

Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis
Session Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2019
12:30PM CDT

Location: 14820 Hamilton Pool Road, Bee Cave, TX

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Hospitality—Nothing to report this month

Worship—See minutes attached

Christian Education----Report attached. Also Jack will be the sole facilitator for Sunday School for the summer.

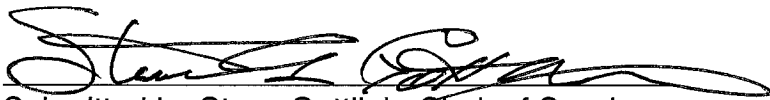
Mission—Steve gave a brief update on what had transpired in the Mission Committee meeting held 3 days prior to this session meeting and for which the minutes were not yet available. Key was a discussion that centered about a report that Priscilla Rust had submitted reflecting the decreasing attendance at the reading to kids' ministry. That report was very much on target as it served to highlight the need to learn more about the needs and desires of the RV park residents we serve: This just served to reinforce the need to follow through on our approach to learning the resident's needs with Priscilla Cruz. We anticipate her report toward the end of August. We also discussed the Saturday monthly food distribution program and the need to replace the current site manager (Doug Polakowski from the LDS Church) who is moving from the area. This latter point is expected to be resolved Monday, as there will be a I AM LT meeting in the morning.

Property----See minutes attached. Additionally, we discussed the question of how and whether to acknowledge donations from others as a means to pay for the path to the labyrinth. **The following motion made by Steve and Seconded by Dom was unanimously approved. That we will investigate the cost of engraving pavers "purchased" through donations made by congregants or friends who wish to participate in paying for the newly installed paver path to the labyrinth. That such donations will be in "the memory of" or as an acknowledgement of a loved one. Alternatively, if the engraved paver idea is not practical, then a sign will be erected at the driveway end of the path acknowledging the contributions as it would have been with the engraved pavers. In any case whatever is chosen, it will not diminish the contribution made by Bill Wright in memory of his beloved wife Jackie.**

Old Business--- It was agreed that we would be in prayer as we consider who might be brought to chair the yet to be created Outreach committee.

New Business--- It was decided that PCLT would not participate in this years Pride Parade. It was also decided that for security sake contact information for session and others would not be included in the newsletter or any other items that could or would be published on our website. Also discussed was how we want to present ourselves on our website—e.g. "open to all" or open to the LBGTQ community or some other way to properly convey our message that we are indeed an open congregation and that all are welcome. This will be revisited again when there is an Outreach committee. Finally, it was agreed that we would try Slack and a communication and collaboration tool.

Jack closed the meeting with prayer.



Submitted by Steve Gottlieb, Clerk of Session



Reverend Jack Barden, Moderator

PCLT Session Meeting Agenda July 28, 2019

Opening Prayer

- Chrystie to Present her Faith Journey

Approval of Minutes

- Approve Session Minutes from June 30, 2019 meeting

Moderator's Report

- New member status
- Intern
- Six-month review of my time at PCLT

Ministry Team Briefings

- Finance (including Treasures report)
- Hospitality
- Worship
- Christian Education
- Mission & Outreach
 - Sale of Property
- Property

Old Business

- Revised donation policy
- Finalize candidates to lead the Outreach committee
- Slack progress

New Business

- Next steps in Website update

Adjourn with prayer

Next Meeting July 28, 2019

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS		2018	2019	2019	
Financial Results		December YTD	Annual Budget	June YTD	NOTES
OFFERING					
Plugged Offering		\$158,340	\$153,600	\$156,465	
Unplugged Offering		\$38,835	\$15,000	\$11,219	
Loose Offering		\$1,763	\$2,000	\$1,724	
Designated Offering for PCLT Use		\$8,873	\$8,000	\$17,752	Includes \$15k to be used for the Labyrinth; \$825 Keyboard Donation; \$1,500 Piano Fund
Designated Gifts - Mission		\$18,092	\$10,000	\$2,706	
Interest/Other		\$179	\$200	\$78	
Add: 2018 Pledges paid in 2019		\$0	\$0	\$595	
Less: 2019 Pledges paid in 2018		\$12,000	-\$12,000	-\$12,000	
Less: Unfulfilled Pledges		-\$17,995	\$0	-\$45,605	
TOTAL OFFERING		\$220,087	\$176,800	\$132,934	
EXPENSES					
Ministries					
Christian Education		\$670	\$500	\$64	
Finance					
Insurance		\$5,654	\$6,000	-\$17	
Office Expenses		\$6,490	\$8,000	\$3,770	
Other Expenses		\$326	\$250	\$125	
Building Loan Payment (interest only)		\$11,712	\$12,000	\$6,391	
Board of Pensions		\$23,401	\$21,500	\$13,518	
Total Finance Expense		<u>\$47,582</u>	<u>\$47,750</u>	<u>\$23,787</u>	
Hospitality		\$497	\$1,500	\$447	
Mission					
Pastor Discretionary Fund		\$200	\$1,000	\$250	
Designated Gifts		\$533	\$17,400	\$1,338	
Mission		\$28,874	\$17,060	\$6,654	Includes Expenses for Armadillo Project
Per Capita Contribution		\$1,073	\$1,000	\$0	
Total Mission Expense		<u>\$30,679</u>	<u>\$36,460</u>	<u>\$8,242</u>	
Property					
Building Supplies		\$89	\$500	\$105	
Building Improvements		\$181	\$0	\$0	
Building Maintenance		\$5,497	\$6,000	\$2,590	
Grounds Maintenance		\$2,125	\$2,500	\$22,486	\$21,364 for Labyrinth; \$15,000 Donation Received
Utilities		\$7,550	\$8,500	\$4,872	
Total Property Expense		<u>\$15,442</u>	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$30,052</u>	
Worship					
Honorarium (Pulpit & Piano)		\$7,493	\$3,300	\$2,650	\$100 Donation for Callist
Supplies		\$3,019	\$2,000	\$1,845	\$835 Donation for Keyboard
Total Worship Expense		<u>\$10,512</u>	<u>\$5,300</u>	<u>\$4,495</u>	
Total Ministry Expense		\$105,382	\$109,010	\$67,088	
Employee					
Pastor Salary & Housing		\$41,323	\$70,645	\$30,377	
Pastor Professional Fees		\$2,465	\$2,500	\$250	
Pastor Expenses		\$0	\$500	\$284	
Office Manager Salary		\$37,040	\$38,500	\$18,972	
Office Manager Payroll Taxes/Employer portion		\$2,616	\$3,000	\$1,601	
Total Employee		\$83,444	\$115,145	\$51,383	
Session Expenses		\$2,317	\$1,500	\$0	
Total Expenses		\$191,143	\$225,655	\$118,472	
Net Operating Income (Loss)		\$28,944	-\$48,855	\$14,463	

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 7, 2019

- I. Those Present: Terry McKetta, Claire Buenz, Nancy Vanzandt, Carolyn Gottlieb, Janet Cavalucci, Dalma Rungay, Jo Ann Schutte, Dorothy Rembert, Donna Beeman
 - II. Open with prayer: Prayed
 - III. Approval of May 5th Minutes: Approved
 - IV. Pastoral Care: Carolyn: Briefed on current concerns for Dom, Cathy, Barbara, Jim
 - V. Old Business: None
 - VI. New Business:
 - Fall Events: Will be discussing Christmas Party (Dec 14) after bringing up at Session.
 - Food and Fellowship in Fall, Alternative Gift Market with Ladies Bible Study, 1 Year Church celebration, Pie Harvest Festival in October, and Caregivers Luncheon.
 - VII. Committee Reports:
 1. Kitchen: Terry: There were 2 cabinet door problems but handled by Property
 2. Knit/Crochet: Terry: Aida and Dalma added to prayer shawls.
 3. Cards: Barb/Nancy: 41 sent
 4. Post Cards: Nancy: 13 sent
 - VIII. Other Business: None
 - IX. Close with prayer: Prayed
- Next Meeting: August 4, 2019

Mission Minutes

- Requests were made for a limit on the amount of clothes one person can take off the truck. Some are taking a lot and reselling them. Larger men sizes are needed.
- The Saturday lunches were really appreciated and fill a great need. It helps with family finances. Some took extras for Sundays. If both parents are working on Saturday, they know their children will have a lunch without having to light the stove. A request was made for bottled water on the truck for the kids.
- Help was requested for the roads through the park. They get very muddy during rainy days. Their suggestion was for more sand. There are workers in the neighborhood who would spread it.
- Help with getting medications was requested.
- Building materials to be used for repairs on their homes. Many of the neighbors help each other, but supplies and the means to purchase supplies are limited.
- Transportation to work, doctor appointments, grocery store, etc. is needed.
- Priscilla also asked about playground needs. This information has been turned over to the Young Men's Service League who is taking on this improvement project.

Survey questions for Priscilla to follow up on during her last few weeks:

- What is the religious background of the participants being surveyed?
- What building materials are needed?

Follow up suggestions that PCLT might provide immediately:

- Fan drive
- Group texts to families concerning the Reading Events. The notes the Saturday before only go to families who are getting lunches. The notes get forgotten before the day of the Reading event.
- Put together a list of services and contact information available in the area.
- Suggest to one of the other faith groups that there is a need for Saturday or Sunday English classes. Pam offered to help someone else get it started.
- Explore other ways we can help these people in the Hudson Bend Community to become part of what we are doing. How they can help others in their community, and help us to be in relationship?

The future of the RV Properties:

The RV Properties have been put on the market (details below). Clearly, we are concerned that the current residents could be displaced. This led to a discussion as to how PCLT could approach this new development. One suggestion is to continue with whatever we can do to help the residents until whatever happens, happens. Another suggestion was that PCLT take

Lake Travis nearby. Appt with agent.

4. *15107 La Hacienda, List Price: \$350,000.00*

Beautiful home site with large stand of lovely live oak trees sits on corner lot on almost a full acre! Nice manufactured home with detached 2-car garage and an additional garage/workshop. No HOA & few restrictions. Great potential for commercial. Buyer to confirm.

Ministry of PROPERTY MINUTES

for JUNE 16, 2019

Attendees:

Dom Cavalucci, Steve Gottlieb, Scott Pierson, Pastor Jack Barden
And Larry Neumann

The property committee met on June 16, 2019 after service.

Contractor bids to do some landscaping and provide sprinklers around the path and the labyrinth resulted in estimates too high to proceed at this time.

A color was picked for the refinishing of our doors. No contractor was identified to refinish the doors. Scott and I will attempt to refinish one door to determine the difficulty and time required.

Dom Cavalucci
Property Chairman