

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
September 24, 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:

Minutes of August 27, 2019 stated session meeting

Requests for excused absences

The 2020 communion schedule:

January 5

February 2

March 1

Lenten worship on March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Maundy Thursday

May 3

June 7 – Trinity Sunday

July 5

August 2

September 6

Oct 4 – Word Communion Sunday (Home Communion)

November 1 – All Saints Sunday

December 6

Routine changes to the membership rolls

TIME FOR EDUCATION AND MUTUAL GROWTH

Dr. Bynum read from and led a discussion of F-3.0107 on church power being “only ministerial and declarative.”

REPORTS

CLERK’S REPORT Thank you notes have been received from Mike Fitze and Pie Mikel for MPPC hosting the STEPS conference.

DEACONS A report was heard on the last meeting of the Diaconate.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHARELSTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY

C. Blackburn, E.C. Branham, P. Custer, J. Molinari, E. Evans attended the meeting September 21 as commissioners at Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church. Also, in attendance were Pastors P. Bynum, B. Edwards, and K. Trimboli and S. Mellichamp and J.Deavor. Margaret Fleming, who grew up in MPPC, was received as a candidate. Two new pastors were introduced to the presbytery. Neighborhood meetings were held.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION The committee has recruited new members and is preparing for the Lenten small group program.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE Nomination forms are being made to the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND FELLOWSHIP The committee is reaching out to new members, connecting with existing fellowship programs, developing a new “Get Connected” card for the pew racks, and updating and streamlining the “Time and Talent” form.

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM REPORT The August financial report was persented:

RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	2 Months Ended			Net Increase (Decrease)	
	Budgeted YTD	August 31, 2019	August 31, 2018	\$\$\$\$	%
Generosity	401,122	294,214	376,763	(82,549)	-21.92%
Other Ministry Receipts	15,040	21,204	19,131	2,073	10.83%
Operational Expenses	64,171	48,507	44,231	4,275	9.67%
Personnel & Ministry Expenses	345,047	326,040	334,089	(8,049)	-2.41%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	6,944	(59,129)	17,574	(76,703)	-436.46%

MISSION In the wake of Hurricane Dorian International Missions has pledged \$5,000 to Water Mission International and \$1,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. On October 20 a Missions Fair will be held.

PERSONNEL Two recommendations were approved.

1. The Personnel Committee moves to adopt a new organizational chart that allows Christian Education to combine the positions of High School and Middle School Ministries into one new position of Youth Ministries Director, along with the addition of up to two part-time assistants.
2. The Personnel Committee moves to amend Section 3.1 of the MPPC Employee Handbook to include paragraph on Compensatory Time after Alternative Work Schedules.

WORSHIP The following motion will be shared with the congregation for input and will be voted on at the October stated meeting:

The Worship Committee and the Christian Education Committee jointly recommend that effective January 5, 2020, MPPC move to two Sunday morning worship times of 9:00 a.m. (Sanctuary) and 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary and the Net), with Christian Education opportunities throughout the week including Sunday morning. The motion was deferred for consideration until the October stated meeting in order to receive congregational input.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS Bids are being received for replacement of the Fellowship Hall roof.

NEW BUSINESS

*Changes to the Manual of Administrative Operations were approved.

*A congregational meeting was called for immediately following the 9:45 service on Sunday October 20 to concur with the following recommendations from the session:

- 1) to sell a parcel of land at 110 Bennett Street and to authorize the trustees to execute that sale
- 2) to reduce the size of the diaconate to 12 per class plus two one-year terms to be served by persons who are youths.