

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 31, 2021**

Session members in attendance: Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator; Larry Foster; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk; Terry McKetta; Nancy Vanzandt; Nancy Woodworth

The meeting was opened with prayer at 12:15 pm.

The minutes of the September 19, 2021, meeting were approved

Moderator's Report

Travis County remains officially in Stage 3 of Covid protocols, although reported numbers have been in Stage 2 for several days. When we are officially in Stage 2, masks in worship will be optional.

Jack Barden has been attending an online seminar about the hybrid church and has sent links to both slides and the presentation to Session members for their review. The final session will be a deep dive into Social Media and how to use its various forms effectively.

Committee Reports

Finance:

In our goal to fund our growth, the Finance Committee has identified two main pathways: use of our building to generate revenue; and an attempt to obtain grant money based on our mission work in the community. The committee will meet with Fayruz Benyousef, a consultant to nonprofits, to generate ideas about how this could be done.

The stewardship campaign will be integrated into the strategic plan.

Christian Education:

The curriculum "Follow Me" will be used for Advent. It is a holistic curriculum that can be used throughout PCLT church life.

Hospitality:

The work of the committee is growing and is almost too big. There is the suggestion that Pastoral Care duties might be separated out. It is important that we be mindful of our capacity.

Worship:

Nothing to add to the submitted report

Old Business:

Elder Nominating Committee:

Three people have been considered: Malissa Smith, Joanne Currie, Steve Gottlieb. Steve Gottlieb has requested that he be on Session. If Malissa agrees to serve, we will suspend the rule that new Session members must be PCLT members for one year prior. This would be noted in the minutes. Once two new proposed members are confirmed, Jack will call a Congregational Meeting for election of the two new Session members.

Action Item: The Strategic Planning Committee moved that the Strategic Plan and Initiatives be accepted and approved. Motion carried.

Jack will send the Strategic Plan to the committee chairs to look for overlap in initiatives.

Upcoming Events:

The Commission on Ministry will visit PCLT for the regular Session meeting on Nov. 21. An agenda item on the December 19 Session meeting will be a review of the church rolls.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:11 pm.


Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk


Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Pastor