

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2022  
IN-PERSON MEETING AT THE CHURCH BUILDING**

**Session Members Present:** Jack Barden, Moderator; Lynn Fisher; Larry Foster, Steve Gottlieb; Terry McKetta; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

The meeting was opened by Jack Barden with prayer at 12:07 pm.

The minutes of the regular January 23, 2022, Session meeting were approved. The December 19, 2021, minutes of the regular Session meeting were approved as corrected.

**Moderator's Report**

Bill and Grace Bradshaw were welcomed into PCLT membership on February 13, 2022.

Covid update: Travis County is at a rolling average of 22 hospital admissions, with numbers falling quickly. The decision that PCLT would remain open during January and February has been worthwhile.

Consulting services with Fayruz Benyousef: Jack Barden and Lynn Fisher reported that the conversation with Fayruz revealed that our need is not the right match for her at this time, but we may use her services for fundraising in the future. She planned to refer us to a colleague more focused on marketing issues. There is also the possibility of interviewing a public relations person referred by Helen Currie Foster to set up a meeting to determine interest.

Jack has had a conversation with a Marketing and Communications professional at St. Edwards University to inquire if a student would be interested in being our videographer.

Debi Bankhead would like to offload her Quickbooks duties, so Jack has set up a Zoom interview with Bee Cave Bookkeepers.

**Committee Reports**

Finance: The loan offer from the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program has been turned down; however, a small, internal LLC has been formed to provide up to \$75,000 in a line of credit. There is recognition that expenses will be incurred in our ramped up outreach effort, and Lynn Fisher has been assured that she will have the financial support for marketing work going forward.

Reserves are back up, thanks to the special congregational ask. Pledges are strong but still do not cover expenses. Two years from now our revenues need to support our expenses - there are lots of ways that can happen. Larry Foster is confident we are on the right path.

Larry Foster will make a report at the Congregational Meeting.

Christian Education

The group is continuing to use Feasting on the Word.

The congregational survey on Christian Education will be reviewed and sent out again with rewording to get more specific feedback.

### Hospitality

A report has been submitted.

The Chili Cook-off has been postponed until later in the year.

A list of kitchen tasks has been posted for congregation members to come by on their schedule.

### Outreach

A report has been submitted.

Task forces will be created for different aspects of Outreach work in order to interface with other committees. Helen Currie Foster and Leslie Wilkinson will work on testimonials or stories about lives of PCLT members for either written narratives or videos. Lots on ongoing activities.

### Property

Larry Neumann is no longer chair of this committee. Jack Barden is the default leader of this effort.

### **Old Business**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The Strategic Plan and progress on it will be presented. Session members who are assigned to a committee will highlight their activities. We will stress that everyone should be involved in various efforts across PCLT. Jack will present the task force concept. Larry Foster will present Jack Barden's Terms of Call. M M MacMillan will take minutes.

The Chili Cook-off will be postponed until May 1.

### **New Business**

**ACTION ITEM:** A motion was made and seconded that Session recommends that the congregation approve the Terms of Call for Jack Barden as presented.

PCLT's Ash Wednesday service will be held outdoors on March, 12-2pm at the memorial fountain and labyrinth. It will be a self-guided devotional. Ashes will be distributed under the portico.

Terry McKetta and Steve Gottlieb, along with Jack Barden, will attend the Mission Presbytery meeting by Zoom on March 5.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:25 pm.

  
Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

  
Rev. John H. Barden, Moderator