

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
SESSION MINUTES
JULY 24, 2022 (at the church)**

Elders Present: Steve Gottlieb, Chrystie Thrasher, Terry McKetta, Mary Margaret MacMillan, Lynn Fisher

Also present: Rabert Sheppard, Ministerial Intern

Rev. Jack Barden opened the meeting with prayer at 12:30 pm

Minutes from the June 26 meeting were approved and will be filed.

Moderator's Report -

Due to increasing Covid case numbers in Travis County we will encourage the congregation to wear masks during worship since most of the congregation is in the high risk category. We will return to pre-sealed Communion elements for a few weeks.

Jack will preach at Northwoods Presbyterian Church in Houston on July 31 as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. He served there in the early 1990's. Rabert Sheppard will preach at PCLT that Sunday and Dr. Jim Currie will preside at Communion. Jack will be on vacation on September 4.

Committee Reports

The Treasurer's Report is included with these minutes

The Mission Committee report is included with these minutes

The Christian Education Committee report is included with these minutes

The Hospitality Report is included with these minutes

The Session discussed the Quintet360 concert that was held at PCLT. It was not a money maker, but it was an experiment in holding events at PCLT. There will be a request from the Hospitality Committee to ask people from outside groups who use the kitchen to leave dishes to be cleaned after an event by PCLT.

The Quintet360 concert and the Baylor, Scott and White Hospital pizza party organizing responsibilities reside in the Outreach Committee. These sorts of events cost a considerable amount of money even though both events were underwritten to a significant extent. We need to be aware of the total expense when we plan these events since we cannot always count on underwriting.

An offshoot of the BSW pizza party was an invitation for PCLT women to be part of a group whose mission is philanthropy at the hospital. Several PCLT members attended the first gathering of the group and will make connections that will benefit PCLT. This effort could be replicated with other groups in the area with one or two people becoming involved with various groups. It would be mostly an individual effort and not a group effort from PCLT, and it would be valuable in partnering with these groups. It will be helpful to report each month who is working with these groups so that we know who is on each team to avoid duplication of our efforts.

PCLT has completed its food security project at Hudson Bend. We are saving \$600/month in salary and \$1200/month in groceries.

A group from Outreach met and is moving forward with PCLT website redesign, along with creating a new logo. Jack Barden will investigate how to get this accomplished, but we will not use the PCUSA logo.

ACTION ITEM: PCLT will initiate an effort to change the PCUSA logo and will attempt to get a second presbytery to join Mission Presbytery in this effort. Jack will write up a rationale to present to Mission Presbytery and bring it to the next Presbytery meeting. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported that the bookkeeper will finish his review of our Chart of Accounts by the end of August so that we can develop budgets for the remainder of 2022 and for 2023. No irregularities have been found in our financial records. It was proposed that we use the bookkeeper's report for the official review of PCLT finances. It appears that we will have sufficient funds to finish 2022 and have a bit in reserves. The bookkeeper will separate costs associated with the strategic plan from costs for ongoing operations so that the true cost of events can be tracked.

Old Business

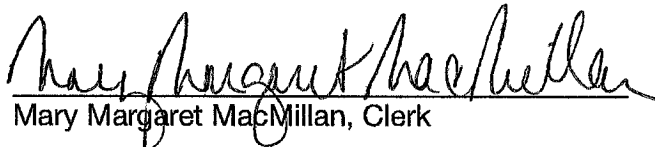
Each committee needs to review the status of its goals in the Strategic Plan so that the document can be updated before we ask the congregation to approve the 2023 budget.

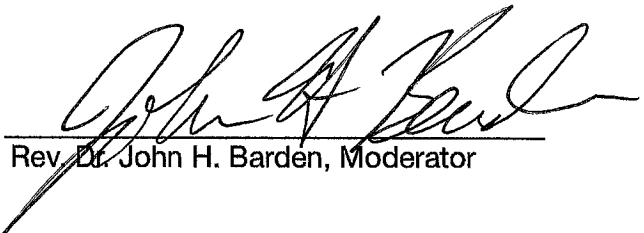
New Business

Pam McGovney has offered two of her original paintings to PCLT. The PCLT policy is to have the Session determine if we want the gift of these paintings and if the paintings fit with our congregation. A motion was made that PCLT accept the painting "The Woman at the Well" at this time. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried. Pam will be notified that we do not have a place for a second painting at this time.

Elder Nominating Committee: Janet Cavalucci and Nancy Woodworth are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, and consensus was reached that they serve. The congregation will elect a third person to the committee. August 21 was set for a Congregational Meeting to elect a third committee member from the congregation.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:33 pm.


Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk


Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator