

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
Stated Session Meeting Minutes January 12, 2021**

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 7:05 Moderator Rev. Richard Holmes

DEVOTION AND PRAYER Carl Allen Prayer for our country

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

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

Session Members Absent: Roger Moose

Motion to excuse Roger Moose

APPROVED

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

***** DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Tuesday January 12, 2021**

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***** DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday December 14, 2020**

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***** DRAFT Called Session Meeting Minutes Sunday December 20, 2020**

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Pastor's Report – Rev. Holmes

Session leadership roles for 2021 were discussed; to be finalized at a future meeting

Clerk's Report – Carl Allen

Annual Meeting of the Congregation scheduled for Sunday January 31, 2021; zoom meeting immediately following the Sunday service; copies of the 2019 Annual Report sent to Session members and committee chairs with requests for 2020 inputs to the Clerk of Session

Motion to re-appoint Carlton Allen (Clerk of Session) and Mike Potter (Treasurer) for 2021

APPROVED

OLD BUSINESS

LPPC POLICIES AND BYLAWS

Pastor Holmes sent Session copies of bylaws and child protection policy developed at his Ohio church

HSC will report back in Feb re developing sexual harassment and child protection policies

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher

Request from Jack Ferrell on behalf of the Dignity Kits mission project:

We would like to store cases of the toiletry items we place in our Dignity Kits in the East Classroom until we assemble the 600 kits later this month. If we have permission to do that, can we use the church on Saturday, Jan. 16th, to complete that assembly? We would invite five people to assist in that task. If the weather is pleasant, we would set up tables outside, but if not, we would want to set the tables up in the hall. Would we have permission to do that if we are all masked and spaced six feet apart? After completing the assembly of the 600 Dignity Kits, we would bag them up into 40 33-gal. clear bags, which I would like to store in the classroom until the following Friday (Jan. 22) when I would pick them up for transport to El Paso.

Motion – Grant Jack's request (above)

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Status of Mothers' Day Out program

Motion – Janice Langdale and Pat Thorpe should contact the MDO Board and bring recommendations to Session concerning LPPC support for the Director' Debbie's benefits

APPROVED

Support for members Don and Susan Booth within the limits of LPPC COVID policies was discussed.

WORSHIP PLANS

Discussion led by Chris Mink

Around 60 people participated in the Sunday zoom services

Communion and Special Offerings in 2021:

1st Sunday of every month

Ash Wednesday

Easter

World Communion

Christmas Eve

Worship in the Mountains

4 special offerings of the PCUSA

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NOMINATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Discussion led by Virginia Watkins

Elder nominees – Lauren Skinner, Alison Beam, Bill Lumm, Lynn Coburn

Deacon nominee – Jeanette Swent

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CHURCH

Discussion led by Matt Lewis

The Church Mutual Insurance Company is offering sensors to monitor the church building infrastructure; Karen Cox is preparing the paperwork

MOTION – apply for a federal Paycheck Protection Program loan

APPROVED

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE – JANICE

49 pledges received

Change in pledge total compared to 2020 \$ 25 K lower

Change in anticipated costs compared to 2020 \$ 15 K higher

CALENDAR

Annual Meeting of the Congregation January 31, 2021 Moderator Rev. Richard Holmes

Stated Session Meeting February 8, 2021 Moderator Rev. Richard Holmes

Devotion and lock-up (when appropriate) schedule

January	Carl Allen
February	Roger Moose
March	Trip Jennings

ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER 8:58

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED – CARL ALLEN, CLERK OF SESSION