

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
January 28, 2020

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

The following items of business were approved:

- Minutes of the November 19 stated meeting and the November 24 called meeting
- To call a session meeting on February 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving new members
- The celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Women's retreat with the Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons and Rev. Kim Trimboli as officiants.
- Inclusion in the records of the session that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on November 24, December 18, and December 24, 2019, and January 5, 2020
- Requests for excused absences.
- Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's request for MPPC to host the annual STEPS event on August 29, 2020.
- Youth Ministries use of the Fellowship Hall on February 12 to hold a fundraising spaghetti dinner/service auction, with proceeds to be set aside for a Youth Scholarship Fund.
- Children's Ministries to hold Family Mission Day in the Fellowship Hall on February 8
- MPPC and the Learning Center to have a joint team, named "Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church and Learning Center," participate in the Walk for Water on March 21.
- At the request of the Congregational Nominating Committee to call a Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the new slate of officers on Sunday, March 8th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service.
- Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls
- To begin a children's worship service that would take place during the 10:30 service, beginning on February 9. (also endorsed by the Worship Committee)
- An invitation to the Rev. Mr. Ralph Herbert to be the speaker for the Men's Retreat (scheduled for April 17-18).
- To institute an evening worship service beginning March 2020 on Tuesday nights on which stated session meetings are held, commencing at 6:00 p.m., with Services of Wholeness held in March, May, and September; the Lord's Supper celebrated by intinction in January, June, and October; and Services of Evening Prayer observed on the remaining months.
- To create a Youth Scholarship Fund for the purpose of helping youth members defray the costs of participating in church-led field trips, with fundraising activities to be approved by the Session and with disbursements from the Fund to be governed by written guidelines and procedures approved by the Session.
- The 2019 Annual Statistical Report. Copies are available from the clerk.
- The 2020 Stewardship Campaign.
- To engage Pinnacle Leadership Development Group.
- To authorize the trustees to receive two bequests from the J. Richards Plowden, Jr. trusts.

Reports were received from the clerk, the staff, the deacon representative, the commissioners to the winter stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, all of the standing sessional committees, and the Congregational Nominating Committee.

The Financial report was as follows:

RECEIPTS/EXPENSES	6 Months Ended			Net Increase (Decrease)	
	Budgeted YTD	Dec 31, 2019	Dec 31, 2018	\$\$\$\$	%
Generosity	1,404,242	1,382,583	1,310,325	72,258	5.51%
Other Ministry Receipts	53,524	72,518	69,381	3,137	4.52%
Operational Expenses	213,275	188,231	183,452	4,479	2.61%
Personnel & Ministry Expenses	1,166,933	1,067,405	1,098,979	(31,574)	-2.87%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	77,358	199,465	97,275	102,190	105.95%

Of special note:

- Ruling Elder Susan Mellichamp was elected and installed as moderator of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery at its December meeting.
- The deacons continue their work of implementing their new committee structure.
- The zoning variance for the sale of the 110 Bennett Street easement was approved the Board of Zoning Appeals. The trustees have signed a quick claim deed in preparation for closing the sale.
- The contributions of Manfred Brauch to the Adult Education program were recognized.