

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION
AUGUST 28, 2022 (at the church)

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

Rev. Barden called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the July meeting were moved to approval as amended to include Lynn Fisher as present. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Moderator's Report

There was a discussion of the Covid protocol going forward. A consensus was reached that PCLT's current policy of individual choice about masks and distancing is working and should be continued.

Rev. Barden will be on vacation in the coming week. Rev. Al Krummenacher will preach on September 4, with Larry Foster serving as Liturgist.

We are getting views on Facebook but the number of views is undetermined.

Rev. Barden reminded Session members of the dates of regular Session meetings for the remainder of 2022: September 25, October 23, November 20, and December 18.

Rabert Sheppard has completed his internship. He will begin his work as a hospital chaplaincy student in the coming week. He is considering beginning the process or ordination. He may return to visit PCLT for worship services.

Rev. Barden reported on the West Austin Faith Leadership lunch. Attendees were mostly Interfaith Ambassadors of Lake Travis members.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

The report is attached. We are still on track to have a small amount of funds remaining at the end of the year. We are moving toward creating a budget for operational expenses and also for strategic plan expenses.

We should be back at break even by the beginning of 2024. If we hold our operating expenses relatively constant we should improve our position. But, we are not at break even and we need to impress on our congregation that an increase in pledges is essential.

A meeting with Bob Carstensen of Bee Cave Bookkeepers is scheduled for this coming week to review the Chart of Accounts.

Hospitality:

The report is attached. There will not be a Sign-up Sunday this year. There will be a Pie and Property Day in October. There was a proposal that the yarn stored at PCLT be used to make shawls and caps for use at BSW hospital. Steve Gottlieb will research this.

Christian Education:

The report is attached. New Christian Formation classes will begin September 11. Rev. Barden will lead Bible study using the Feasting on the Word curriculum, and Mary Margaret MacMillan will lead an 8-week study using the book "Listening for God". Women's Bible Study will continue on Monday mornings. The current study is entitled Celebrating Sabbath.

Outreach Committee:

The committee met to debrief on the Quintet360 concert and on the pizza party at BSW hospital. There was a discussion about hiring someone with public relations experience to help us create more effective events and publicity about them. There will be an upcoming meeting with a person from the Hogg Foundation on how to execute the Outreach Strategic Plan.

Steve Gottlieb had a conversation with Hillary Janasek about future Quintet360 concerts. There is a possibility of additional concerts at PCLT.

The PCLT website is in development. The next step is to create a logo and everything else will be connected to the logo. Jack and JR developed a concept that will be translated into a logo. A draft concept should be ready on Tuesday, August 30.

Old Business

Committees have moved from short term to mid term plans. If items drop off, bring a revised plan to the Session. Minor changes can be sent to Rev. Barden.

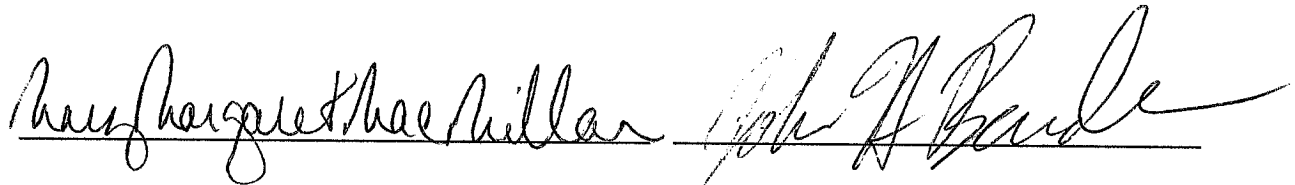
New Business

Rev. Barden will put together a planning team for Advent, Christmas and New Year's Day. Shield Ranch has sent a Save the Date for their new summer camp facility opening.

Presbytery meeting will be held in Rockport October 21-22. Delegates will be designated at the next Session meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:55 pm.

Handwritten signatures of Mary Margaret MacMillan and Rev. John H. Barden, each written over a horizontal line.

Mary Margaret MacMillan, Moderator

Rev. John H. Barden, Pastor