

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2023 AT THE CHURCH**

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 12:41 pm by the Moderator, Rev. Jack Barden.

A quorum was declared.

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

The minutes of the June Session meeting were approved and will be filed.

**Moderator's Report**

Frank Black died July 5, 2023.

Anna Wesson Smith died August 5, 2023.

The West Austin Tamil Academy will again hold sessions at PCLT on Saturday afternoons, 3-5 pm.

Classes at Acton Academy at PCLT will begin September 5.

Jack Barden will be on vacation August 23-September 7.

Austin Bradley and the PCLT choir will lead worship on August 27. There will be no Communion.

Raybert Sheppard will lead worship on September 3. Piper Madison will be Liturgist. There will be no Communion.

Rev. Jeannie Corbitt Cardona will lead worship on September 10. M M MacMillan will be Liturgist. There will be Communion.

**Team Reports**

Property: A bench has been donated to the church by the children of Chuck and Sally Scott. It will be placed beside the labyrinth.

Mission: A new team is being organized. It will consist of Pam McGovney, Nancy VanZandt, Bill and Grace Bradshaw, Helen Foster, Dom and Janet Cavalucci, and Jim Currie. The team will meet on August 22.

Christian Education: The report is attached.

Hospitality: The team is searching for a convenient time for all to meet. A work day will be organized for the nursery. A "Postle Jack" event is planned for World Communion Day, October 1.

Finance: PCLT will enter 2024 out of money and out of reserves, along with a \$30-\$60,000 deficit. The Finance Team will meet Monday, August 21, to begin working on solutions. Faye Smith has agreed to lead a team to retire the debt, and Dana Naworski has agreed to look into marketing opportunities. Both of these efforts will be part of the effort to close the gap. The overall goal, however, is to grow the congregation.

Outreach: There is a question of how Outreach is currently conceived. There is a team of people currently maintaining a social media presence, but special events planning is not currently happening. Lynn Fisher and Helen Foster will work on who can help revitalize this effort. Lots of ideas should be winnowed into what is feasible in getting people to know us and to build community.

Other Discussion: Elders discussed communication efforts by PCLT. Official communication is handled by staff and PCLT leadership. Important information will be texted to the congregation.

#### Mission and Vision Statement and DEI Statement

Jack Barden will rework the DEI statement and email it to Session for approval. Once approved it will be placed on the PCLT website and will be used as our Affirmation of Faith for several Sundays so that the congregation will be familiar with the statement.

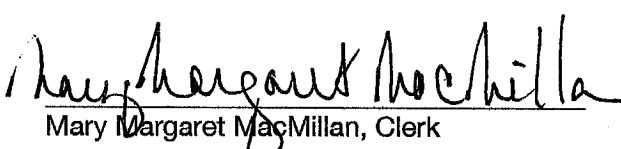
Jack Barden will also rework the Vision Statement.

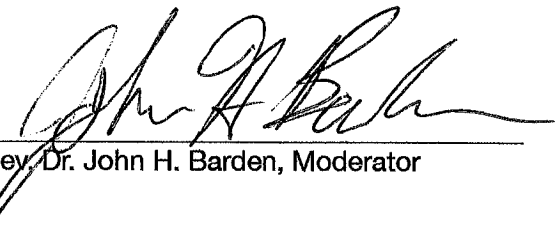
#### **New Business**

##### Elder Nominating Committee

Lynn Fisher and Larry Foster were asked to decide whether they would like to serve a second term. The matter of who will serve on the Nominating Committee will be discussed at the September 24 Session meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 3:00 pm.

  
Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

  
Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator