

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026**

Class of 2027

Carl Allen
Janice Langdale
Margaret Gregg

Class of 2028

Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry
Mike Potter

Class of 2029

Linda Davey
Tom Lee
Don Turton

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM**

MEETING OPENED 6:35 Rev. Matthew Baugh Moderator

WORSHIP Tom Lee Saved through Faith

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

Session Members Present: Carl Allen, Steve Chewning, Linda Davey, Janice Langdale, Judie Hendry, Tom Lee, Margaret Gregg, Mike Potter, Don Turton

Session Member(s) Absent: None

Guests: Karen Alsbrook, Barm Alsbrook

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday July 20, 2026

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday June 8, 2026

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PASTOR'S REPORT Rev. Baugh

Potential new members - **Karen and Barm Alsbrook**

MOTION: ACCEPT THEM INTO MEMBERSHIP

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INTRODUCE THEM TO THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY 7/26

Recommend that we set a date for an after-service Session meeting to greet other prospective members and invite them and officially join the church.

MATTHEW'S VACATION STARTING 31 JULY FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Follow-up with 2nd Presbyterian to come here - Matthew will call them

Need to get the Deacons organized. Matthew will follow up. We need a new leader for the Deacons.

Matthew will do new committee member training

Matthew has reviewed the draft plan for Church Safety. It is almost ready.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Anticipated losses from Session - who anticipates not being on Session a year from now ?

Carl, Tom, Don, Janice, Maggie

Nomination Committee - currently Anna Howarth, Dana Howarth, Lynn Coburn

Recommend that we recruit an additional member for the nominating committee who knows newer members of the congregation.

October 4 will be the multi-church service at Rio Rancho Presbyterian celebrating World Communion. Ken is coordinating for us. **There will be no service at LPPC that day.**

Anticipated 2027 pledge drive schedule:

Presentations to the congregation September 20 thru October 11 (skipping October 4)

Pledges accepted at both services October 18

Final total to Finance Committee October 25

Draft 2027 operating budget presented to Session at November 9 meeting

Final 2027 operating budget passed by Session at December 14 meeting

Two requests involving food:

1. Request to use our parking lot on Saturday--twice a month--to sell smoked ribs, chicken, brisket. This would involve using our kitchen for minor prep and overnight storage. We would have to have the kitchen inspected for that use but not as a commercial kitchen. The "chef," Bill Wentworth, would pay for the temporary licenses and a fee--amount to be determined. This is not "lunch" but whole chickens, slabs of ribs, etc., so purchasers won't need prolonged parking. **Karen talked with the Fellowship Committee since they use the kitchen more than others and they approved.**

MOTION: KAREN WILL BE HIS POC; KAREN WILL SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION OF THE KITCHEN

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2. A place inside the church for a baker to stock and sell her breads, bagels, cookies, etc. This would involve a small refrigerator and a table. All goods would be pre-ordered and paid for. The purchaser would just be picking up pre-ordered items here. The baker has a cottage baking license so we won't be involved with the state. She advertises on NextDoor. The fee would need to be determined. **No communication with anybody about this request.**

KAREN AND MATTHEW WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH HER

OLD BUSINESS:

Worship and Music:

Discussion led by Judie Hendry

Update committee list (IN WORK)

Survey will be placed in the bulletin for folks to help with tasks

NEW BUSINESS

Youth

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

Meeting with parents of the youth - how much does the congregation want ? What do the youth and parents want ? Kids want to have more connection with folks outside their individual families. How can individual committees welcome kids ? How can members interact with kids and parents ? Is the congregation vested in having opportunities for the kids ?

Mathew will look into confirmation class

Families disappointed that Ghost Ranch funding was eliminated from the budget.

Mission

Discussion led by Linda Davey

Mission Fair September (?) - solicit congregation input for future Mission activities

Finance

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

Mid-year budget status -

Slightly in the red halfway thru the year.

Total ~ 42 % in vs. ~ 58 % out

Steve is OK with this

Transfer of Dignity funds. ~ \$ 44K still needs to be sent out

Basketball / Pickleball Court

Discussion led by Tom Lee

Two quotes for a new concrete court: \$ 22,958 incl. tax and \$ 23,850 (no tax included)

~ \$ 7 K in dedicated fund

Grant possibilities exist

Tom and Janice will work this for next meeting

Fixing the fountain to be discussed next month

CALENDAR

Next regular Session meeting (Zoom 6:30) Monday August 10

3rd Sunday "Conversation with Session" Sunday August 16

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

July	Tom Lee
Aug	Janice Langdale
Sept	Linda Davey

Adjourn 8:52

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen Clerk of Session