

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SESSION  
MARCH 26, 2023 AT THE CHURCH**

**Elders Present:** Larry Foster, Steve Gottlieb, Chrystie Thrasher, Lynn Fisher, Terry McKetta, Mary Margaret MacMillan. Rabert Sheppard, Ministerial Intern, was present as a guest

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 12:32 pm by Rev. Barden.

Minutes of the following meetings were approved: Regular Session Meetings of December 19, January 29, and February 19; called Session meeting of January 4.

**Moderator's Report**

*Ministry Team Leadership for 2023:*

Lynn Fisher - Special Events and Community Events  
Chrystie Thrasher - Worship  
Terry McKetta - Hospitality  
Larry Foster - Finance  
Steve Gottlieb - Mission  
Mary Margaret MacMillan - Christian Education

In addition to these teams, the Session will share responsibility for member recruitment and assimilation. Jack Barden will oversee property. Jack Barden and Brittany Schmutzler, Church Administrator, will be responsible for media and the website.

Jack Barden's study time will be April 11-14.

Piper Betts-Madison will preach on April 16. Rabert Sheppard will lead worship. Jack Barden will preside at Communion.

Jack will be on vacation April 21-25. Jim Currie will preach and preside at Communion

**Committee Reports**

Hospitality - Cake and coffee will be served before worship on Easter Sunday - 10:30 - 11:00. No fellowship time after worship. The committee report is attached to these minutes.

Worship - The report is attached to these minutes

Finance - At latest count we are where we expected to be. At the end of the year we will break even without using reserves. All but two pledges have been received. The report is attached to these minutes.

The next project is to start a campaign to retire the mortgage which stands at \$225,000. A suggestion was made to gather a team to investigate how this campaign should be organized.

Christian Education - The class on "Fear of the Other" has ended. The class on "Listening for God" has one more session. Intergenerational events are scheduled for April 30, June 4, October 1 and December 24 using "Postle Jack Tales" for both an educational activity and worship. Women's Bible Study continues with an average attendance of 6 people.

Property - The fire alarm system was destroyed by the ice storm. The new system will cost \$1200. It has been ordered and will be installed in a couple of weeks. There are several electrical issues in the Fellowship Hall and in the parking lot. Repair work will begin this week and cost approximately \$3600.

Outreach - Vacation Bible School is still being planned. Austin Bradley will be brought into the planning effort. Anitra ~~Chatter-Aunt~~ would like to present a concert at PCLT. There is a possibility of an investment seminar presented by David Naworski and also the possibility to expand this discussion about giving using a Baylor, Scott and White person. It was pointed out in the discussion that we need to prioritize these opportunities and bring them to Session for approval. The question was raised: we should ask ourselves if we are providing space or is this part of our ministry and what is the cost of this effort.

### **Old Business**

There was a discussion of the lease proposed by Acton Academy to lease PCLT's building for a 5-year period beginning in September 2023.

Action Item: A motion was made and seconded that PCLT should move ahead with negotiation of a lease acceptable to all parties with the intent to proceed to signing. The motion carried.

There was a discussion of how to bring information about the lease to Acton to the PCLT congregation since this will be a change in how we use the building.

### **New Business**

A cello recital will be held in the sanctuary on April 22. Someone will need to unlock/lock the door - 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Terry McKetta or Chrystie Thrasher

A 6-week Pilates mat class will be held on a trial basis beginning April 18. This is a drop-in class. \$15 per class. Tuesday and Thursday 11 am - 12 pm. Melissa Riggins will be the instructor.

There has been a question about using PCLT for art and voice lessons. Jack is awaiting further word on going forward. Also, there is interest in holding kids' drama camp at PCLT. It would be held by Drama Kids International.

IAMLT - Steve Gottlieb proposed that PCLT withdraw from IAMLT after an unsuccessful meeting with a small group.

ACTION ITEM: A motion was made and seconded that PCLT withdraw from IAMLT. The motion carried.

Jack suggested that Session members look at iACT - Interfaith Action of Center Texas as well as Texas Impact. These organizations are geared toward legislative issues church people should be aware of.

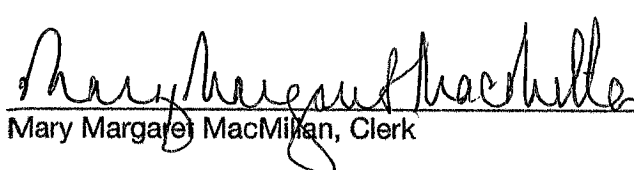
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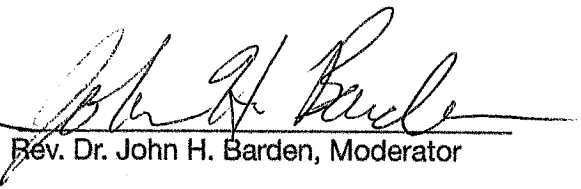
April 30  
May 21  
June 25  
July 30  
August 20  
September 24

Installation of Elders:

April 16

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:11 pm.

  
Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

  
Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator