Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship Minutes of the Congregational Meeting January 16, 2022

I. Call to Order

Rev. Dr. Scott Seay called the congregational meeting to order at 11:18 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church. This meeting was a **specially called meeting**, consistent with G-1.05 of the *Book of Order* and Article V, Section 1 of the church By-Laws (2019).

II. Roll

Active Members (adults): Bill Boyle; David Duncan; Jane Gore; Pauletta Hughes; Dr. Steve and Cathy Junken; John and Sandy Pavey; Dick and Cindy Peck; Mary Ann Soll; Tim Sparks; Diane Thompson; Gerhard Weber; John Wolfarth; June Wolpert; and Bob Young.

Additional associate members, non-members, and members under age 18 were present.

Elder Steve Junken, Clerk of Session, confirmed that the necessary quorum was present.

III. Opening Prayer

Pastor Scott opened the meeting with prayer.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Pastor Scott reviewed the agenda for the meeting, distributed well in advance of the meeting with the Nominating Committee Report, the Pastor's Report, and Financial Report. Written copies of all meeting materials were available at the meeting. No additions or corrections to the agenda were suggested. Moved and seconded (Gore, Wolpert) that the agenda be adopted. **Carried unanimously.**

V. <u>Congregational Business</u>

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Congregational Meetings

Those present reviewed the minutes of the annual congregational meeting on January 17, 2021, and the specially called congregational meeting on July 11,

2021. Gerhard Weber asked whether the financial statements of local charities to which BCPF contributes had been audited as requested at the last meeting. Elder Jane Gore, Treasurer, responded that no audit had been performed. Pastor Scott agreed to take up the matter with Session at the next meeting and report back to the congregation. Moved and seconded (Sparks, Sandy Pavey) that the minutes of both meetings be approved. **Passed with one dissenting vote.**

B. Election of Officers

Those present considered the report of the Nominating Committee. The following slate of officers was approved by acclamation:

Elder: **Bob Young** Class of 2024
Trustee: **Pete Bullard** Class of 2023
Deacons: **Leona Tilton** and **Arthur Omberg** Class of 2024

Pastor Scott explained that the BCPF By-Laws require the election of two at-large members of the 2022 Nominating Committee. After some discussion, **Sandy Pavey** and **Raoul Burchette** were nominated and approved by acclamation.

C. Pastor's Report

Pastor Scott briefly reviewed the written report for 2021. Among the items he highlighted were: (1) welcoming new members Dick and Cindy Peck; (2) welcoming a number of new people who began worshipping and serving over the last year; (3) thanking the congregation for its care during the recent illness and death of his mother, Dolores Seay; (4) announcing that Rev. Mac Bellner will begin serving as part-time (10 hours per week) Assistant Pastor on February 1, focusing on pastoral care; and (5) praising the congregation for its faithfulness amid the ongoing pandemic.

Pastor Scott fielded several questions of clarification before concluding his report.

D. Financial Report

Elder Jane Gore, Treasurer, reviewed the financial report, including (1) Profit and Loss Statement, 2020 and 2021 Compared; (2) Profit and Loss Statement, Budget vs. Actual for 2021; and (3) Budget for 2022.

She fielded several questions of clarification. Her report met with the general approval of those present. Pursuant to G-3.0205, no vote of the congregation is required to approve the Financial Report.

E. Other Pertinent Business

Julie Tucker asked whether Session had considered the possibility of online contributions through the church's website. After some approving discussion, Pastor Scott agreed to take the matter up with Session at its next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Moved and seconded (Boyle, Gore) that the meeting be adjourned following prayer. **Carried unanimously.**

VII. Closing Prayer

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer, after which the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gratefully approved,

Elder Steve Junken Clerk of Session Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay Pastor and Moderator of Session