

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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 7:05 Rev. Tom Ulrich Moderator

DEVOTION Mary Janice Langdale

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

Session Members Present Online: all

Session Members Absent: none

Guest: Don Turton

MOTION: Grant voice to Don Turton

APPROVED

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday December 13, 2023

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BUDGETS AND CHALLENGES

STEWARDSHIP

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

As of Sunday December 10, 34 pledges have been received totaling \$ 126,000.

FINANCIAL

Discussion led by Leigh Plante

Financial Highlights for November 2023

Year to date through the end of November, the church has received a total of \$189,640 in contributions and other income to support the operations of the church. Total operating expenses through October were \$171,277 for a year-to-date net gain of \$18,363.

Combining this \$18,363 net gain with the year-beginning operating reserves of \$39,956 gives the church a total liquidity of \$58,319.

The draft 2024 budget (emailed separately) is presented to Session consideration.

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MOTION: RESTORE MISSION COMMITTEE TO OPERATING BUDGET IN 2025

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The Session directed that outgoing Treasurer Mike Potter be removed from all LPPC accounts and that incoming Treasurer Ivona McCrary be added to all LPPC accounts.

REPORT ON THE LEAKING ROOF

Discussion led by Don Turton

Estimates for roof repair / replacement options were emailed separately.

Session asks Don Turton to come up with a recommended strategy at the January meeting; Finance Committee will investigate funding options; Building Committee will poll contacts for recommended roofing companies

PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Ulrich

Request permission to participate in Jan 7 service at 2nd Presbyterian; Rev. Ken Cuthbertson has agreed to preach at LPPC

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CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Committee reports for the Congregational Meeting are requested by January 15.

Elders for devotion / lockup in 2024

Jan Leigh Plante

Feb Donna Ebers

March Steve Chewning

Apr Jacque Fletcher

The Clerk is researching options for reconciliation and moving ahead as a congregation. One possibility, suggested by Presbytery, is to contract with BlueJean Mediation of Durango, CO for mediation at 1 or more meeting of the congregation early in 2024.

The Clerk intends to present a draft plan for Session consideration at the January meeting, with discussion at the Annual Meeting on January 28.

The consensus of Session is to authorize the Clerk to contact BlueJean Mediation and report at the January Session meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

DAY CARE PROPOSED CONTRACT

Discussion led by Lauren Skinner

The Country Bumpkin Daycare lead wants to rethink the proposed contract; alternatives for daycare may be developed by Country Bumpkin; she may contact Lauren

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY (distributed separately)

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

A copy has been placed on the church website.

PERSONNEL

Discussion led by Judie Hendry

Judie discussed performance and pay with Elliot Smith. He has returned to his regular duties as Choir Director.

Judie is preparing a notebook to document recent incidents involving church members.

NEW BUSINESS

WORSHIP

Discussion led by Joyce Hoses

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.

The Christmas Eve service will start at 7:00 pm.

DRAFT NATURAL DISASTER GUIDELINES (distributed separately)

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

Jacque requests Session feedback, particularly from the chair of the Building Committee.

NOMINATING

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

3 deacon and 1 elder nominees are currently needed.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (zoom) Monday January 8, 2023 7:00 pm

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday January 28 11:45

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

Jan Leigh Plante

Feb Donna Ebers

March Steve Chewning

Apr Jacque Fletcher

Adjourn with Prayer 9:20

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen, Clerk of Session