

First Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Somerset, KY

February 15, 2024

Moderator: Rev. Brad Napier

Clerk or Session: Perry Waller

Elders Present: John Wright,, Sharon Mandt, Zachary Vaught, Charlie Leveridge, Jo Salmon, Laura Wright & Perry Waller

Guests: Bill Fountain, Sue Guffey, Laura Kamperman, Jimmy Salmon, Hannah Vaught and Carol Wade

Gathering in God's Name:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met in the Library at 5:02 pm on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024 for its stated meeting. Rev. Brad Napier called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

Agenda: Laura Wright made a **Motion** to approve the agenda after an amendment was added to include a report from the PNC. Charlie Leveridge seconded, and the **Motion** carried.

Election of Treasurer and Cleck of Session: Charlie Leveridge made a **Motion** to elect Sherry Brown as Treasurer and Laura Kamperman as Clerk of Session for the rest of 2024. Perry Waller seconded the motion and the **Motion** carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion: Approve the January 25th Stated Session Meeting minutes.
2. Motion: Approve the January 28th Called Session Meeting minutes.
3. Motion: Approve the February 4th Called Session Meeting minutes.
4. Motion: Approve the January's Financial Reports.
5. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.

A **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Jo Salmon and seconded by Laura Wright and the **Motion** carried.

PNC Report:

The PNC presented elements of the recently completed Ministry Discernment Profile and sought input from the Session. Specifically they wanted a salary range to present to prospective pastoral candidates. Laura Wright made a **Motion** to approve a salary range of \$47,000-\$55,000 as the base salary for an incoming pastor. Zack Vaught seconded and the **Motion** carried.

Clerk:

1. Elder of the month for March is Jo Salmon.
2. The statistical report was presented to the Session for approval. Laura Wright made a **Motion** to approve the statistical report as presented. Jo Salmon seconded and the **Motion** carried.
3. Nominating committee- Sharon Mandt made a **Motion** to retain Perry Waller as Chair of the Nominating committee. Laura Wright seconded and the **Motion** carried. A slate of nominees for the Nominating committee will be presented at the next Session meeting. The Deacons will elect their delegate.

Moderator's Report:

Rev. Napier discussed his conversations with Rev. Tim Noel and questioned the Session on his performance thus far. Rev. Napier will continue to have discussions with Rev. Noel

New Business:

1. Earthquake insurance rider- The Administrative committee made a **Motion** to discontinue an earthquake insurance rider the church currently has which would save the church \$4,275 a year. The Motion carried.
2. The Administrative committee has updated two employee job descriptions for Session approval. John Wright moved to table the **Motion** pending further information. Laura Wright seconded and the Motion carried.
3. Debbie McDonald has offered to donate a piano to the church if the church will pay moving expenses. Zack Vaught made a **Motion** to table the subject pending further information. John Wright seconded and the Motion carried.
4. Zack Vaught made a **Motion** to allow Amanda Balltrip, a voice teacher, to use a space in the church to give lessons several days during the week, for a monthly fee of \$225. John Wright seconded and the Motion carried.
5. Piano Recital- April 14th at 4 pm is the date and time chosen by the Session for a piano recital to be performed by a Music student from WKU at the church.

Committee Reports

1. **Mission:** Perry Waller reported that the Mission committee has filed an application to the Presbytery for the church to become an official Earth Care Congregation.

Next Stated Session Meeting

The next Called Session Meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Library.

Laura Wright made a **Motion** to adjourn. Perry Waller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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