

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2023, AT THE CHURCH**

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm. A quorum was declared.

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

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Moderator's Report

Rev. Jack Barden will be on vacation November 1-5. Rev. Tammy Gregory Carter will preach on November 5.

Rev. Jack Haberer will be the guest preacher on December 3.

There will be a Congressional Meeting after worship on December 3 to present the 2024 budget and to elect an Elder Nominating Committee

Committee Reports

Finance: The finance group will meet again in the near future, with a proposed agenda to be circulated to that group during the upcoming week. The group will look at finances and how we structure our stewardship season.

By the end of January we should know where we stand financially, and that information will drive our financial planning and budgeting. The intention is to have some guidance from Jack Haberer on how to make the most of our stewardship plan.

Mission: There is a line item in our budget to support the mission efforts of Mission Presbytery, but these are not mission items for PCLT. There are, however, Presbytery efforts we can participate in. Also, there are field trips during Presbytery meetings that showcase Presbytery mission efforts.

The mission team would like to find some mission effort that is unique to PCLT.

Hands for Hope, which hands out HEB gift cards, ended its registration last Friday. Veronica Ramirez registered 27 families. Terry McKetta will pick up the gift cards and take them to Veronica for distribution. PCLT members will be invited to accompany Veronica when the cards are handed out.

Outreach/Special Events: Lynn Fisher reported on a meeting with Dana Naworski. Dana had requested clarification on what she is expected to do for Outreach. The project scope is to have Dana write a history of our church in such a way that we can give it to people who want to know about us. Lynn will follow up with her on that effort and update what we already have in historical information and make it more promotional.

Worship: There will be a choir cantata on December 17. PCLT's Christmas Eve service will be at the regular Worship Service at 11 am on December 24. This will also be the 4th Sunday of Advent.

There is a possibility of having childcare during the sermon each Sunday. Grace Bradshaw will try to get volunteers to take children to the nursery. Two volunteers are needed and all volunteers will need to have a background check. Tammy Gregory Carter has volunteered to train the volunteers.

No flowers are needed during Advent since the Christmas Tree will be decorated. Donations will be requested for poinsettias.

Hospitality: Terry McKetta has found doors unlocked and the building in disarray at times during the week. Acton Academy students need to be reminded not to enter the kitchen.

A task force will be formed of PCLT members and representatives of Acton Academy to address issues.

Pie Sunday was successful.

Additional food will be requested for December 3.

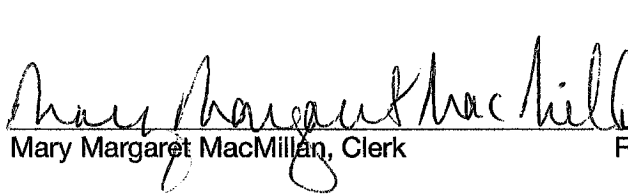
Christian Education: No report


Old Business: Nancy VanZandt and Leslie Wilkinson will be asked to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee. An additional member from the congregation will be nominated.

New Business: There is a suggestion that the cover page on PCLT's Facebook page be changed. It should be noted that FB's algorithm prioritizes photos that contain images of people.

Session meetings: November 26; December - TBD

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:05 pm.


Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk


Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator