

**Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis**  
**Session Meeting Minutes**  
**May 31, 2020**  
**12:30 PM CST**  
**By Way of ZOOM**

**Session Members in Attendance:** Rev Jack Barden, Moderator; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Nancy Vanzandt; Dave Rumgay, Nancy Boenitz and Steve Gottlieb. Aida Faris was not able to join us as she could not get Zoom to work.

**Jack opened the meeting with prayer**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the 5/3/2020 session meetings were accepted as submitted.

**Moderators Report**

Jack announced that the necessary papers and check had been submitted to the More-Light Church organization and we are now part of that organization.

**Steve made a motion, seconded by Mary Margaret, that we put the More-Light Logo on our website. Approved unanimously.**

Additionally, Jack gave us an update on his plans for a little R&R. Previously the session told Jack that we wanted him to take some time off, as the Covid 19 time is especially hard on pastors.

**Committee Reports**

- Finance --- As there have been a number of changes in our financials, Nancy B said it was her intent to get the May financials out to session this week. Additionally, we want to see if there are funds to make donations to both the PDA and to the One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Worship --- Going well and getting better at the technology for the broadcast services.
- Hospitality --- Contacting is going ok
- Outreach --- Working to figure out ways to attract people who are moving into the new communities along Hamilton Pool Road. The banner is believed to help.
- Property --- Our property is a major financial asset of our church and there is a need to have a more dedicated person or persons to maintain the building and grounds. **To that end Dave moved and Nancy V seconded a motion to see if Art Brown would be willing to take on the responsibility.** It was also agreed to purchase a high-quality bench from Bret Ziemann for the front of the church.
- Christian Ed --- Continuing with "Feasting on the Word", through the summer. Additionally, there will be attempt to put together a Lunch and Learn group over the summer. Books and ideas will be considered that are not strictly bible related and all are welcome.

- Mission --- The new grocery delivery program for the residents of Hudson Bend RV parks is going well, as the bugs the first week or so have been worked out. Both Nancy V and Chrystie Thrasher have been taking over from Jack to administer and run the ministry.

#### **Old Business**

- A change in the commissioners for the June meeting (by Zoom) of Presbytery: They are now Steve and Mary Margaret

#### **New Business**

- The Property committee will be jointly chaired by Dave and Larry Neuman
- Steve provided some input from a webinar he participated in by Practical Resources for Churches (PRC). The key points are attached to these minutes.
- It was agreed that Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis will not open for Re-Gathering for the balance of the summer. The session will review this again during the August meeting. We agreed that any re-gathering will be in consort with presbytery guidelines.
- Our intended visioning meeting is postponed. We are, however, going to set up Zoom meetings (for those willing to participate) so we can learn from the congregation what their thoughts are once we pass the pandemic stay home guidance.
- We created an elder nominating committee, chaired by Steve, to help select the persons who will serve on session for the next three years.

Jack closed up with prayer

**Next meeting June 28, 2020 at 12:30PM CDT (by Zoom)**



Steve Gottlieb, Clerk of Session



Rev Jack Barden, Moderator

## **Notes from Practical Resources for the Church**

### **Subject—Returning to Church in Phases**

**More than half the Church Populations is in the higher risk group**

**Older people should stay home regardless what opening phase we are in**

**Pastoral Care is needed Broadly**

**Keep space between people in the building**

**Be careful about allowing any people into church as the ones that will show up first are the ones who most should not be there**

**Can you conduct Multi level services, that is BOTH in person and on line**

**Can you keep the building clean enough (disinfected)?**

#### **Singing is a problem—Statistics**

- **Singing generates 60 times more aerosol droplets than breathing**
- **Speaking generates 10 times more aerosol droplets than breathing**
- **In both cases Volume matters**

**Further the Aerosol from singing or loud speaking stays in the air far longer**

**They do not like the idea of Partially open as there will be a tendency for more people to show up then you have to police who can come in-Will not build good will**

**Think about the future now, what will be the new normal—will there always be masks how would it be enforced -- Same for distance between people and how will it be enforced**

**What happens when open and older members cannot or should not be there – what happens to the leadership they provided. How to deal with the unfairness of that as well.**

**Plan for changes now.**