moderator.
2. He announced that Presbytery Mission Committee is providing grants to celebrate and encourage local missions. The funds are intended as seed money to begin new initiatives and will be for \$200-\$700 and need to be submitted in the next couple weeks.

PNC Report: The committee is receiving and reviewing one or two PIFS (resumes) per week. They will be reaching out beyond the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system to make more contacts. Please include the PNC in your prayers.

New Business:

1. Request by Zach Vaught/Spiritual Formation Committee to purchase software to display hymnal lyrics on the sanctuary screen and purchase additional hymnals. The cost for the software is \$200 for lyrics only and \$500 for lyrics with music. The software request was returned to committee for further discussion. **Motion:** To approve the purchase of ten large print hymnals at \$25 each. Motion made by Laura Wright, seconded by John Wright. **Motion passed.**
2. Request by Zach Vaught/Spiritual Formation Committee to authorize the use of communion by intinction at the pastor's discretion. **Motion:** To give the pastor full discretion for the method of serving communion. Motion made by John Wright, seconded by Jo Salmon. **Motion passed.**
3. Question about the progress on the completion of job descriptions and best ways to communicate with Julia when she is not in the office. Sharon Mandt is chair of Personnel Committee and will present the descriptions as they are completed. Rev. Noel will work with Julia to set up a communication system until a new pastor is hired. A question about piano tuning was also addressed. Scheduling it is the responsibility of the choir director and accompanist (working together). It was recently completed in the last couple of months.

Request to use FPC as a wedding venue by Brianna Pickett is still pending. Tim Noel will follow up to get more information.

Committee Reports:

1. **Administration:** Written report submitted.
2. **Congregational Care:** Written report submitted. Jo Salmon reported that 53 people attended the Fellowship Dinner and Earth Care Fair on May 15. There was a positive response to the presentation made at the end of dinner by the director of county recycling. It has been suggested that other themes might be considered for presentation during fellowship meals.
3. **Mission:** Written report submitted. Earth Care Team report submitted. Perry Waller reported that 20 "Hold You Over" boxes will be distributed this Sat., May 18. Last month not all of the boxes were distributed, but usually there is a line of people waiting.

- 4. Spiritual Formation:** Written report submitted. Materials for confirmation class have been received. Zack Vaught has talked with families of five children who may be interested in participating.

Other Business:

Perry Waller will serve as our congregation's representative at the Transylvania Presbytery in Beattyville this year.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to adjourn. John Wright seconded the motion and the **Motion passed.**

Time of Prayer: The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Brad Napier.