

First Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Somerset, KY

June 20, 2024

Moderator: Rev. Brad Napier

Clerk of Session: Laura Kamperman

Elders Present: Jo Salmon, John Wright (5:30), Laura Wright, Sharon Mandt, Zack Vaught, Charlie Leveridge and Laura Kamperman. Excused: Perry Waller.

Guests: Marshall Judy, 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., June 20, 2024 for its stated meeting. Rev. Brad Napier called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. A quorum was present.

Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to add presentation by Marshall Judy first on the agenda. **Motion** made by Charlie Leveridge, seconded by Laura Wright. **Motion passed.**

Guest Report: Marshall Judy, representing the Mission Committee, has completed an application for a Transylvania Presbytery Hunger Grant in the amount of \$2,000 to support the Hold-You-Over Boxes. The last time we applied was in 2019 and we received \$1,500. **Motion** made by the committee. **Motion passed.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Motion: Approve the May 16, 2024 Stated Session Meeting.
2. Motion: Receive committee reports as information.
3. Motion: Approve May 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 June is Laura Wright and July is Sharon Mandt.
2. Nominating Committee: Request to call a congregational meeting this Sunday, June 23 to approve new Deacons (this had been overlooked). Rev. Napier reminded Session members that all congregational meetings must be approved by Session. **Motion** to approve the slate of Deacons: Don Haney, Linda Cook and Nancy Holland to be added to the retaining members (Sue Guffey, Marshall Judy and Marci Randall). Motion made by Jo Salmon, seconded by Zack Vaught. **Motion passed.**

3. Membership roll report: Jo Salmon distributed an updated report of work so far. Pastor Tim Noel will follow up with local members who have not responded to letters.
4. Update on the church brochure: Kirby Stephens has an associate, Bill, who is taking photographs of church activities.

Pastor's Report: Tim Noel reported he has been visiting the hospital and nursing homes. He is also doing in-home communion and some pastoral counseling. Zack Vaught has been taking attendance counts and reported: Easter-89, June 9—56 and June 16—55.

Moderator's Report:

1. Rev. Brad Napier announced that Presbytery Mission Committee has approved a grant to First Presbyterian Church for \$300 to purchase feminine hygiene supplies for Sky Hope Recovery Center. The request for a grant to purchase smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for the local Buckhorn Services was not granted.
2. He reported that Transylvania Presbytery General Assembly will meet June 29-July 3. He asked for prayers for Curtiss Christian, moderator, pastor at Richmond FPC; Catesby Woodford, Deacon Commissioner from Mt. Sterling FPC; Brian Pinney, youth representative, Davidson College and Mt. Sterling FPC; Jerry Utt, stated clerk, Troy and Moorehead Presbyterian Churches. He also requested prayers for Pastor Tim Mills, FPC Harlan who had a heart attack and is now on the list for a heart transplant.
3. Rev. Napier recommended that the church join the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce to get more visible in the community through monthly luncheon and chamber newsletter and publications. Referred to Congregational Care committee for action.

PNC Report: Reported by Jimmy Salmon through Jo Salmon. The committee is scheduled to interview a candidate in person and another candidate for a second interview and visit to Somerset. Please include the PNC in your prayers.

New Business:

1. Recommendation by Charlie Leveridge/Property Committee to consider an additional \$1,695 budget exception for the amount that exceeds the \$2500 approved amount for landscaping. **Motion:** by Zack Vaught, seconded by Laura Wright. **Motion passed.**
2. Request by Charlie Leveridge/Property Committee to consider giving the Congregational Care committee standing approval to offer the sanctuary for music programs hosted by the church to the public. Authority assigned to the Congregational Care committee to schedule those events.

3. Invitation from Presbytery to participate in EConnect Church Transformation Process. Rev. Napier recommended putting this opportunity on hold until six months after a new pastor is called.

Committee Reports:

1. **Administration:** Written report submitted. Discussion about the church having two credit card accounts.
Recommended that one account be closed and only one account be retained with the pastor, treasurer and session clerk should be on the account. Charlie Leveridge will follow up.
2. **Congregational Care:** Written report submitted. Sharon Mandt reported that Presbyterian Women hosted a luncheon honoring Gene Cornelius, Joanne Waddle, Annie Watkins and Glenda Wilson. Jack Wilhelm's 65th anniversary as an ordained pastor is this year. Pastor appreciation month is October.
3. **Mission:** Written report submitted. Earth Care Team report submitted.
4. **Spiritual Formation:** Written report submitted. Zach Vaught reported that he is working with three confirmands using the "Big God, Big Questions" curriculum. The confirmands attending are: Addison King, Jenna Phillips, and Jonnah Brock. They will be asked to attend the next Session meeting for their examination. Laura Wright and Rev. Noel have discussed the method for communion going forward. They have decided to use intinction as the primary method for communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Other Business:

1. Clarification of which committee is responsible for setting up the annual Time & Talent recruitment. It is assigned to the Administration committee.
2. When is the next church milestone anniversary? Possibly could be researched by the Congregational Care committee.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

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

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

Minutes submitted by Laura Kamperman