

First Presbyterian Church

Stated Meeting - Session Minutes

Somerset, KY

August 17, 2023

Moderator: Rev. Brad Napier

Clerk or Session: Hannah Vaught

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

Excused: Forrest Brock, Kimberly King, & Chris Phillips

Guest: Sue Giffey - Financial Secretary

Gathering in God's Name:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 17, 2023 for its stated meeting. Rev. Brad Napier called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

Agenda: Zachary Vaught made a **Motion** to approve the agenda. John Wright seconded, and the **Motion** carried.

Consent Agenda - November Session Meeting

A **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Zachary Vaught and seconded by John Wright, and the **Motion** carried.

1. Motion: Approve the July 25th Stated Session Meeting minutes.
2. Motion: Approve the July Financial Reports.
3. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.

Clerk:

1. Elder of the Month for September is Perry Waller
2. Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to elect Sharon Mandt as a commissioner to attend the Sept. 9th Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, KY. and Zachary Vaught seconded the motion. The **Motion** carried.
3. The moderator, Rev. Brad Napier and the elders/trustees present signed the approved minutes from July stating that Hannah Vaught was elected as a check signer.
4. Correspondence was shared from the Presbyterian Mission and Marshall Judy. Mr. Judy thanked the session for upgrading the church's sound system.

Moderator's Report:

1. Rev. Napier suggested that the Session meet in the church's library and the elders present agreed with this suggestion. All future session meetings will be held in the church library.
2. The Deacons have requested training.
3. Rev. Napier called and checked on Julia.
4. Rev. Napier led a discussion on how the congregation is feeling and a stewardship campaign. Committees will be asked to submit budget requests for 2024 at the next meeting.
5. Rev. Napier reported that Charlie Evans and Rev. Mike Chamberland both have women interested in the Interim Pastor position. Session stated that the congregation would be open to a woman filling the position.
6. Rev. Brad announced that the Presbyterian Women are meeting at Burnamwood on Saturday, September 16th.

New Business:

1. Perry Waller made a **Motion** to have Rev. Mike Chamberland, our liaison to the Pastor Transition Commission of Transylvania Presbytery, to start the Mission Study with the

congregation on Sept. 3rd following church service in the Fellowship Hall. Sharon Mandt seconded the motion and the **Motion** carried.

2. John Wright made a **Motion** to downsize the Elders and Deacons to 6 each over time. Zachary Vaught seconded the motion and the **Motion** carried.
3. Charles Leveridge moved to table the **Motion** to give bonuses to staff in appreciation for their hard work during this transition period. The **Motion** was approved 4 to 1.

Committee Reports

1. **Christian Education:** All Member Canvas was completed and will be shared with Rev. Mike Chamberland on Sept. 3rd.
2. **Fellowship:** On Sunday, Sept. 3rd they will be providing pizza for the meeting with Rev. Mike Chamberland. On Sunday, Sept. 17th they will be providing water for the outdoor worship service at SomerSport Park. On Wednesday, Sept. 20th they will be hosting a shrimp boil for the monthly fellowship meal.
3. **Finance:** Charles Leveridge has consulted with Cumberland Security Bank and Citizens Bank. Unfortunately, the Money Market is not the best option as rates are not beneficial. He was able to negotiate with Citizens Bank to provide us with several CD's to secure \$300,000. Negotiation also includes low penalty fees and ability for FPC to access funds within a seven day period if necessary. The CD's will be for a term of six months. Cushion for General Funds Checking Account will be increased to \$40,000. Sue Guffey or Charles Leveridge are given authorization to act/sign documents on behalf of FPC
4. **Personnel:** Focusing on updating job descriptions and carrying out performance reviews. They will also be making sure the music department is supported by improving the systems.
5. **Deacons:** Planning on doing a newsletter with brief committee notes, as well as the activities of the church. Sharon Mandt will be giving them some procedures that were used in the past.
6. **Property:** Charlie Leveridge received bids to paint the interior of the church. Sharon Mandt made a **Motion** to set aside \$2000.00 to paint and redecorate the office, pastor's study, and the library. Zachary Vaught seconded and the **Motion** was approved.

Old Business:

Next Stated Session Meeting

The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Charles Leveridge made a **Motion** to adjourn. Perry Waller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Time of Prayer: The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 pm by Rev. Brad Napier.