

DRAFT
Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes July 13, 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 CORONAVIRUS.**

MEETING OPENED 7:03 pm Moderator Rev. Bill Humphreys

DEVOTION AND PRAYER Matt Lewis Feed the Good Wolf

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

Session Members Present Online: all

Session Members Absent: none

Guests Present: Alison Beam (Building Committee), Claire Harwell (Casa Rosa)

Vote to give guests voice at the meeting

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***** DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda**

Monday July 13, 2020

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REPORT FROM CASA ROSA

Discussion led by Carl Allen and Claire Harwell

Casa Rosa has had difficult interactions with their immediate neighbor concerning yard cleanup. Rev. Humphreys will contact Drew Henry and Vivian D, DeLara regarding next steps

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

Each Session member, Clerk, and Interim Pastor

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

Note – in the section on staff salaries spell out “through”

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***** DRAFT Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday January 26, 2020**

Roxie filled 3 year term

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ONLINE VOTE CONFIRMATIONS

***** Appoint Alison Beam to be Building Committee Chair**

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***** Approve reopening plans**

- Ethical and Legal Considerations
- Small Outdoor Gathering with Restroom Access
- COVID-Related Pastoral Care Plan
- Fellowship
- Casa Rosa Food Pantry

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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 approved the contract extension at their July meeting and approved the indefinite extension of 50 % time.

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

Discussion led by Bill Humphreys

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

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

During the July meeting Session discussed plans to express the Congregation's appreciation. Virginia Watkins will take the lead, planning to talk with Drew Henry and the Presbytery. Session members are asked to send stories to Virginia. Alison Beam will look into getting Ken a prayer shawl.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Matt Lewis

MOTION: Reestablish LPPC access to the Endowment fund – responsible persons include the treasurer, financial secretary, and finance committee chair.

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MOTION: Transfer \$500 from Interim Pastor salary line to PNC for pastoral candidate visit(s)

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MOTIONS: Approve the suspension of Mother's Day Out video and phone costs until MDO reopens; approve the suspension of rent charges to MDO until MDO resumes operation; approve the LPPC payments of health and dental insurance and pension for the MDO caregiver thru August

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MOTION: Approve continued payments to the church staff thru November.

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Financial Highlights for June 2020

Our operating income for the month of June totaled \$13,050. June operating expenses totaled \$11,559 for a net gain of \$1,165 for the month.

- Year to date through the end of June, the church has received a total of \$86,361 in contributions and other income to support the operations of the church.
- Total operating expenses through June were \$69,416 for a year to date net gain of \$16,945.
- Combining this \$16,945 net gain with the year-beginning operating reserves of \$20,378 gives the church a total liquidity of \$37,323.
- The mortgage balance for the roof replacement and solar panels project loan is \$78,032.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Discussion led by Virginia Watkins

The Nominating Committee does not plan to ask anybody to fill two deacon openings until reopening.

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher and Pat Thorpe

The Worship (Stages 2 and 3) reopening plan was presented for discussion and approval

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The HSC document **Moving Between COVID Reopening Stages** was sent to Session separately for discussion

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Discussion led by Chris Mink

Around 30 people are signing in for each Zoom Sunday service

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER VOTING AT LPPC

Discussion led by Carl Allen

MOTION: Rev. Humphreys will communicate to Sandoval County that LPPC is open to being a polling place, contingent upon jointly agreed upon COVID-19 safety measures.

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PASTOR SEARCH

Discussion led by Jill Hensley

The PNC is continuing to interview

REPORTS:

Parish Associate – Ken Cuthbertson

The last month has been a time of starting to wind down my role as Parish Associate, which ends on July 31/August 1.

I have continued to engage in assisting with the Zoom worship services on Sunday, and deeply appreciate Pastor Bill's agreeing with my request to lead the Communion service on July 12. I continue to engage in the rotation of those contributing to the presbytery YouTube livestream services. I hope someone will take up the task of promoting the presbytery services among the LPPC congregation, and posting the weekly links.

In Adult Education, we will have wrapped up the 6-week study curriculum of Ecclesiastes on July 12. I'm preparing a brief 2-week overview of Song of Solomon to conclude on July 26. The Tuesday morning breakfast group (online) has been discussing these studies. I hope the Session will consider who might be able and willing to coordinate ongoing adult education opportunities for the Adult Forum group, and so on.

It was good to be able to participate in the dedication of the new exterior cross on June 27. On June 28, I met in the memorial garden with the daughter and son-in-law of Wes Krebiel... masked and safely distanced. Due to the request of some family members to wait until they could be present, we did not scatter Wes's ashes at that time, but did have a time of conversation and prayer together. Along with Pastor Bill, Anne, and many in the congregation, I extended such support as I could to Lauren M-S and family upon the death of Chas S.

Although not via my LPPC role, I did perform a wedding on July 3 for a co-worker of my husband. The wedding was at their home, with only the couple, the witnesses, and the two of us present... with distancing and other precautions being observed.

I want to offer my thanks and love to each and all of the members of the LPPC Session, with my ongoing prayers as we move through these days toward, hopefully, better days for all of us ahead.

Grace and peace,

Ken Cuthbertson - Parish Associate

CALENDAR

Session Meeting

August 10, 2020

Devotion and lock-up (when appropriate) schedule

July	Matt Lewis
August	Jill Hensley
September	Roger Moose
October	Chris Mink
November	Jacque Fletcher
December	Virginia Watkins

SESSION MEETING ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER 10:09

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED – CARL ALLEN, CLERK OF SESSION