

STATED SESSION MEETING

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023 11:30 A.M.

The Session of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, met for a stated meeting on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 201.

Rev. Dr. John Earl, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer and devotional at 11:30.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Rev. Dr. John Earl, Moderator; Mary Jo Kohunsky, Clerk; Elders Sherri Alexander, Scottie Anderson, Dickson Bridger, Lisa Jordan, Sue Laakmann, Christine McKirachan, Hank Metzger, Terry Paterson, Wilson Rogers.

Excused absence: Marti Shogi

Also present: Beckey Smith, for Marti Shogi

The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

Correspondence: None

Information:

Church Calendar for February from Delores Dyer, Office Administrator
December Financial Information from Joan Denney, Bookkeeper
Committee reports for next Agenda Packet are due on Tuesday, February 14
Deadline for February Newsletter articles is Friday, January 20, 2023
Statistical Report for Presbytery for 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of this agenda

Modifications of agenda: Unfinished Business: Remove item 4 -- Date of Stewardship Fair; Add item 5 -- Officer of the month sign-ups; Add item 6 -- Commissioners to Presbytery Meetings Add item 7 -- Calendar updates. New Business: Add Approval of Statistical Report.

Approval of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of December 12, 2022

Approval of Minutes of Called Congregational Meeting of January 15, 2023

Ratification of E-mail vote "to hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 15th, at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. The sole purpose of this meeting will be to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to act upon their recommendation regarding the next slate of officers." This e-mail motion was **approved**.

Consent agenda was **approved as modified**.

Membership: No changes

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee: Scottie Anderson

First "Anchors Aweigh" session is next Sunday, when kids will make Blessing Bags. Families of the kids will be able to give their bags when they see a need. RECOMMENDATION: That the congregation be asked to contribute five-dollar gift cards from McDonald's for the bags. **Approved**. John Earl will be

teaching a Wednesday class on Psalms beginning next week; and David McKirachan will offer a 5-week series on "Why do we sin?" beginning on March 1.

Communications and Marketing: Wilson Rogers

The new projector, which was thought to have become unrepairable, is no longer required. A third person has looked at it, and was able to return it to service. The Committee feels that this new person may be a good resource in the future, to troubleshoot and repair equipment; and to teach our volunteers troubleshooting common problems as well. This will also give volunteers more confidence in their work in the AV room during worship.

Finance Committee: Dickson Bridger

The proposed 2022 surplus distribution was presented, along with explanations. RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Surplus Distribution. **Approved.**

The revised proposed budget for 2023 was presented, reflecting 2022 surplus distribution.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of 2023 Proposed Budget. **Approved.**

RECOMMENDATION: The Shared Mission request which was tabled at the December meeting shall be considered and a pledge to Presbytery will be determined at the June stated meeting after examination of the financial picture at that time. **Approved.**

The fifth Sunday allocation for January was tabled at the December meeting. Dickson moved that the proceeds from that offering be allocated to the Congregational Care Committee for the purchase of the initial set-up of the *Care Notes* booklet program. This motion was seconded by Sherri. **Approved.**

If Moderators have questions about individual budgets, please contact Dickson and he will get an answer for you. Often, Joan Denney will have the information you need very quickly.

Membership and Growth Committee: Sue Laakmann

This is a new committee and has not met yet, so there is no report at this time.

Mission Committee: Beckey Smith for Marti Shogi

The LCOB Eden Village House, "Safe Harbor," will be dedicated on Saturday, February 18, at 1:00 p.m., and will be followed by a reception at Trinity Landing. The volunteers who worked in the parking lot and on other aspects of this project will be invited (NOT the entire congregation), and further details will be announced as they become available.

Personnel and Planning: Lisa Jordan

The Committee has no additions to the written report submitted for this meeting, but continues to research the best use of staff and resources.

Property Committee: Hank Metzger

There is no addition to the written report. The status of the dishwasher repair is unknown at this time.

Stewardship Committee: Christine McKirachan

The Stewardship Time and Talent Fair will be held on Sunday, February 19, immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting. Moderators are asked to submit copy for the booklet by February 1. Further details will be sent to each moderator in the near future.

Worship Committee: Terry Paterson, Sherri Alexander

Since the first Sunday in February is Boy Scout Sunday, there will be no Communion served that day. A busy Lenten schedule has been planned; further information will be in the February newsletter and other publications. The Committee has examined the worship events offered in Advent of 2022, with a

view to improving where needed, and possibly restructuring events for 2023 to create more meaningful worship experiences for the congregation. They feel that having a unifying theme was helpful in directing decisions about worship, and welcome feedback about what was successful and what was not successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Officer of the Month assignments: Last month it was decided that we did not really need TWO officers at any service, so in February we will no longer need each person who signed up.

February 8:30	Lisa Jordan, Brenda Parker	10:30	Terry Paterson, Hank Metzger
March 8:30	Dickson Bridger	10:30	Scottie Anderson
April 8:30		10:30	Mary Jo Kohunsky

The Clerk will contact Lisa and Brenda to see which person will serve in February, and if either can serve in April. Terry and Hank will determine how to share the responsibility for February. An officer is still needed for the 8:30 slot in April. Slots for the rest of the year are all open.

2. At the December 12 stated meeting, the session discussed the Presbytery Shared Mission Request of \$20,000, but tabled it for a decision at this meeting. See the report from the Finance Committee earlier in these minutes.

3. Fifth Sunday offering allocation, tabled at December 12, 2022 meeting: See the report for the Finance Committee earlier in these minutes.

4. Date of Stewardship Fair. See report of the Stewardship Committee earlier in these minutes. No additional action is required.

5. Calendar items: The Clerk distributed a list of stated meetings for 2023, as well as a list of the three stated Presbytery meetings set for this year. Members were asked to make sure that their calendars reflected the correct dates.

6. Elder Commissioners for Presbytery of Coastal Carolina meetings are to be elected by the session. The following elders have offered to attend these meetings. The session will formally vote to elect these commissioners at the February stated meeting, and the Clerk will send registration and schedule information to each commissioner as it becomes available.

March 4	Wallace Presbyterian Church	Sherri Alexander
May 6	Zoom	Dickson Bridger
October 7	TBD - Central Community	Christine McKirachan

NEW BUSINESS

Statistical Report: The draft of the LCOB Statistical Report for 2022 (prepared by Delores Dyer with assistance from the Clerk) was presented for consideration. The Clerk pointed out that the final figure of 323 is the result of the thorough review of membership rolls completed in 2022. The Moderator called for approval by common consent. **Approved.** The statistics will now be re-verified, and the report will be submitted electronically to the Presbytery by February 16, as required.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

The past year has been eventful and busy for the leadership of Little Chapel, and the coming year appears likely to be challenging as well. It is important that we continue to work together as we move forward in the work of achieving the vision of ministry for persons of all ages, which we adopted last year. We must plan our use of time, and plan how to best share responsibilities with our fellow committee members. Prayerfully consider the work ahead, the budget we have, and the goals we wish to accomplish.

The next stated meeting of the LCOB Session will be on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CLOSING PRAYER

Dr. Earl closed the meeting with prayer at 12:35, and all sang our closing hymn: "God lead us home. Christ, make us one. Come Holy Spirit, thy will be done."