

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2025

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Jacque Fletcher
Colleen Rust

Class of 2027

Carl Allen
Janice Langdale
Lauren Mueller Skinner

Class of 2028

Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry
Mike Potter

*****THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

MEETING OPENED

Rev. Matthew Baugh, Moderator

DEVOTION

Pastor Matthew

DECLARATION OF QUORUM (1/3 of Session plus Moderator)

Session members present: Donna Ebers, Jacque Fletcher, Lauren Mueller Skinner, Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter

Session members absent:

- **Motion to excuse:** Carl Allen, Colleen Rust, Janice Langdale

APPROVED

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

- **DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda (Monday, October 13, 2025)** – Approved
- **DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes (Monday, September 29, 2025)** - Approval deferred to next meeting since minutes were not available for review

STATED SUPPLY PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Matthew

- Matthew will attend the Presbytery meeting at Ghost Ranch on Oct. 18; at that meeting Presbytery will vote on whether an interim pastor can be approved as pastor.
- Tomorrow (Oct 14), Matthew will meet w UCC Group on Ministry, who will vote on approval of his transfer to SW UCC Conference from Western.
- Matthew is to attend anti-racism training hosted by UCC, by Zoom.

- Matthew has continued to try to contact a person in ABQ who deals w homelessness, to consult about potential policy (see below).
- Matthew will meet for coffee with Matthew Lewis on Friday to discuss Matthew's potential transfer to Legacy Church.
- Two young women who attended worship at LPPC on Oct 12 (Angela and ?), who each have a teen child, are interested in possibly joining our church. They plan to join the group meeting at LPPC on Thurs to make Dignity Kits with our youth. They will receive copies of the youth version of the Time and Talent form.
- Worship – Matthew has reviewed Advent themes w Elliott & Mindy. Trying to meet with them quarterly.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk is away; no formal report.

OLD BUSINESS

Jacque Fletcher

- Steinway Piano & agreement with PAS

Reviewed draft agreement between PAS and LPPC (sent as attachment)

Confusion about

- Ownership of the piano – PAS or LPPC?
- Suggestion: add wording to specify that the piano will be **permanently located** in the church.
- Matthew advises that we have a lawyer review the terms? Matthew will talk with Carl and with Presbytery to identify how to do this.
- **MOTION: to Table until resolved. MOTION PASSED.**
- Be sure to communicate with Sally Curro once resolved.

- Follow-up from September Session meeting

Steve Chewning

Possible policy for homeless individuals who pass through Placitas - stalled temporarily because ABQ person whom Matthew was trying to contact hasn't replied.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Pastor Baugh's Call**

Jacque Fletcher

Note from Carl: Congregational Meeting The congregation needs to vote on Matthew's call, after the Presbytery's vote on 10/18. I recommend that we hold a Congregational meeting after the 10:30 service on Sunday 10/26. We are required to give the congregation notice of that meeting in advance, so it should be

announced from the pulpit and via email each of the next two weeks. We need to do this by secret vote, so paper ballots should be prepared in advance. We need to make sure that our 8:30 and zoom folks are included in the vote. Matthew needs to leave the room during the voting.

- **Worship**

Colleen Rust

- In her absence, Colleen sent us an email containing information about liturgist and supply pastor needs and solutions
- The email contained two supply pastor names for November dates when they won't be needed since Matthew will have been approved as of Nov. 1
- Jacque to contact Colleen about info in her email to clarify. (DONE on 10-14-25; awaiting reply)

- **Stewardship**

Judie Hendry

Stewardship -Karen reports quick count of pledges received by yesterday to be around \$80,000. She will have a more precise count by Sunday. Carl would like Judie to announce the total to the congregation on 10/19.

NOTE: the pledge goal for 2025 is \$190,000.

Discussion: Session feels that the time between letter receipt and pledge due date was very short; people are traveling and the congregation was very sparse yesterday.

Decision: send another mail to everyone focusing **just** on Stewardship, urging pledge submission. Announce again in church on Sunday. We have time – don't need total until end of December.

- **Nominating**

Donna Ebers

New Session members and Deacons for 2026

Still need 1 Deacon and 1 Elder

Greg Philip volunteered for Deacon

Linda Davey was Treasurer at her last church; ask her?

Session roles and responsibilities

Need specific meeting to review committee chair-ships, which chairs should be on Session, how Elders get their role.

Hold special meeting to talk through these roles but wait until new Elders are in place.

- **Fellowship**

Jacque Fletcher

Follow-up on Ivona McCrary's suggestion of members holding small group receptions in their homes? Is Ivona organizing this?

- Jacque will email Ivona to inquire (DONE on 10-14-25; awaiting reply)

- **Finance**

Steve Chewning

- Two items to add to Budget
 - **MOTION (from Committee): To establish a Pastor's discretionary "petty cash" fund of approx. \$300. MOTION PASSED.**
- **MOTION (from Committee): To establish a fund for unanticipated expenses, of approximately \$5000. MOTION PASSED.**
 - Fund to be managed by Finance Comm in consultation w Session, to be used for unanticipated building/equipment or other costs.
- Don Turton developed a chart application for finance info, used for PNC, Steve will use for informational flow to inform the congregation.
- In the near future the church building will have budget needs for stucco and wood trim repair– a multi-year project. Don Turton is very focused and aware of these, as well as the goal of meeting ADA and Fire Dept. regulations.
- Finance Committee is now working on a planning document for the 2026 budget. We might have a surplus for 2025 and 2026.

CALENDAR

- **Next Session meeting (Zoom 6:30)** **Monday, November 10, 2025**
- **Presbytery Meeting (Ghost Ranch)** **Saturday, October 18, 2025**
- **Devotion/Lockup Schedule**
 - **October – Janice Langdale**
 - **November – Mike Potter**
 - **December –**
 - **January – Judie Hendry**

Adjourn with prayer

Pastor Matthew

Respectfully submitted

Jacque Fletcher (for Carl Allen, Clerk of Session)