

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
August 27, 2019

Senior Pastor Peter Bynum moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA The following items were approved:

- A. Approval of minutes
 - June 25, 2019 stated session meeting
 - July 14, 2019 called congregational meeting
 - July 14, 2019 called session meeting
 - August 18, 2019 called congregational meeting
- B. Approve requests for excused absences: Bart Edwards and Lib McGregor Simmons
- C. Session records
 - The Lord's Supper was celebrated on June 9 and August 18, 2019
 - In accordance with A-5.06 of the MPPC Manual of Administrative Operations, on August 1, 2019 by a vote of 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 not voting, by electronic poll the session approved calling a congregational meeting immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday August 18 for the purpose of acting on changes to the terms of call for Peter Bynum and Bart Edwards.
 - In accordance with A-5.06 of the MPPC Manual of Administrative Operations, on August 1 by a vote of 21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, and 4 not voting, by electronic poll the session approved to authorizing the trustees to sign on behalf of the church a form concurring in the new owners of 110 Bennett Street request to make minor improvements along the easement of that property.
 - On July 14 Christian Blackburn was ordained and installed as a ruling elder to the class of 2020
 - On August 11 Jeff Yost was installed as a deacon to the class of 2022
- D. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls

TIME FOR EDUCATION AND MUTUAL GROWTH Dr. Bynum read from and led a discussion of W-2.0102 (Form and Freedom) and W-1.0304 about the culture of worship.

REPORTS

CLERK'S REPORT A note has been received from the Montreat Conference Center thanking MPPC for our participation in its capital campaign.

SPECIAL ORDER: 110 BENNETT STREET Following a report by Dal Schreck and Lewis Horton, by common consent, the session agreed to move forward with selling the easement at 110 Bennett Street for \$8,500 to the new owner of that property with a reversion clause should the property be divided and with MPPC being granted access to tend to the fence along the property line. In accordance with G-4.0208, MPPC exercised that exemption at a congregational meeting on October 16, 1983 and will not have to seek approval of the presbytery.

DEACON TASK FORCE REPORT Following a report by Deacon J. Scott regarding changing from a family group model to a structured committee model a motion to approve a new model for the board of deacons was approved.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS Building use policies are being reviewed. The Scout Hut was re-roofed over the summer with the troop contributing \$3200 of the \$11,000 total cost.

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM REPORT M. Witherspoon presented the year-end and July financial reports:

RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	12 Months Ended			Net Increase (Decrease)	
	Budgeted YTD	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018	\$\$\$\$	%
Generosity	2,503,800	2,526,808	2,507,590	19,218	0.77%
Other Ministry Receipts	---	148,314	180,289	(31,975)	-17.74%

Operational Expenses	465,000	397,391	428,721	(31,330)	-7.31%
Personnel & Ministry Expenses	2,260,528	2,266,244	2,117,963	148,281	7.00%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(221,728)	11,487	141,196	(129,708)	-91.86%

RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	1 Months Ended			Net Increase (Decrease)	
	Budgeted YTD	July 31, 2019	July 31, 2018	\$\$\$\$	%
Generosity	212,593	167,723	200,048	(32,325)	016.19%
Other Ministry Receipts	4,795	12,787	9,453	3,334	35.27%
Operational Expenses	34,871	27,728	23,445	4,283	18.27%
Personnel & Ministry Expenses	171,740	163,558	157,960	5,598	3.54%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	10,777	(10,776)	28,097	(38,873)	-138.35%

An endowment campaign to be held in October to further enhance a \$50,000 gift for local missions was approved. The campaign is to be consistent with the discussion of the evening. The motion was seconded and passed.

PERSONNEL Progress of the current search teams was reported. Victoria Malone has resigned as music leader of the Net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION The committee has approved a purpose and is recruiting members.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATION LIFE New pew information cards are being researched and plans are being made to follow-up with absent members of the congregation

WORSHIP Results of the summer worship/education survey were reported. The committee will meet with Christian Education to bring recommendations at a later date.

A Special session meeting was approved to be held September 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to receive new members.

Reports were heard from the various members of the staff that were present.