

DRAFT
Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020

Class of 2021

Janice Langdale
Matt Lewis
Pat Thorpe

Class of 2022

Jill Hensley
Trip Jennings
Roger Moose

Class of 2023

Jacque Fletcher
Christine Mink
Virginia Watkins

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM, AS THE CHURCH WAS CLOSED AND ALL IN-PERSON MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONOVIRUS.**

MEETING OPENED 7:05 Moderator Rev. Bill Humphreys

DEVOTION AND PRAYER Pat Thorpe Thoughts from “Century of Faith”

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

Session Members Present Online: Jill Hensley, Jacque Fletcher, Matt Lewis, Trip Jennings, Christine Mink, Pat Thorpe, Roger Moose, Virginia Watkins, Janice Langdale

Session Members Absent:

Guests Present: none

CHECK-IN – HOW IS EACH OF US DOING IN THIS CRISIS ?

Each Session member, Clerk, and Interim Pastor

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

***** DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday June 8, 2020**

Approved with modifications

***** DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday May 11, 2020**

Approved

OLD BUSINESS

CONTRACT FOR INTERIM PASTOR REV. BILL HUMPHREYS

A motion to extend the contract for one year, commencing July 1, 2020, was passed by Session at the May meeting and forwarded to the Presbytery Commission on Ministry (COM) for review. The COM neglected to act on the proposed extension at their June meeting, but intends to act on the proposal at their next meeting on July 10. COM Chair July Belvin writes "I have no doubt that COM will approve the contract!"

LETTER FROM PLACITAS ARTISTS SERIES

The Clerk has signed the revised letter on behalf of LPPC and sent a copy to PAS. The signed letter is held by the Church Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

PARISH ASSOCIATE REV. KEN CUTHBERTSON ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION AS PARISH ASSOCIATE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2020

Discussion led by Pat Thorpe and Bill Humphreys

Session accepted Rev. Cuthbertson's resignation with thanks. Bill will communicate with Rev. Cuthbertson regarding communication of this action with the Congregation.

During the July meeting Session will discuss plans to express the Congregation's appreciation. Virginia Watkins will take the lead.

See also Rev. Cuthbertson's Parish Associate report (below).

BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR DIANE SHEPARD HAS RESIGNED AS BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Discussion led by Carl Allen, Clerk of Session

Session accepted Diane's resignation with thanks.

Bill Humphreys will make contacts with people willing to take on this responsibility.

See also Diane Shepard's Building Committee report (below).

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP ROLLS

Discussion led by Carl Allen

Recommendation to remove the following from LPPC rolls:

Betty Closser

Amy Dapolito

Ann and Don Hoover

Tamara Hudson

Sue Markewitz

Michelle Palmer

Jeffrey and Judith White

Motion to remove these people from the rolls APPROVED

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Matt Lewis

Unforecasted Grounds Expenses

- a. Estimated additional costs of \$2,480 related to septic major repair (hydrant/gravel)
- b. **The Finance Committee submits a motion to accept the \$2,480 by an anonymous donor designated for these repairs, with the donor's request for an official church acknowledgment (e.g. church bulletin) of the building committee members who have worked hard to maintain the church. These includes Diane Shepard, Dave Walker, Barry Barker, and Leland Bowen.**

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GIFT, AND RECOGNIZE THE KEY BUILDING VOLUNTEERS. These designated funds would go into the Grounds Committee Restricted Fund, 65138, and expenses tracked in 77645. APPROVED

BILL WILL INCUDE THIS RECOGNITION IN HIS WEEKLY GREETINGS.

- c. These designated funds would go into the Grounds Committee Restricted Fund, 65138, and expenses tracked in 77645. The donor's intent was to provide early funding upfront for these costs and may affect her pledge to the operating budget. Our recommendation is that there is currently sufficient giving and a reduction in expenses that even if this donor reduced her pledge, we have sufficient operating funds to continue with our church goals and financial obligations.

Request for Building Expenses (discussion only)

- a. One of our committee members requested a way to ensure Session was aware of private funds that have been (and continue to be) spent on maintaining the church.
- b. We currently only track those expenses and donations as a part of our normal business operations by the financial secretary.

See also Mike Potter's Treasurer's report (below).

CHURCH STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS

Discussion led by Pat Thorpe and Roger Moose

Motion to continue to pay employees through the month of July. APPROVED

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher and Pat Thorpe

Subcommittee rollout

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Discussion led by Chris Mink

**Possible stage 1 plan and cross dedication with limited participation and online broadcast
June 28, subject to Session online vote**

~ 30 people for each zoom Sunday service

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Discussion led by Trip Jennings

Leave dedicated funds where they are

PASTOR SEARCH

Discussion led by Jill Hensley

Working with Health and Safety on how to do candidate interviews

REPORTS:

Parish Associate – Rev. Ken Cuthbertson

May was spent in ongoing lockdown, and ongoing efforts to keep connected and keep the church community functioning.

My efforts focused on continuing the preparation of the study of the book of Job for adult education... a study that concluded on May 31. I am now beginning work on a follow-up study of Ecclesiastes.

I continued to contribute occasional pieces for the Presbytery of Santa Fe's collaborative services on YouTube, and have promoted those services in the LPPC community. Along with colleague Anne, I have also participated weekly in the Zoom services for LPPC led by Pastor Bill... usually contributing a reading or prayer, etc. It has also been meaningful to invite folks to sing together from home in that service, since it is unlikely we will be able to be singing together in person for some time. We have used familiar choruses or simple chants.

Along with Pastor Bill and Anne, I continued to be in touch with LPPC members with pastoral care needs.

Every day the news seems to bring reports of new problems and deeper divisions in this country. In these days, we remember the affirmation of our PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith (1991): "In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us strength and courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace." May it be so!

Treasurer – Mike Potter

Financial Highlights for May 2020

Our operating income for the month of May totaled **\$12,387**. May operating expenses totaled **\$11,015** for a net gain of **\$1,372** for the month.

Year to date through the end of May, the church has received a total of **\$75,521** in contributions and other income to support the operations of the church.

Total operating expenses through May were **\$59,415** for a year to date net gain of **\$16,106**.

Combining this **\$16,106** net gain with the year-beginning operating reserves of **\$20,378** gives the church a total liquidity of **\$36,484**.

The mortgage balance for the roof replacement and solar panels project loan is **\$78,399**.

