

STATED SESSION MEETING

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC
FEBRUARY 20, 2023 6:00 P.M.

The Session of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, met for a stated meeting on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201.

Rev. Dr. John Earl, Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Determination of Quorum: The Clerk determined that a quorum was present.

Dr. Earl led a discussion of "Session Worksheet 2023," examining how we can nurture future leaders and continue to create opportunities for former leaders to remain involved and serving Little Chapel.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

Correspondence

From Presbytery on January 30, 2023:

Annual records submission is complete

From Nancy Gladden on February 2, 2023:

Information about March 4 Presbytery meeting

Thanking LCOB for participation in Chuluchosema Mission in Malawi w/SACPC

From Clerk Training on February 11, 2023:

Annual Sessional Records Checklist; Financial Checklist and Insurance Guidance from PCUSA General Assembly (conveyed to Finance Committee); Sexual Misconduct Policy Sample, and Child Youth & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy Sample; Sample By-laws; Sample Manual Table of Contents

Information:

Church Calendar for March from Delores Dyer, Office Administrator

January Financial Information (Expanded) from Joan Denney, Bookkeeper

Deadline for April Newsletter is Friday, March 17, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda for this stated meeting

Approval of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of January 21, 2023.

Approval of Minutes of the Called Congregational Meeting/Annual Meeting of the Corporation held on February 19, 2023.

Approved.

Membership changes.

None.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education Committee: Scottie Anderson

The *Anchors Away* program on January 29 was successful and another session will be held on Sunday, February 26.

A meeting of parents of young children was held to determine their interests and needs. While the list generated at the meeting was a “wish list,” proposed programs will be examined for interest and feasibility. Eventually, three programs will be developed and shared with the parents at another meeting to determine if the direction we are pursuing is one which has their support and which will meet their needs as parents and families.

Communications and Marketing Committee: Wilson Rogers

No meeting was held yet this year. The Committee is working with a consultant on AV/streaming, to help facilitate reliable equipment and services. Training for volunteers will be a focus once the systems are ready for further use.

Finance Committee: Dickson Bridger

A comprehensive financial report with documents covering all aspects of the budget and funds was presented for discussion and approval. Elders appreciated the opportunity to get the big picture, and to learn about the structures in place to guide budgeting and expenditures. The report was **approved**. Two generous financial gifts have been made to Little Chapel, and discussion and planning is underway to determine the most appropriate use for the funds. A general direction has been chosen, and concentrates on Property, Vision, and Mission; but individual allocations will need to be determined with continued work at subsequent meetings.

Membership and Growth Committee: Sue Laakmann

No written report. The Committee is seeking information from young adults and non-attendees to learn the factors that influence their decisions to attend/participate in worship, or to decide to not participate. Sue will develop a report based on her findings, and share this with the session at a future time. Then, the Committee will develop ways to reach these population groups and “invite” them to worship with us.

Mission Committee: Marti Shogi

The dedication of Safe Harbor, our Eden Village home, was held this Saturday and was a great success. A reception followed in the fellowship hall, and former pastor, Rev. Pat and Marcia Rabun came to visit with friends from Little Chapel.

Marti then explained the huge amount of work that Mission entailed, and is seeking ways to be able to manage the various projects more efficiently. She invited the elders to make suggestions to alleviate the complicated work.

Personnel and Planning Committee: Lisa Jordan

The Committee did not meet this month.

Property Committee: Hank Metzger

Hank reported that all of the committee members from last year will continue to serve this year, and he is looking forward to working with everyone.

Due to requirements of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, LCOB must have a working elevator to the second floor. Even though work has been done earlier this year, additional repairs are needed to bring us into compliance.

RECOMMENDATION: To authorize the repair of the elevator by Port City Elevator at \$5400 plus a contingency of \$1000, for a total request of \$6400. This is due to ADA requirements to have both bathrooms (including one upstairs) be accessible, requiring an elevator (lift). **Approved.**

Stewardship Committee: Christine McKirachan

Chris reported that the Time and Talent Fair held yesterday was an activity that encouraged many people from the congregation to sign up for future service opportunities. The committee will compile and communicate the results of the booklets which have been turned in.

Worship Committee: Terry Paterson, Sherri Alexander

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and there will be two services. Each elder was advised that there will be many opportunities to serve in the coming weeks in the roles of Liturgist, Ushers, and Communion Stewards.

New professionally printed signs have been hung in the windows of the children’s rooms facing Lumina Street. It is important that we market LCOB as a welcoming community so that passers-by begin to see LCOB as a possibility when they choose a faith community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Officer of the Month update: Still need an April officer for 8:30. The Clerk will create a list of all elders from the church, with all e-mail addresses, and will invite these former elders to serve as Officer of the Month.

March 8:30	Dickson Bridger
March 10:30	Scottie Anderson
April 8:30	No volunteer at this time.
April 10:30	Mary Jo Kohunsky

2. Formal Election of Commissioners to Presbytery meetings for 2023. Nominees are:

March 4:	Sherri Alexander	Wallace Presbyterian Church
May 6:	Dickson Bridger	Zoom: Proposed changes to Book of Order
October 7:	Christine McKirachan	Location TBD

A motion was made by Marti Shogi to elect these elders to serve as our Commissioners, and was seconded by Hank Metzger. Sherri, Dickson, and Christine were **unanimously elected** to serve as the LCOB Commissioners as listed above, with the appreciation of their willingness to take on this extra responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of the officers of the Board of Trustees of LCOB.

Nominations (made according to our Bylaws) are as follows: Dickson Bridger, President; Dean Coble, Treasurer, and Mary Jo Kohunsky, Secretary. Hank Metzger made a motion to elect these candidates, and Sherri made the second. **Unanimously elected.**

2. Election of members of the Endowment Committee. The Clerk tabled this item until the next stated meeting.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Earl reminded us of the responsibility we bear as leaders of this church. At times, we may need to make decisions that may be unpopular, or that stretch us in new directions. We work under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we must continue to discern God's will for the Little Chapel.

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

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Earl closed the meeting with prayer at 7:43 p.m.

All sang "God, lead us home. Christ make us one. Come, Holy Spirit, thy will be done."

Mary Jo Kohunsky, Clerk