

Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
January 19, 2023 7:00 PM, Meeting Room

Elders Present: Candy Brown, Nebbie Brown, AJ Conti, Diane Crosthwaite, Lori Disbennett, Debby Galloway, Donna Maley, Linda Rinehart, and Kathi Kinney- Clerk/Elder, Moderator-Rev. Carol Weiss

Elders Excused: Jill Sements

Elders Absent: Justin Hedges

Guests: Pastor John Birkner, AC Chair, Mary French, Elder AC member, Patricia Gardner, Elder, Chair CLC

A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer.

Session Actions:

1. On **motion, second and VOTED** to approve the Stated Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2023.
2. On **motion, second and VOTED** to tune & repair the KH piano for \$235 with funds from New Covenant Fund, Session Discretionary fund.
3. On **motion, second and VOTED** to request the CCLI to allow us to extend the term of two Deacons by one year.
4. On **motion and VOTED** to hire Kathy Strohm as Treasurer.
5. On **motion and VOTED** Kathy Strohm's salary will be \$30,000 per year plus the cost of health insurance as part of her salary. Her official starting date will be February 1, 2023.
6. On **motion and VOTED** to change Laura Perkin's position title from Church Business Administrator to Secretary and that all financial duties currently being performed by Ms. Perkins be reassigned to the Treasurer and or the Bookkeeper effective February 1, 2023.
7. On **motion and VOTED** that the position of Bookkeeper be revised from paid to a volunteer position. Furthermore, the volunteer should be from the Session (or possibly one of the counters) since the person completing the entry of donation/income must be trusted to maintain the confidentiality of donations.
8. On **motion and VOTED** that check signing responsibilities be reassigned to the Treasurer, the Clerk of Session, and one other Ruling Elder (probably the Chair of the Administrative Committee).
9. On **motion, second and VOTED** all reports were received.
10. On **motion, second and VOTED** to approve Donna Maley, Elder, Nebbie Brown, Elder, and Mary Bishop, Elder at large as a committee to complete the Ministry Information form to send to Presbytery to apply for an Interim Pastor.

11. **On motion, second and VOTED** to approve Dave Gibson, Kevin Crosthwaite, Dale Kinney, Mary McDonald, and Kathi Kinney as counters, Donna Maley and Deb Groat as substitute counters. Dale Kinney, Dave Gibson, Kevin Crosthwaite, Kathi Kinney and Mary McDonald are approved as collectors. Kathi Kinney is approved as Clerk.
12. **On motion, second and VOTED** to cancel Sunday activities and week day office if Union County weather is at Level 2 or above.
13. **On motion, second and VOTED** to approve Rev. Sarah Bishop to preach on February 19, 2023 and perform the baptism of Callan Bishop.
14. **On motion, second and VOTED** to purchase an additional church license for Church Windows for an additional \$45 per month with funds from the General account.
15. Session was informed by the Clerk that the secretary will be locking the key box and all file cabinets before she leaves for the day. She will also put away any paperwork that contains financial information.

Reports were received from:

1. Clerk's Report was distributed.
2. MAMA Minutes was distributed.
3. Stewardship Team Report was distributed.
4. Worship Team Report was distributed.
5. Property Team Report was distributed.
6. Education Team Report was distributed.
7. Nominating Committee Report was given.
8. Administrative Team Report was distributed.
9. Mission Team Report was distributed.

Pastor John explained the many steps that they have taken looking for an interim and the lack of success. He suggests that we apply to the Presbytery main office in Louisville by means of a Ministry information form. It was announced that a committee of Donna Maley, Elder, Nebbie Brown, Elder, and Mary Bishop, Elder at large meet to complete the MIF. They will meet with Pastor John Birkner and Kathi Kinney, Clerk of Session/Elder.

Ministrations:

1. Communion:
Communion was celebrated on January 8, 2023 by Rev. Carol Weiss.
2. Baptism:
Joshua Nicholas Condo was baptized by Rev. Carol Weiss, with Elder Donna Maley as witness and family and friends in attendance.
3. The below documentation was received into the minutes due to email votes:
The Stewardship committee is recommending a congregational meeting on

January 29th, 2023 for informational purposes related to our finances and the current status. To that end we ask the congregation for relief from the section of our current by-laws (G-1.0501) pertaining to “the budget shall be presented and the annual financial reports of the congregation shall be presented”. Additionally, during this meeting the current state of the transitional process will be presented. The vote passed with 10 votes in favor.

The next meeting will be held on February 16, 2023. Closing prayer-Lori Disbennett

Elder who will serve communion in February is Lori Disbennett.

On **motion and VOTED** the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi Kinney, Clerk