PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS SESSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 (via Zoom)

Session Members in attendance: Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator; Lynn Fisher; Larry Foster; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk; Terry McKetta; Nancy Vandandt; Nancy Woodworth

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Barden at 12:38 pm.

The minutes of the August 8, 2021, Session meeting were approved as submitted.

Moderator's Report

Covid case numbers for Austin/Travis County are declining quickly, and it is expected that we will move down into Stage 4 within the next week or so. The Session's earlier decision was to regather in person for worship when we reach Stage 3, but should we consider regathering at Stage 4?

The consensus of those present was that we should regather with safety protocols in place at Stage 4. Assuming that we do indeed reach Stage 4, we will regather for worship on October 10. Masks and social distance will be required in the sanctuary.

Steve Wilkinson's memorial service will be held October 23. Leslie Wilkinson has requested that everyone attending be masked. There will be no reception following the service; instead, Leslie will greet everyone outdoors afterward.

The summer campaign for an additional financial gift to PCLT to make up the shortfall in income was very successful. Twenty-seven giving units gave or pledged \$125,000.

Committee Reports

Reports from the Property Committee and the Christian Education Committee were accepted as submitted.

A follow-up to the Property Committee report: PCLT's water retention plan was approved by the City of Bee Cave

Finance: Larry Foster, Treasurer, reported that of the \$125,000 given to PCLT, \$117,000 was in cash, with the remainder in pledges. The application for a line of credit from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program is in progress. The application will be signed by Jack Barden, Larry Foster, and Mary Margaret MacMillan and then brought to the Session at its October meeting for review. A congregational meeting will be scheduled to inform the congregation of the application's submittal and current status.

Old Business

The Elder Nominating Committee will need to meet this fall to nominate two Elders to replace Nancy Vanzandt and Nancy Woodworth. The committee members are Nancy Woodworth, Janet Cavalucci and Donna Beeman. A notice will be placed in the newsletter soliciting interest and prospects will be contacted afterward.

New Business

Mary Margaret MacMillan presented the Strategic Plan Task Force's proposed Strategic Plan goals and guidelines for the Session's consideration and approval.

A motion was made and seconded that the goals and guidelines be accepted and that the Task Force should take next steps. The motion carried.

The Task Force will meet with all committee chairs on October 3 to present the goals and guidelines and discuss the process of developing initiatives toward meeting the goals. Committees will meet during October to formulate initiatives and report to Session for the October meeting.

The October Session meeting will be held October 31, 2021, at 12:30 pm.

Commissioners for Presbytery meeting October 23. Nancy Woodworth and Larry Foster; Terry McKetta will be the alternate.

Jack Barden will recommend that the triennial visit by the Presbytery Commission on Ministry be held on November 21, 2021.

Nancy Vanzandt recommended that the PCLT newsletter include an invitation for PCLT members to join a church committee. Short videos about each committee's work will be prepared in the coming weeks.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1: 27 pm.

Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator