

# First Presbyterian Church

## Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Somerset, KY

October 19, 2023

**Moderator:** Rev. Brad Napier

**Clerk or Session:** Hannah Vaught

**Elder Present:** John Wright, Charlie Leveridge, Sharon Mandt, Zachary Vaught, Kimberly King, & Perry Waller

**Excused:** Forrest Brock & Chris Phillips

**Guest:** Laura Kamperman - Earth Care Committee

**Gathering in God's Name:**

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Library at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Oct 19, 2023 for its stated meeting. Rev. Brad Napier called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

**Agenda:** Perry Waller made a **Motion** to approve the amended agenda. John Wright seconded, and the **Motion** carried.

### **Consent Agenda - October Session Meeting**

A **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Zack Vaught and seconded by Perry Waller, and the **Motion** carried.

1. Motion: Approve the September 28th Called Session Meeting minutes.
2. Motion: Approve the September's Financial Report.
3. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.

### **Clerk:**

1. Elder of the month for November is Kimberly King
2. Listening Session progress - 42 members, friends and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Somerset KY have participated in our 4 Listening Session so far. There are 2 more sessions scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5th.
3. On Nov. 30th, Rev. Baker will share results of Listening Sessions with Session and Congregation after the meal and before Hanging of the Greens.
4. Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to transfer Chuck and Sherry Woodall's memberships to Beaver Dam Baptist Church in Knoxville TN. John Wright seconded the motion and the **Motion** carried. The Clerk of Session will write a letter to this effect and mail it to Beaver Dam Baptist Church. The Woodalls will be removed from the roles.
5. The Clerk of Session will ask a deacon and a member of the congregation to help do a review of our church roles.

### **Moderator's Report:**

1. Zachary Vaught made a **Motion** to elect Sharon Mandt as our Commissioner to the Tri-Presbytery Meeting being held at Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY on Nov. 10th & 11th. Charlie Leveridge seconded the motion and the motion carried.
2. December 7, 2023 Rev. Darryl Baker will hold a retreat with the Session to go over recommendations and plan next steps to fulfill recommendations. The Retreat will be held at the church starting with a meal at 5:00 pm.
3. Kimberly King made a **Motion** to call a Congregational meeting on Oct. 29th to elect the nominees for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). Zachary Vaught seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Perry Waller made a **Motion** to buy and donate one table for Burnamwood. The \$215 will be paid out of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund under Mission in the budget. Zachary Vaught seconded the motion and it carried.
5. December 10th at 6:00 the Stanford Presbyterian Church will have a community Christmas program. All are welcome.

#### **New Business:**

1. The Nominating Committee has four solid nominees for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). Will be looking for a 5th before Sunday, Oct. 29th Congregational Meeting.
2. Laura Kamperman presented the Earth Care Pledge. Sharon Mandt made a **Motion** to support the Earth Care Pledge to work toward becoming a certified Earth Care Congregation by 2025. Zachary Vaught seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

1. **Finance:** Kimberly King reminded elders that Committee budgets were due to the finance committee by October 26. The Finance committee will meet on Nov. 2nd to put together a working budget. Pledge Sunday will be held on November 5th.
2. **Mission:** Blessing Box is going well. CIA will be shopping for 60 children from the Buckhorn Outreach. The committee has purchased coats and shoes for all the children, so donations collected from the congregation will be spent on toys etc. for the children. CIA shopping will take place on Dec. 10th. Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to sell Belk Charity tickets through the church office to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Perry Waller seconded the Motion and it carried.
3. **Property:** Third floor painting and Narthex repair and painting are complete.
4. **Worship:** Louisville Seminary students could be a possible source to fill the pulpit on those Sundays not already filled by supply pastors.
5. **Deacons:** Sharon Mandt is the liaison between Session and the Deacons. Ask Mary Beth Waller, as chair of Deacons, to come and report to Session. We will examine our new deacon, Sue Guffey, during our November 16th Session meeting.

#### **Next Stated Session Meeting**

The next Called Session Meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to adjourn. Zack Vaught seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Time of Prayer:** The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:45 pm by Rev. Brad Napier.