

Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis
Session Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2020
12:30PM CST

Location: 14820 Hamilton Pool Road, Bee Cave, TX

Session Members in Attendance: Rev Jack Barden, Moderator; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Nancy Vanzandt; Aida Faris; Dave Rumgay, and Steve Gottlieb. Additionally, Kimbol Soques, Intern for the 2020 year was also present

Jack opened the meeting with prayer

Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the January 26th session meeting were unanimously approved.

Moderators report –It was decided that both the Mission and Outreach committees should consider the value/import of PCLT becoming a Mathew 25 church. Each should then report back to the session with their thoughts and/or recommendation(s). To be considered in the committee discussions is the fact that session is now considering becoming a More-Light Church and as such, is that too many changes to be considered at one time. Jack also pointed out that More-Light is considering expanding their advocacy to more fully include diversity and inclusion as they look to their future. These are topics also being examined by PC(USA).

Jack also gave a summary of accomplishments and/or changes over the last 6 months of his tenure. (Summary attached).

Committee Reports:

- Finance –Report attached
- Worship—Wednesday March 18th, Pricilla will be giving an Organ concert at her home. This will be limited to 8 to 10 people and as such sign up is necessary. The subject of having Deacons was also discussed by the committee.

Since this is actually a session topic no decision was made, beyond it will be considered when the session believes it is the right time.

- Hospitality—See report attached
- Outreach—no meeting was held, thus no report.
- Property—We agreed that a new look at building use standards and criteria needs to be taken. See report for additional information.
- Mission—There was a meeting held 3 days before session at which Henry Owen, Director of John Knox Ranch (JNR) was present. We discussed how PCLT and JKR might work together to show some of our Hudson Bend kids (and their parents) the value and potential benefits of attending camp at JNR. Also

discussed was a potential ministry that Pam McGovney brought to our attention. Specifically, a number of Hudson Bend young kids (lower grades in elementary school) speak English well enough, but cannot read well enough to advance in school. Her idea is to help them to read, a truly life changing experience for them and possibly for us as well.

- Christian Education—Going well report attached. Also announced that “Feasting on the Word” curriculum will continue through Pentecost Sunday May 31st.

Old business:

- Commissioners still need to be selected for the October Presbytery Meeting.
- Work on the safety plan has just begun.
- Columbarium project meeting later this week
- More-Light church considerations to be further investigated by Jack
- The April 18th planning meeting rescheduled for May 9th, still at the Gottlieb’s home.

New Business:

- The personnel committee made a motion for session; that session consider calling Jack as our Called Pastor at the earliest possible time, August of this year.
- Because of the Corona virus and other health factors, Jack will consider alternative ways for us to conduct the Passing of The Peace.
- Jack also asked that we begin a program to highlight each committee over the next year. This would include posters in the fellowship hall as well as a write up in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned with prayer

Next meeting March 22, 2020 at 12:30PM CDT


Steve Gottlieb, Clerk of Session


Rev. Jack Barden, Moderator