

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Jacque Fletcher
Colleen Rust

Class of 2027

Carl Allen
Janice Langdale
Lauren Mueller Skinner

Class of 2028

Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry
Mike Potter

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

MEETING OPENED 6:34 Rev. Matthew Baugh Moderator

DEVOTION Mike Potter More victims than the ones you see

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

Session Members Present: Donna Ebers, Jacque Fletcher, Carl Allen, Janice Langdale, Steve Chewning, Judie Hendry, Mike Potter

Session Members Absent: Colleen Rust, Lauren Mueller Skinner

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Monday November 10, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday September 8, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday October 13, 2025

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DRAFT Congregational Meeting Minutes Sunday October 26, 2025

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PASTOR NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

Rev. Matthew Baugh was unanimously elected to be the full-time Pastor of LPPC at a Congregational meeting held on October 26, 2025. His contract is dated November 1, 2025. Rev. Baugh will be formally installed as Pastor on Sunday December 7, 2025.

MOTION:

DISSOLVE THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE, WITH HEARTFELT THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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PASTOR'S REPORT Rev. Baugh

MATTHEW HELPED MANAGE A CRISIS WITH SUSAN BOOTH

MATTHEW WILL MEET WITH THE HOMELESS EXPERT IN ABQ; SHE WANTS TO MEET WITH HIM.

CLERK'S REPORT Carl Allen

Membership:

Results of Rev. Baugh's meeting with Matthew Lewis concerning his possible shift to Legacy Church. THEY PLAN TO TALK AGAIN

Cliff Dahm and Rhea Graham have moved to Colorado. WENDY CHECK ON THEM

Wendy Ingram (Membership Chair) requests Session advice concerning the continued membership of Michael Crofoot, Susan Hickman, Lisa Martin, Chantel Scrase, David Scrase, and Diane Shepard. WENDY CHECK ON THEM

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is traditionally held in late January. I recommend Sunday January 25. **APPROVED**

A Session volunteer is needed for December to present devotions and lock the church after Sunday services. **JANICE**

OLD BUSINESS:

Steinway Piano:

An agreement for joint ownership of the Steinway piano between PAS and LPPC was approved by an online Session vote.

The donated Steinway piano is scheduled to be delivered to LPPC on November 18, 2025. The existing Yamaha piano will be taken to 88 Keys in Albuquerque on the same date. A moving cost of \$350 for the Yamaha will be required. The Yamaha will be offered for sale at 88 Keys, with LPPC to receive 2/3 of the sale price.

The gifts of both pianos should be celebrated in our service on Nov 16. And bless the new piano on Nov. 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Fellowship

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Thanksgiving dinner plans

Miguel has offered to provide and prepare 2 turkeys; potluck for the trimmings; two signup sheets for holiday fair and Thanksgiving
CARL COME TO DISCUSS GET TOGETHER FOR THOSE LIVING ALONE

Worship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

Supply Pastors:

During Rev. Baugh's term as Stated Supply Pastor his contract called for him to lead worship three Sundays per month. Colleen was responsible for providing supply pastors to lead worship on the remaining Sunday(s) each month.

Rev. Baugh's contract as full-time Pastor states that he will "Lead worship services each Sunday". This contract also provides for 4 weeks of vacation, 2 weeks of study leave, and 10 days of sick leave annually.

In my opinion, Rev. Baugh should be responsible for coordinating his schedule of vacation and study leave with the Session as far in advance as possible. Rev. Baugh and the Worship Committee should coordinate providing supply pastors for Sundays when he will not be present. CONTACT COLLEEN

Session voted in September to hold a single service on Sunday November 23 starting at 9:00 am. This change is due to noise concerns from the Placitas Holiday Market. **The congregation must be informed of this change. Announce and email**

Finance

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

end of October \$ 15 K in, spent 27K P & L right on track for the year

Finance is preparing a draft budget for 2026. This draft should be submitted to Session for discussion at the December meeting.

LPPC received a notice that our Commercial Package Policy and Commercial Umbrella Policy Insurance thru Church Mutual will NOT be renewed because “Exposure does not meet underwriting guidelines”. The date of expiration is Jan 4, 2026. Finance is exploring alternative insurance carriers.

Hike and Bike Trail - Sara Moore will be LPPC’s lead; we received a \$100,000 grant.

Two members have requested that the congregation receive regular updates on the financial status of the church. **PRESENT AT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING; OVERVIEW IN THE BULLETIN EACH MONTH**

Stewardship

Discussion led by Carl Allen

As of November 7 our pledge total is \$165,764.

This is less than the total of \$182,474 which was pledged by this time last year. It is also significantly less than the 5 % increase that we requested for 2026.

Two generous pledging families moved from our community in the past year. Their pledges totaled around \$17,000. We can’t do anything about this.

Eight families that pledged last year did not pledge this time. Their pledges for 2025 totaled almost \$11,000.

The Stewardship Committee intends to contact these 8 families directly.

Nominating

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Still working

CALENDAR

3rd Sunday “A Conversastion with Session” Sunday November 16

Next Session meeting (Zoom 6:30)

Monday December 8

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

November Mike Potter

December Janice Langdale

January Judie Hendry

Adjourn with Prayer 7:58

Respectfully submitted

Carl Allen

Clerk of Session