

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church
APPROVED Stated Session Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 IN PERSON AT LPPC**

MEETING OPENED

6:13 Rev.

Tom Ulrich Moderator

DEVOTION

Donna Ebers T

The Gift of Compassion

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

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

Session Members Absent: Colleen Rust

DOCUMENT APPROVALS

DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Agenda

Monday May 12, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Monday April 14, 2025

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DRAFT Stated Session Meeting Minutes

Monday March 10, 2025

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BRIDGE PASTOR'S REPORT Rev. Ulrich

Colleen Rust and Mike Potter were ordained and installed to the Session on May 5.

Anna Howarth was installed as a Deacon on May 11

.CLERK'S REPORT Carl Allen

Rev. Ulrich will complete his term as our Bridge Pastor at the end of May, following 19 months of devoted service. We will use the "3rd Sunday Thoughts" on May 18 as a time for individual congregation members to converse with Rev. Ulrich.

The Fellowship Committee will organize a farewell event after the 10:30 service on Sunday May 25.

Rev. Matthew Baugh has completed the documentation requirements for reinstatement as a Pastor in the United Church of Christ. The UCC governing board will meet on May 14 to consider his request. If he is reinstated, he will request a meeting with the Presbytery Commission on Ministry. If they approve, he can be hired by LPPC as our Stated Supply Pastor to start in June, possibly as early as Sunday June 1.

For the June 9 Session meeting (rescheduled to June 16), Presbytery will supply the Moderator. If Rev. Baugh has been hired by then it will give him a chance to observe how a Presbyterian Session meeting is conducted.

LPPC will shift to our summer worship schedule on Sunday June 1. An ice cream will be held after the service on 6/1.

The next Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday June 21 at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque.

Rev. Karen Cobb was selected to serve as the Presbytery Chaplain.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Worship Committee

Discussion led by Colleen Rust and Carl Allen

Colleen will coordinate the transfer of a donated Steinway piano to LPPC.

Nominating Committee

Discussion led by Donna Ebers

Missy DeLara has agreed to be nominated as a Deacon. Her nomination will be considered at a Congregational meeting.

MOTION: HOLD A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO CONSIDER MISSY DELARA’S NOMINATION AS A DEACON FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE ON SUNDAY MAY 25.

Finance Committee

Discussion led by Steve Chewning

2026 budget planning is underway

MOTION: TRANSITION THE LPPC FINANCIAL SYSTEM TO QUICKBOOKS ON A 6-YEAR CONTRACT. THIS WILL REQUIRE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT IN 2025.

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Pastor Nominating Committee

Discussion led by Janice Langdale

MOTION: THE PNC RECOMMENDS REMOVING THE CONDITION OF A TWO-YEAR INITIAL APPOINTMENT FOR OUR PERMANENT PASTOR.

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Health and Safety Committee

Discussion led by Jacque Fletcher and Carl Allen

Project Heart-Start (1st aid lifesaving) class scheduled for June 1 after the service.

Several new policies are being drafted, including one covering Violence in the Church.

Carl recommends that LPPC initiate conversations among our members who are living alone, to share best practices and ideas for possible transitions to other living and care arrangements. He will coordinate this idea with the Health and Safety Committee and the Deacons.

CALENDAR

Next Session meeting **Monday June 9, 2025 (rescheduled to June 16)**

3rd Sunday Thoughts **May 18 and June 15 following each service**

Devotion / Lockup Schedule

May **Donna Ebers**

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| June | Judie Hendry |
| July | Jacque Fletcher |

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| Adjourn with Prayer | 7:33 |
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| Respectfully submitted | Carl Allen | Clerk of Session |
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