

Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis
Session Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2019
12:30PM CST

Location: 14820 Hamilton Pool Road, Bee Cave, TX

Session Members in Attendance: Rev Jack Barden, Moderator; Chrystie Thrasher; Nancy Vanzandt; Aida Faris; Dom Cavalucci and Steve Gottlieb. Nancy Boenitz was unable to attend and Dave Rumgay, as elder elect, was present. Brenden McClean, Intern, was also present for what was his last meeting with our session.

Aida opened the meeting with her faith journey

Approval of Minutes; Minutes of the September 22nd Session meeting were unanimously approved as were the minutes of the called session meeting of Oct 20, 2019. The session also received the minutes of the called congregational meeting of November 3rd.

Moderator's Report---Jack gave a summary of where we are with regard to bringing on a new intern for the next year. Jack also gave an update on the 787 collective meeting that both he and Steve attended. We have applied to the 787 Collective for two grants of \$15K each. The grants would enable us to “hire” two (one per grant) young adults who would then work with PCLT to get our message out to the community and/or work with our Hudson Bend ministry to learn more about how we can, in the most meaningful ways, help the RV communities we serve.

Committee Reports ---- (As the committee reports are attached, comments in the minutes will be limited to discussions outside of the reports)

Finance----Steve reported for Nancy B. on where we are with our stewardship efforts. As of this meeting we had 19 pledges for a total of approximately \$140K. This, he reported, included those who are traditionally the highest donors and thus it would seem we will not have sufficient pledges to make the budget we would like to have. Jack reported on the stewardship conference he recently attended and from which he, and now we, gleaned a few ideas on what we could do better in the coming year. This discussion made it abundantly clear that we need to attract new members—for many reasons, financial being only one. No estimate for next year's budget needs was provided. Aida offered to make a request for Grant money from the Synod of the Sun. All agreed she should do that.

Hospitality—Details of the Alternative Gift Market collection is not yet known, but it will be slightly in excess of \$3100. Nancy V requested \$1300 for next years budget.

Worship—See minutes attached. Worship said it needed a budget of \$6000 for next year. No money was included for a music director, as that would be paid from the overall operations budget. It was, however, estimated that the cost of a part time music director would be between \$6000 and \$7500.

Christian Education----Report attached. The budget request for next year was \$750.

Mission—Report attached. Steve requested \$20,000 for next year's budget acknowledging that the bulk of that money would be spent on the Hudson Bend ministry.

Outreach – A budget estimate of \$3000 was requested, after several ideas were discussed.

Property---- A budget request of \$20,000 was submitted which includes money for a number of larger maintenance projects.

Old Business--- It was agreed that we would be in prayer as we consider who might be brought to chair the yet to be created Outreach committee.

New Business--- The safety plan discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Nancy V and Steve were elected to be commissioners at the March Presbytery meeting at Westlake Hill Church.

Brenden's heartfelt remarks about people being the church and his feelings about PCLT and his time with us, closed the meeting.

Submitted by Steve Gottlieb, Clerk of Session

Reverend Jack Barden, Moderator