

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Approved Stated Session Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

<u>Class of 2024</u>	Lauren Skinner, Janice Langdale, Vacant
<u>Class of 2025</u>	Leigh Plante, Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry
<u>Class of 2026</u>	Donna Ebers, Joyce Hoses, Jacque Fletcher

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

MEETING OPENED 7:04 Rev. Tom Ulrich Moderator

DEVOTION The Gate of the Year Leigh Plante

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

Session Members and Treasurer Present Online: Leigh Plante, Donna Ebers, Janice Langdale, Steve Chewning, Joyce Hoses, Judie Hendry, Jacque Fletcher, Ivona McCrary

Session Member Absent: Lauren Skinner

Guest: Bunny Bowen

MOTION: GRANT VOICE TO BUNNY BOWEN

APPROVED

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday January 8, 2024

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday December 11, 2023

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REQUEST FROM BUNNY BOWEN: Session approve a screening of “The Philadelphia Eleven” movie as an LPPC activity; involve church members and the community; probably an April Saturday during the day; share information about the event; welcome donations to support the cost of the documentary and refreshments

MOTION: APPROVE A SCREENING OF “THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN” MOVIE AS AN LPPC ACTIVITY

APPROVED

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Don Turton has volunteered to Chair the Building and Grounds committees

MOTION: APPOINT DON TURTON AS CHAIR THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEES

APPROVED

PASTOR’S REPORT Rev. Ulrich

Thanks for allowing Rev. Ulrich to be away on Sunday Jan 7

Sunday Feb 25 will be the 130th anniversary of LPPC; Rev. Ken Cuthbertson would like to preach; authorize \$150 to pay Ken; Judie Hendry will coordinate the celebration

Rev. Ulrich invites Session to consider his 6-month bridge pastorate, which will expire at the end of April. The Personnel Committee is re quested to bring a motion to Session in February.

CLERK’S REPORT Carl Allen

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

Schedule ordination and installation of new Elders and Deacons for Sunday Feb 11

OLD BUSINESS

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

Carl Allen, Jacque Fletcher, Steve Chewning, Janice Langdale and Judie Hendry conducted a phone interview with BlueJean Mediation.

MOTION - THANK BLUEJEAN MEDIATION, BUT AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT TO FEEL THAT AS A CONGREGATION WE ARE READY TO ENGAGE WITH THEIR SERVICES

APPROVED 5/2 BY SECRET BALLOT

NEW BUSINESS

WORSHIP Discussion led by Joyce Hoses

Advent services were very meaningful

The Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00 on Wednesday Feb 14

STEWARDSHIP Discussion led by Janice Langdale

As of Sunday Dec 17, 35 pledges have been received totaling \$ 130,200 for the operating fund

FINANCIAL Discussion led by Steve Chewning

LPPC starts 2024 in a strong financial condition

MOTION: THE SESSION DIRECTS THAT OUTGOING TREASURER MIKE POTTER BE REMOVED FROM ALL LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND THAT INCOMING TREASURER IVONA MCCRARY BE ADDED TO ALL LAS PLACITAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ACCOUNTS.

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DRAFT NATURAL DISASTER GUIDELINES Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

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

NOMINATING Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Slates for votes at the Congregational Meeting:

Ruling Elders: Carl Allen (Class of 2027), Lauren Mueller Skinner (2nd Term; Class of 2027)

Deacons: Ruth Allen (Class of 2027), Sue Hoff (Class of 2027), Anna Howarth – will be taking the rest of Beth Ann Bethel’s term – Class of 2025

PERSONNEL Discussion led by Judie Hendry

MOTION: PROPOSED BONUS OF \$750 FOR ORGANIST MINDY SAMPSON

APPROVED

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (zoom) Monday February 12, 2024 7:00 pm

Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday January 28, 2024 11:45

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

Jan Leigh Plante

Feb Donna Ebers

March Steve Chewning

Apr Jacque Fletcher

Adjourn with Prayer 9:03

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen, Clerk of Session