

**Las Placitas Presbyterian Church  
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 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 ON ZOOM**

**MEETING OPENED**                      6:32                      Rev. Tom Ulrich                      Moderator

**DEVOTION**                      Mike Potter                      The poor you will always have with you

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

**Session Members Present:** Donna Ebers, Carl Allen, Steve Chewning, Jacque Fletcher, Janice Langdale, Judie Hendry, Colleen Rust, Lauren Mueller Skinner, Mike Potter

**Session Members Absent:** None

**Guest Present:** Rev. Matthew Baugh

**SESSION INTERVIEW WITH REV. MATTHEW BAUGH**

**Background:** The lead discussion at the Session meeting will be the candidacy of Rev. Matthew Baugh, United Church of Christ (UCC), to serve as our half-time Stated Supply Pastor.

The Session vote on our three candidates favored Rev. Baugh, and he expressed a strong desire to serve. Matthew, Steve and Judie negotiated a draft contract (job description and financial terms). The draft contract included a renewable 6-month term and a starting date of May 1, 2025. Session approved this contract via an online vote earlier in April.

The leadership of the Presbytery Commission on Ministry was scheduled to interview Rev. Baugh on April 10 as the final step toward the approval of this contract. However Stephen Rhoads, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, contacted the UCC and learned that Rev. Baugh is not currently in good standing as a pastor. Until he is reinstated by the UCC he cannot be hired by LPPC.

**The UCC has an established process for reinstatement, which will require Matthew to provide specific information and complete online training. Once he is reinstated he can be interviewed by our Presbytery. If approved, he will be eligible to be hired by our Session.**

**Rev. Baugh was on zoom for the start of our meeting on Monday. Session members were free to ask him any questions. Following the interview Session conducted a discussion concerning next steps, without Rev. Baugh present. The Clerk communicated the results to Rev. Baugh.**

**THE SENSE OF SESSION WAS TO ENCOURAGE REV. BAUGH TO COMPLETE THE STEPS REQUIRED FOR REINSTATEMENT AS UCC PASTOR. WHEN THESE STEPS ARE COMPLETED THE UCC WILL JUDGE WHETHER TO REINSTATE REV. BAUGH. IF HE IS REINSTATED HE WILL BE ASKED TO MEET WITH THE PRESBYTERY COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM). IF THE COM ALLOWS REV. BAUGH TO BECOME STATED SUPPLY PASTOR IN THE PCUSA HE WILL BE HIRED BY LPPC PER PREVIOUS SESSION ACTION.**

**SESSION UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS PROCESS CANNOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL JUNE 1, 2025 AT THE EARLIEST. REV. ULRICH STATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AS OUR BRIDGE PASTOR FOR ONE MONTH AFTER HIS CURRENT END DATE OF APRIL 30, 2015.**

**MOTION: EXTEND REV. TOM ULRICH'S CONTRACT BY ONE MONTH, TO EXPIRE ON MAY 31, 2025.**

**APPROVED**

#### **BRIDGE PASTOR'S REPORT**

**Rev. Ulrich**

Glorious Palm Sunday service

Installation / Ordination of Colleen Rust and Mike Potter to the Session and Anna Howarth to the Board of Deacons during the month of May.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

**Carl Allen**

Rob Richmond was accepted into membership at a special Session meeting on Sunday April 6. the congregation on April 13.

LPPC will shift to a summer worship schedule (one service starting at 9:30) starting on June 1.

The winter worship schedule (two services) will resume on September 7

The next Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday June 21.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominating Committee**

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Ruth Allen has requested to leave the Deacons and concentrate on Mission

Missy DeLara may agree to be nominated as a Deacon. This will require a congregational vote.

### **Finance Committee**

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

Carl Allen volunteered to have our Church Mutual insurance policy reviewed by an outside insurance agent. That review showed that our current policy is adequate and recommended no changes.

2026 budget planning by the finance committee is underway

Lauren agreed last month to research selling the 0.64 acre Jubilee Garden land across the road.

Sandoval county says is this plot is too small for a septic tank, a house cannot be placed there. It might be suitable for agricultural use.

### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

Nothing to report

### **Health and Safety Committee**

Jacque Fletcher

The committee is considering how to respond to a medical emergency in the church.

## **CALENDAR**

**Next Session meeting (zoom)**

**Monday May 12, 2025 6:30 pm**

**3rd Sunday Thoughts**

**April 20 - cancelled (Easter)**

**Devotion / Lockup Schedule**

<b>April</b>	<b>Mike Potter</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Donna Ebers</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Judie Hendry</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Jacque Fletcher</b>

**Adjourn with Prayer 8:25**

**Respectfully submitted      Carl Allen      Clerk of Session**