

## STATED SESSION MEETING

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, NC  
APRIL 24, 2023 6:00 P.M.

The Session of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, met for a stated meeting on April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201.

### ATTENDANCE

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

*Excused Absences:* Scottie Anderson, Sue Laakmann

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

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

### Report on Special Discernment for gifts given

Each moderator gave a brief report on the general direction of his or her committee regarding the hopes for use of gifts to support the vision of the church. Nothing was formal, although there will be a report by each committee on specific recommendations on advancing the vision.

On Monday, May 15, each committee will make specific suggestions for use of gifts in supporting our church vision.

### CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

#### Correspondence

From Nancy Gladden, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina: training, zoom Presbytery meeting; East Community Gathering (June 10) at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church in Wilmington -- a time of service.

#### Information:

Church Calendar for May from Delores Dyer, Office Administrator  
March Financial Information from Joan Denney, Bookkeeper

### CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda for this stated meeting  
Approval of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting of March 20, 2023

#### Membership:

Pastor John Earl presented the names of Dick and Diane Gongaware for reception as members by Little Chapel. All present voted to approve this action.

Consent Agenda **approved.**

## **SESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Christian Education Committee: Scottie Anderson**

Report attached, no recommendations.

### **Communications and Marketing Committee: Wilson Rogers**

No report, no recommendations.

### **Finance Committee: Dickson Bridger**

Report attached, no recommendations. Dickson reported that the committee is continuing to be concerned by the decline in donations. He has submitted an article for the May newsletter.

### **Leadership and Growth Committee: Sue Laakmann**

No report, no recommendations.

### **Mission Committee: Marti Shogi**

Report attached, no recommendation.

The Committee has created its own newsletter supplement to highlight all of the mission activity by Little Chapel. The Session has directed the Clerk to send letters of appreciation to Krispy Kreme for the donuts provided for the Wrightsville Beach Easter sunrise service and to Lewis Nurseries for the fresh strawberries for the April 22 Meals on Wheels.

### **Personnel and Planning Committee: Lisa Jordan**

Report attached, with recommendations.

### **Property Committee: Hank Metzger**

No report, no recommendations.

The committee is researching the purchase and installation of hurricane shutters for the Manse and Matthew House, and will prepare information for session consideration at a later meeting.

### **Stewardship Committee: Christine McKirachan**

Report attached, no recommendations.

### **Worship Committee: Terry Paterson, Sherri Alexander**

No report, no recommendations.

The Beach service will begin on Sunday, May 7.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Officer of the Month update: Thanks to all who have signed up to serve as an Officer of the Month. We still need someone for 8:30 April 30.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Report on Training at Topsail Presbyterian, April 22, 2023: Sherri Alexander, Mary Jo Kohunsky, Chris McKirachan, Terry Paterson. Each of these elders highlighted specific observations and ideas for our church, while agreeing that our congregation is not alone in many of the challenges we are facing, particularly with membership. Sharing conversations with members of other churches was beneficial. The presenter, Ann Jahnes, was excellent, and made relevant suggestions for all present. She is available for work with individual congregations.

The East Community will be having a Gathering (Official Presbytery Meeting) at St. Andrews-Covenant PC on Saturday, June 10. We are required to send a commissioner. Mary Jo volunteered to attend for LCOB, and was elected by acclamation. The meeting will be short, and following routine business, the attendees will go out into the community to serve on various projects. Each church is asked to send items to be used in bags for the homeless, and Mary Jo distributed a list of items, asking each elder to bring at least one item to the May 15 session meeting.

It is customary at Little Chapel to allow the session to have a “break” during the summer, and to cancel one of the monthly meetings to allow for easier travel and time with family. The month of July was selected by common consent, so there will be no July 17 stated meeting.

## **MODERATOR’S REPORT**

**All were encouraged to pray for discernment as to how we can best use gifts to further the vision of the church. Each committee is to present specific proposals for that purpose on May 15.**

The next stated meeting of the Session will be on Monday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 201.

## **PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Earl concluded the meeting with prayer and the group sang our final prayer.

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Mary Jo Kohunsky, Clerk