

Stated Session Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2022

The Session met on Sunday, August 28, 2022, in person in the session room and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Elders Present: Terry Appenzeller, Steve Harlan, Amanda Hilton, Stuart Mull, Shirley Thomason, Andi Banks, Jim Campbell, Jay Crane, and Claude Davis. Ellie Wilson, Caroline Culpepper, Bob Smith, Knox Tate, Phil Trick, and Mandy Hildebrand were excused. Elder Ken Bates, Clerk of Session, was also present.

Pastors: Heather Davis was present.

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Steve Harlan shared a devotion called “Ways to Praise God by Seeing God in Nature”. The scripture was from various verses of Psalms which include the word praise. He noted that the word praise is used 140 times in the Psalms.

Matters for Discussion and Action:

- Shirley Thomason reported that the Stephen Lynerd Sacred Jazz Quartet would be touring in January, and a recommendation from the worship committee is that we book them for a Sunday evening. The church would be responsible for fees and hosting them. Jim Campbell made a motion that \$3,000 come from the Willard Chair fund and the rest from the music and worship committee budget to cover our fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Items requiring Session Approval:

- Stated Session Minutes from June 26 , 2022 were approved by common consent.

Email business since last meeting:

- None

Clerk’s Report

Births: Laurel Ridgelee Brock, daughter of Aaron and Amy Brock, on July 1, 2022.

Walter Benjamin LeBoutillier, son of Ben and Morganna LeBoutillier, on July 7, 2022.

Baptisms Administered: none

Deaths: Janet Cade, affiliate member and mother of Lynn James Smith on August 14, 2022.

Administration of Communion: July 3, 2022 and August 7, 2022.

Correspondence: none

Reports by Committee Liaisons:

Stewardship and Finance: The annual Stewardship dinner will be on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Matt Parker will cater the dinner, and Dr. Richard Floyd will be the speaker. Session members will act as hosts at the various tables.

Staff Reports:

Heather announced that Richard would be coming to Hickory this week and will start work on September 6.

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 25, 2022.

Devotion in September: Jim Campbell

Closing Prayer: Heather Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Rev. Heather Davis, Moderator

Ken Bates, Clerk