

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
JUNE 25, 2023 AT THE CHURCH**

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

A quorum was declared.

Rev. Barden opened the meeting with prayer at 12:17 pm.

The minutes of the May 21, 2023, Session meeting were approved with one correction.

Moderator's Report

The mat Pilates class will continue through the summer.

The art camp recently held at PCLT went well.

The first session of drama camp was successful, and a second session will be held the last week of July.

Kate Burford has indicated she would like to become a member of PCLT.

An anonymous source has given funds to the church to be used in the music program. This will be an annual gift.

There is an initial effort to retire the debt owed by PCLT. Faye Smith has agreed to be the face of the campaign. Members and friends of PCLT will be asked to give money above their annual pledge to retire the debt, with the option of paying it over a 3-year period. More information will be forthcoming, hopefully in July.

Worship

No report from the team.

Rev. Barden reported that the worship service on July 2 will be a program of Voices of a Nation. Congregation members will read various important documents in the US History: the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, a poem by Robert Frost read at President Kennedy's Inauguration, excerpt from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, a reading from Cesar Chavez, and Amanda Gorman's poem from President Biden's Inauguration.

Hospitality

Nancy Kemler will provide red, white and blue flowers for Sunday, July 2, and red, white and blue cake will be served following worship.

The recommendation was made that PCLT have a sign-up Sunday in September for hospitality opportunities.

Christian Education

Women's Bible Study is on summer break, but the group is still meeting. Those attending choose a favorite Bible verse or topic and lead the discussion.

Jack is teaching "Feasting on the Word".

The summer book discussion group met on June 10 to discuss "My Reading Life" by Pat Conroy. The next meeting will be July 8 to discuss "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger. The August meeting will be August 12 to discuss "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Outreach

The team is waiting to know what the building use will be before making plans.

Mission

There are ongoing conversations with Baylor, Scott and White hospital about a joint project, but there are concerns about liability.

PCLT had a successful fund-raiser for purchasing box fans for residents in the Hudson Bend RV parks. Some of the extra funds were used to purchase HEB gift cards.

Property

The lease for Acton Academy is still under review and revision.

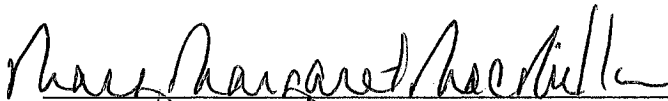
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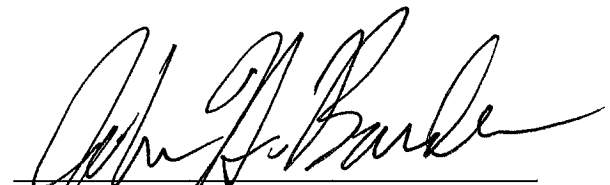
Steve Gottlieb presented a proposal for strong inclusive language for the PCLT website. This will be discussed at the July Session meeting.

The website will be reviewed for language that might be considered a trigger by certain people.

Future Session meetings will be on July 30, August 20 and September 24.

Rev. Barden adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:19 pm.


Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk


Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator