

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, AT THE CHURCH**

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Pastor Jack Barden, at 12:17 pm.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and will be filed.

TEAM REPORTS

Finance:

Larry Foster described the overall financial goal of ensuring PCLT's future. The church will enter 2024 with no reserves and the only money in endowment at the Presbyterian Foundation. The finance team has a two-fold plan to become financially sound. Faye Smith will lead an effort to retire the debt. The other part of the plan is to grow the church. Dana Naworski will work under Lynn Fisher's leadership to develop plans to bring in new members.

December 3 will be Stewardship Sunday. Dr. Jack Haberer will be our guest to deliver a stewardship message to the congregation. He will be available by Zoom prior to December 3 to develop plans for the day.

Faye Smith made a presentation on retiring the church debt. With the congregation's approval, the plan will retire the debt over a three-year period. The total number of members will be apportioned an amount to be paid off over the three years. The plan will be simplistic. PCLT currently has 21 giving units.

Another method of retiring the debt would be to allow members to make an interest-free loan to PCLT and be repaid with money brought in.

ACTION ITEM: A motion was made to hold a congregational meeting on December 3, 2023, to vote on whether to initiate a program to retire the amount remaining on the PCLT mortgage. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Mission:

The first meeting of the team was well-attended. Several ideas were brought forward for mission efforts without considering spending restraints. One idea is to have an art program that would attract area kids as well as their parents. Artists in the congregation would participate as well as perhaps area artists. The goal of the mission effort is to have programs that are inexpensive but effective. There will be an occasional Minute for Mission during worship.

Old Business:

An Elder Nominating Committee needs to be selected sometime this fall.

ACTION ITEM: A motion was made that revised Vision and Mission Statements be accepted and posted on the PCLT website. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.


New Business:

The suggestion was made the the committee structure be revived. If that occurs, committees should meet for specific reasons and not merely to think of things for others to do.

Future Session meetings: October 22?, November 19 and December TBD.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:22 pm.


Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk


Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator