Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis Session Meeting Minutes December 29, 2019

Location: 14820 Hamilton Pool Road, Bee Cave, TX

Session Members in Attendance: Rev Jack Barden, Moderator; Chrystie Thrasher; Nancy Vanzandt; Aida Faris; Dom Cavalucci; Nancy Boenitz and Steve Gottlieb. Also, in attendance were Dave Rumgay and Mary Margaret McMillian as elders elect.

Jack opened the meeting with prayer followed by Dom presenting his faith journey.

Minutes of the November 29 session meeting were unanimously approved after a correction was agreed to reflecting Aida's offer to see if she could aid us in getting a grant from the Synod of The Sun. If such a grant were to be received it would be used to pay for a person to work part time on the Hudson Bend Project.

The faith journeys of both Mary Margaret and Dave will be decided upon at one of the next meetings. As part of the moderator's report, Jack told us about Kimberly Stokes, our next intern. We expect Kimberly to be with us for both the spring and fall 2020 time periods. Additionally, Kimothy Cole will be joining us as a "young adult" working through a grant from the 787 Collective of the Austin Seminary. Kimothy will be focused primarily on working with the Outreach Committee.

Ministry team reports. (Only information not in the team reports, which are attached, will be covered in the minutes).

- **Finance** ---- Nancy B presented her first cut of the proposed annual budget for 2020. Though pledges were higher than anticipated, we are still going to run at an annualized deficit of approximately \$50K. This assumes that committee budgets are set at the value requested by the committee.
- Worship --- See attached report
- Hospitality ---- No meeting this month
- Christian Education ---- Nothing to report
- Mission ---- See attached report
- Outreach ---- Members are checking with Bee Cave to see if there are ways to improve our signage, possibly even adding a second sign at the far end of the property, near to the Star Hill Ranch entrance. Both Outreach and Property are looking at ways to make the Cross in our Tower more visible.
- **Property** ---- Kathy Hansen has offered to develop a full landscape plan for the property.

Old Business

• Commissioners for the March 6/7 Presbytery Meeting will be Nancy V and Steve

- Commissioners for both the June 5/6 meeting in San Antonio and October 23/24 Presbytery meetings will be determined at one of the next session meetings.
- Dom will Chair the ad hoc committee for Safety Plan development.

New Business

- A very brief report from the October Presbytery meeting was given by Aida and Chrystie.
- Outreach is beginning to look at needed changes to our website.
- It was decided that members and friends that should be honored for their work with the church, will be so honored at the annual congregational meeting.
- There will be a called session meeting at 10:30 AM, January 19th for the session to examine the two new elders scheduled to join the session.
- Ordination and installation of new elders will be on Sunday January 19th.
- The annual congregational meeting will be held on January 26th, immediately after services.
- Jack will check on the cost and other considerations in order to have a columbarium on the property
- The Outreach Committee will take the responsibility of determining the best way to reestablish the Small Group Dinners that we had previously held at various members homes.
- Session meeting schedule will be considered at the next session meeting.

Jack Closed the meeting with Prayer

Those remaining on session, bid thanks to Dom and Chrystie as they have completed their terms.

Next Session meeting will be January 26th, 2020

Submitted by Steve Gottlieb, Clerk of Session

Reverend Jack Barden, Moderator