

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church**

**Stated Session Meeting Minutes**

**August 14, 2023**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Lauren Skinner	Leigh Plante	Donna Ebers
Janice Langdale	Steve Chewning	Joyce Hoses
	Judie Hendry	Jacque Fletcher

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

**MEETING OPENED** 7:01 pm Moderator Rev. Richard Holmes

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER** Jacque Fletcher

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

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

**Session Members Absent:** None

**Clerk of Session Absent:** Carl Allen

**Acting Clerk of Session:** Jeannette Swent

**MOTION TO EXCUSE CARL ALLEN**

**APPROVED**

**MOTION TO GIVE VOICE TO DON TURTON, SETH FINCH, AND CATHERINE ROBINSON**

**APPROVED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM 6-12-23 AND AGENDA FOR 8-14-23**

**APPROVED**

**REPORT FROM MEETING OF COM WITH CONCERNED MEMBERS ON 8-6-23**

**MOTION FOR SESSION TO SEND LETTER TO BILL LUMM THANKING HIM FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATIONS OF MONEY AND TIME FOR SERVING ON SESSION, SERVING AS CLERK OF SESSION, BUILDING A FENCE IN THE LPPC GARDEN, AND MANY OTHER VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**APPROVED**

**CORRESPONDENCE READ ALOUD: LETTER FROM CONCERNED MEMBERS**

**PASTOR'S REPORT**

**Pastoral Care Activities**

- Visits 8
- Phone Calls 11

**Other Activities**

- Casa Rosa 6-20
- Communications Committee 8-7
- Commission on Ministry 8-2
- Cuba Potluck 8-10
- Deacons 6-13, 8-8
- Fellowship 7-24
- Funeral 7-29
- Health and Safety Committee 6-23, 7-28
- Mission Committee 6-26
- Presbytery Meeting 6-17
- Wedding and Rehearsal 7-7, 7-8

**Updates and New Business**

- Communications Committee: Updating Website Pages, Approving Instagram Account (New Business)
- Ghost Ranch Retreat (Old Business)

- New Member Session Meeting on August 27 (New Business)

## **MOTION TO APPROVE CREATING INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT**

**APPROVED**

## **MOTION TO HAVE CALLED SESSION MEETING ON AUGUST 27, 2023 TO VOTE ON NEW MEMBERS**

**APPROVED**

**CLERK'S REPORT**               None

**BUILDING**                       Lauren Skinner

Day Care Lease Agreement (Old Business)

**CASA ROSA**                   Donna Ebers

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** Steve Chewning

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**       Jacque Fletcher

**FINANCIAL REPORT**       Leigh Plante

Financial Highlights for YTD July 2023

- Year to date through the end of July, the church has received a total of \$139,707 in contributions and other income to support the operations of the church. This represents 67% of budgeted operating income projected for 2023. We have received 59% of pledged donations and 97% of budgeted plate collections.

- Total operating expenses through July were \$114,485 which represents 55% of projected expenses for the year. To date we have a year-to-date net gain of \$25,222.

- Combining this \$25,222 net gain with the year-beginning operating reserves of \$39,956 gives the church a total liquidity of \$65,177 of which \$36,850 was used to balance the 2023 budget.

- The mortgage balance for the roof replacement and solar panels project loan is \$63,341.

- Casa Rosa invested \$25,000 in a Certificate of Deposit in July at US Bank.

**GROUNDS** Don Turton

**MOTION TO RE-JOIN LAS ACEQUIAS DE PLACITAS**

**APPROVED**

**STEWARDSHIP** Janice Langdale No Report

**PERSONNEL** Judie Hendry No Report

**WORSHIP** Joyce Hoses

**MOTION TO RESUME SCHEDULE OF TWO SERVICES ON SEPT. 10**

**APPROVED**

**MOTION TO HOLD SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN  
CONGREGATIONS ON OCT. 1 IN ROTARY PARK, BERNALILLO**

**APPROVED**

**LOCK UP FOR AUGUST:** Steve Chewning

**LOCK UP AND DEVOTION FOR SEPTEMBER:** Joyce Hoses

**LOCK UP AND DEVOTION FOR OCTOBER:** Lauren Skinner

**MOTION TO ADJOURN WITH PRAYER**

**APPROVED**

**ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER** 9 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jeannette Swent**