

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025

Class of 2025

Leigh Plante
Steve Chewning
Judie Hendry

Class of 2026

Donna Ebers
Joyce Hoses
Jacque Fletcher

Class of 2027

Lauren Mueller Skinner
Carl Allen
Janice Langdale

***** THIS MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM**

MEETING OPENED	6:34	Rev. Tom Ulrich	Moderator
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DEVOTION Leigh Plante Grandmother

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

Session Members Present: All members present in zoom

Session Members Absent: None

Guests: Jack & Cheryl Ferrell, Roger Moose

Dignity Mission Concerns

Discussion led by Judie Hendry, Jacque Fletcher, and Steve Chewning

Recommendations from Jack and Cheryl :

- * Screen the documentary film Dignity within the next month
- * Provide Jack and Cheryl a Dignity Profit and Loss statement monthly
- * Provide Jack and Cheryl a list of donors to Dignity at the end of each month
- * Do not disburse any funds from the dignity account without our authorization
- * Establish a line item in the budget to cover bank processing fees for dignity

MOTION: ADOPT THE 5 RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED ABOVE

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DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda Tuesday January 14, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes Monday December 9, 2024

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BRIDGE PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Ulrich

Schedule leadership training for all Session members and Deacons by the Bridge Pastor during February. This training will include the annual certification required by the Sexual Misconduct Policy. **Scheduled for Feb 2 after church**

Install and ordain incoming Elders and Deacons (Colleen Rust, Kath and Warren Peterson) on Feb 2 during the 10:30 service

Invite the congregation to bring beans and rice for the Dignity mission on the 2nd Sunday of each month; use the red wagon as a continuing visual theme

CLERK'S REPORT

Carl Allen

Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Potluck - Sunday January 26 after the 10:30 service

Committee annual reports are due to the Clerk not later than Wednesday January 15. Please email these reports as Word files.

Several people have expressed a desire to join the LPPC congregation. Recommend that the Clerk and Membership Committee Chair negotiate a date and time for those people to meet with the Session during February. **Meet with John and Judy Muldrow on Feb 2 between services**

Wendy Ingram (Membership Chair recommends dropping Kristen and Mark Pustay from the rolls due to lack of participation and communication. **Sense of the Session - Membership should send a letter to the Pustays and wait two years, in accordance with previous practice.**

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Worship

Discussion led by Joyce Hoses

Karl Gustafson will preach the last Sunday in January. Fill-in pastors will be needed once or twice per month for February - April. New Worship chair Colleen Rust will schedule these.

Personnel

Discussion led by Judie Hendry

Personnel reviews for church staff are being developed (include Sexual Misconduct training)

MOTION: APPROVE TERMS OF DRAFT CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR BRIDGE PASTOR TOM ULRICH TO RUN THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

3% raise; 3 Sundays in the pulpit February - April

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Rev. Ulrich has stated that he does not intend to continue his Bridge Pastorate after April 30. The Pastor Nominating Committee has indicated that a new pastor will not be in place by that time. Session has the the choice to pursue an Interim Pastor or another Bridge Pastor to full this gap, or to fill the pulpit temporarily on a week-by-week basis.

Sense of Session - The Personnel Committee and the Clerk should seek an Interim or Bridge Pastor.

Financial

Discussion led by Steve Chewning.

LPPS ended the year with a positive balance of approximately \$ 15,000.

Health and Safety

Jacque Fletcher

For evacuation safety it is recommended that the 2nd to last pew on the right side be removed to allow easier egress when there are lots of folks people in sanctuary. **Session agrees.**

Don Turton needs support as chair of the Building Committee and the Grounds Committee.
Janice Langdale will investigate options.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting (zoom)	Monday Feb 10, 2025 6:30 pm
3rd Sunday Thoughts - “Ask the Session”	Sunday Jan 19 following each service
Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Sunday Jan 26 following the 10:30 service

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

January	Leigh Plante
February	Steve Chewning

Adjourn with Prayer 8:14

Respectfully submitted Carl Allen Clerk of Session