

**Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship
Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
July 11, 2021**

I. Call to Order

Rev. Dr. Scott Seay called the congregational meeting to order at 11:13 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at the church. This meeting was a **specialty called meeting**, consistent with G-1.05 of the *Book of Order* and Article V, Section 2 of the church By-Laws (2019).

II. Roll

Active Members (adults): Kurtis and Lisa Alexander; Bill Boyle; Pete Bullard; Diane Burnett; David and Cydney Duncan; Jane Gore; Charlie and Barb Handel; Pauletta Hughes; Dr. Steve and Cathy Junken; John and Sandy Pavey; Terry and Pua Smith; Mary Ann Soll; Tim Sparks; Diane Thompson; Leona Tilton; Olivia Toler; Gerhard Weber; John Wolfarth; June Wolpert; and Bob Young.

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

Elder Olivia Toler, Clerk of Session, *pro tempore*, confirmed that the necessary quorum was present.

III. Opening Prayer

Pastor Scott opened the meeting with prayer.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Pastor Scott explained that Session had called the meeting to consider its nomination of Diane Burnett for the position of Ruling Elder. No written agenda was provided, and no additional items of business were presented.

Moved and seconded (Sparks, Junken) that the agenda be adopted. **Carried unanimously.**

V. Election of Diane Burnett

Pastor Scott reviewed with the congregation the responsibilities and duties of Ruling Elders as described in G-2.0301 of the *Book of Order*. He explained that Diane's

nomination was received in ways consistent with the congregation's By-Laws and that she had been interviewed by the Session concerning her nomination. All involved discerned that Diane has a clear sense of call to the ministry of Ruling Elder, and that her nomination should be brought before the congregation for a vote pursuant to G-2.0401 of the *Book of Order*. No additional nominations for Ruling Elder were made.

Diane addressed the congregation concerning her own faith journey: a very conservative (even fundamentalist) upbringing, education and career as a scientist, a long period of alienation from the church, and her return to church about five years ago following her husband's death. She affirmed the ministry of BCPF as one that thinks deeply, encourages questions, and values service to the community.

A brief discussion between the congregation and Diane followed, moderated by Pastor Scott.

Moved and seconded (Gore, Wolpert) that the nomination of Diane Burnett for the ministry of Ruling Elder be approved. **Carried unanimously.**

Pastor Scott explained that Diane would receive instruction on the ministry of Ruling Elders in the coming months and an ordination will be planned for a later date.

VI. Adjournment

Moved and seconded (Sparks, Bullard) 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 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elder Olivia Toler
Clerk of Session, *pro tempore*

Gratefully approved,



Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay
Pastor and Moderator of Session