

**Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis**  
**Session Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2020**  
**12:45PM CST**  
**By Way of ZOOM**

**Session Members in Attendance:** Rev Jack Barden, Moderator; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Nancy Vanzandt; Dave Rumgay, and Steve Gottlieb. Additionally, Larry Foster an elder in waiting, was also in attendance.

**Jack opened the meeting with prayer**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the previous meetings were not able to be distributed, thus they will be up for approval at the next meeting.

We had hoped that with the Covid number going down, we might be able to invite a small number of congregants to the live service. Unfortunately the numbers for Covid cases has reversed and are going up. There will be no invitations beyond those who are directly involved in the service.

**Moderator's Report**

Just for the purpose of recordation, Jack informed the session that he had conducted two weddings and was getting ready to go to Missouri to conduct a funeral service for a woman who was a member of a church in which he had been pastor.

Jack expressed his happiness at being elected to Permanent Pastor from Designated.

**Committee Reports** (Written reports, if any, are appended to these minutes)

- Finance—We will be able to make payroll for the rest of the year, but likely will not have funds to meet some of the other obligations. To do so, will require that we use some of our savings money.
- Worship--- Activities for advent are moving along well. Banners appropriate to the season have been hung in the sanctuary. These show up and look good on the recorded services' videos.
- Hospitality—No report
- Outreach— No Report
- Property –A new custom wooden bench, built by Bret Zieman was delivered to the church and looks great.
- Christian Ed—Conversations that Matter will continue next month. Feasting on the Word has been and is expected to continue to be a successful program in Sunday school.
- Mission---Jack did contact some of those families that had previously contributed to helping to feed the Hudson Bend families. Some additional money has been brought in through that effort. As we look forward, it appears that the ongoing cost for Hudson Bend will run about double what we have previously spent and will exceed our budget.

**Old Business**

- Jack will work with both Lynn and Larry to set dates for new elder training. Installation will be in mid-January 2021.
- Jack will be developing a summary of the information gathered during the “town hall” meetings. That document will then serve as the talking points as we move forward in our visioning process.
- We are a Matthew 25 church and should continue to make note of the 3 goals for us as a Matthew 25 church:
  - Congregational Vitality
  - Dismantling racism
  - Eradicating Poverty

We will use these themes as we move forward in the visioning process.

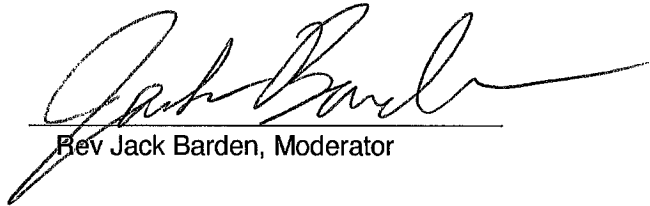
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