

First Presbyterian Church

Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Somerset, KY

September 14, 2023

Moderator: Rev. Mike Chamberlain

Clerk or Session: Hannah Vaught

Elder Present: John Wright, Charlie Leveridge, Sharon Mandt, Zachary Vaught, Forrest Brock, & Perry Waller

Excused: Kimberly King, & Chris Phillips

Guest: Rev, Darryl Baker - presenter & Mary Beth Waller - Deacon Chair

Gathering in God's Name:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Library at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 for its stated meeting. Rev. Darryl Baker called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

Agenda: Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to approve the amended agenda. Zack Vaught seconded, and the **Motion** carried.

Presentation: Rev. Darryl Baker discussed with the Session how he would help us with our Mission Study. Rev. Baker will write up a proposal on how he will help us with the Mission Study and the Session will meet on Sept. 28 in a Called Session meeting to discuss the proposal.

Presentation: Sharon Mandt shared thoughts from the Presbytery meeting on Sept. 9. Five churches in our Presbytery have shut their doors. It was expressed that these churches had finished their mission. 70% of Presbyterian Churches in the USA are without installed pastors.

Consent Agenda - November Session Meeting

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

1. Motion: Approve the August 17th Stated Session Meeting minutes.
2. Motion: Approve the August 27th Called Congregational Meeting minutes.
3. Motion: Approve the August's Financial Report.
4. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.

Clerk:

1. Elder of the Month for October is Chris Phillips
2. Session agreed by consensus to have Julia share the results of the first Mission Study gathering in the weekly newsletter.

Moderator's Report:

1. Rev. Chamberlain reported that he is continuing to reach out to pastors and presbyteries looking for possible candidates to serve as an interim pastor with no luck.

New Business:

1. Forrest Brock made a **motion** for the nominating committee to start the process of gathering nomination for the Pastor Nomination Committee (PNC). Sharon Mandt seconded the **motion** and the motion carried. The Session came to a consensus that there should be 5 members elected to the PNC following guidelines from the Book of Order and the presbytery.

Committee Reports

1. **Finance:** Charlie Leveridge reported that Committee budgets were due to the finance committee (Kimberly King) by October 26. Pledge Sunday will be held on November 5th.

Old Business:

1. The Personal Committee brought forth the following **Motion** as a resolution to the table motion from the Aug. 17 Session meeting: to give an \$1000.00 ‘atta-boy’ bonus to Julia Basil, Theresa Kibby, and Debbie McDonald. The **Motion** carried.

Next Stated Session Meeting

The next Called Session Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Zack Vaught made a **Motion** to adjourn. Charlie Leveridge seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Time of Prayer: The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:15 pm by Elder Zack Vaught.