

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS**  
**SESSION MEETING BY ZOOM**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**

Session members present: Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator; Lynn Fisher; Larry Foster, Steve Gottlieb; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk; Chrystie Thrasher

The meeting was opened with prayer at 1:05 pm

Steve Gottlieb and Chrystie Thrasher were welcomed back as Elders at PCLT.

The December minutes were approved as corrected with the request that the list of people removed from the PCLT membership roll be attached for filing.

### **Moderator's Report**

Pastor Jack's study group met with an Old Testament womanist scholar by Zoom during the pre-arranged dates for the group meeting. The group will gather in person April 18-22.

Carl Smith died on December 29, 2021

Hans Huth died on January 23, 2022

Committee assignments: Chrystie Thrasher, Mission; Lynn Fisher and Steve Gottlieb, Outreach; Larry Foster: Property, Treasurer and Finance; Terry McKetta, Hospitality; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Christian Education and Clerk. Worship Committee will not have a Session Liaison at this time.

Pastor Jack suggested that this might be the year to have a looser committee structure and perhaps put together task-oriented teams that cross committee lines and utilize committee members more efficiently. Session liaisons would assemble a team and make assignments then report back to Session. Session members reached consensus that this would be a worthwhile effort. The task approach will likely be better received by congregation members. Committees will be an effective communication tools. PCLT will proceed on this effort and determine its effectiveness.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance: Larry Foster reported that the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program has turned down our request for a line of credit but has offered a loan. Pledges have come in stronger than anticipated which gives PCLT two years to reach our goals. An informal group will meet in the coming days to look at pledges and the loan offering, then a budget will be presented. Session would be asked to approved any loan undertaken by PCLT.

Hospitality: Terry reported that her written report is complete

### **Old Business**

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It was suggested that we track donations of money or supplies from people who watch online and who are not otherwise involved with PCLT.

The Congregational Meeting and Chili Cook-off will be postponed until Feb. 27, subject to the covid situation.

## New Business

Grace and Bill Bradshaw have asked to transfer their membership to PCLT from Big Stone Gap Presbyterian Church in Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

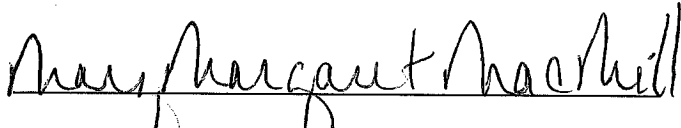
ACTION ITEM: It was moved and seconded that Grace and Bill Bradshaw be approved for membership at PCLT by transfer of letter. They will be presented to the congregation at a later date.

Hudson Bend news: Esme has been working as assistant manager at Armadillo RV park, and she was told this week that her position is being eliminated. This past Friday was her last day; however, this should not complicate her role with PCLT. The park manager has changed locks on the room we have been using as a food pantry, so Pastor Jack will discuss this with the park manager. This change for Esme complicates PCLT's presence at the park.

The next regular Session meeting will be Feb. 20, 2022

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Motion carried. The

meeting was closed with prayer at 2:05 pm.

  
Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

  
Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator