

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2023**

Class of 2024

Lauren Skinner
Janice Langdale
Vacant

Class of 2025

Leigh Plante
Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Joyce Hoses
Jacque Fletcher

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM.**

MEETING OPENED 7:02 Rev. Tom Ulrich Moderator

DEVOTION Prayer for a Struggling Church Carl Allen

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

Session Members Present Online: Lauren Skinner, Leigh Plante, Donna Ebers, Janice Langdale, Steve Chewning, Joyce Hoses, Judie Hendry, Jacque Fletcher

Session Members Absent: none

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday November 13, 2023

APPROVED

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday September 11, 2023

APPROVED

DRAFT Called Session Meeting Minutes Monday September 18, 2023

APPROVED

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday October 9, 2023

APPROVED

DRAFT Called Session Meeting Minutes Monday October 16, 2023

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DRAFT Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday October 22, 2023

APPROVED

PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Ulrich

Enjoyed first two Sundays; working with committees; looking forward to advent; tell pastor about medical things

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

MOTION: Schedule the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday January 28 after the 10:30 service, to include a potluck

APPROVED

MOTION: Renew the membership of Susan Hickman at her request (deleted from the rolls August 2022)

APPROVED

MOTION: Elect Ivona McCrary Treasurer for 2024

APPROVED

Elect Carl Allen Clerk of Session for 2024

APPROVED

Steve Chewning will lock up on November 19.

Janice Langdale will provide the devotion for the December Session meeting and will lock up the church in December.

Carl Allen and Rev. Ulrich will research options for reconciliation and and new beginnings in 2024, to be presented at the December Session meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DAY CARE PROPOSED CONTRACT

Discussion led by Lauren Skinner

The Country Bumpkin Daycare lead wants to rethink the proposed contract. She will contact Lauren.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY (distributed separately)

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

The policy was passed by Session in August. A copy should be placed on the church website along with other policies.

NEW BUSINESS

WORSHIP

Discussion led by Joyce Hoses

Joyce and Rev. Ulrich will discuss advent and hanging of the greens.

Steve Chewning will continue to do opening announcements thru the end of the year; this responsibility should be revisited in January.

The Children's Program will be part of the service on December 17.

The Winter Solstice Poetry Reading will be on December 17 at 7:00 pm.

PERSONNEL

Discussion led by Judie Hendry

Judie will have conversations with Elliott and Mindy regarding compensation for the Music Program.

STEWARDSHIP

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

To date 28 pledges have been received totaling \$ 114,160. This is 84% of the pledge estimate in the aspirational budget

Janice will request additional pledges.

FINANCIAL

Discussion led by Leigh Plante

Financial Highlights for October 2023

Our operating income for the month of October totaled \$23,770. October operating expenses totaled \$16,606 for a net gain of \$7,164 for the month.

Year to date through the end of October, the church has received a total of \$171,059 in contributions and other income to support the operations of the church. Total operating expenses through October were \$159,117 for a year-to-date net gain of \$11,942.

Combining this \$11,942 net gain with the year-beginning operating reserves of \$39,956 gives the church a total liquidity of \$51,898.

The mortgage balance for the roof replacement and solar panels project loan is \$62,067.

The 2023 and 2024 budgets are being reassessed to include the financial impact of Rev. Holmes' resignation.

Water leaks indicate the need for roof repair / replacement. The potential budget impacts Rare being assessed.

The draft 2024 budget is being prepared for Session consideration at the December meeting.

BUILDING

Discussion led by Lauren Skinner and Steve Chewning

The roof leaks will be temporarily repaired in the near future.

Recommendations to Session for further repair or roof replacement will be presented in the future.

HOLIDAY SALE

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

Volunteers are needed for food sales.

DRAFT NATURAL DISASTER GUIDELINES (distributed separately)

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

Jacque requests Session feedback.

NOMINATING

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

4 Deacon nominees and 1 Elder nominee are needed.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (zoom) Monday December 11, 2023 7:00 pm

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

December Janice Langdale

Adjourn with Prayer 8:34

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen, Clerk of Session