

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
September 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING DEVOTIONAL AND PRAYER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting was held via Zoom videoconference. Pastor Peter Bynum moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The moderator declared that a quorum was present

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes: August 25, 2020 stated session meeting
August 30, 2020 called meeting
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Approve two weddings to be held on the sanctuary porch:

TIME FOR MUTUAL GROWTH AND EDUCATION D. Holloway of Pinnacle Leadership spoke about the need to have Christ and his mission as our central focus.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE D. Cole answered questions from session members about the current status of the virus in the Charleston area.

CLERK'S REPORT The Lord's Supper was celebrated on September 6, 2020.

DEACONS REPORT Postcards have been mailed to all members of the congregation.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT The following ruling elders attended as commissioners the September 19 summer stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: E. Amory, M Davis, and A. deHoll. Also in attendance were P. Bynum, B. Edwards, J. Deavor, and S. Harbin-Coleman. Ruling Elder Susan Mellichamp of MPPC moderated the meeting which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. MPPC hosted the broadcast team, moderator, and associate stated clerk.

ACTION ITEMS FROM COMMITTEES The following items were approved as amended.

The Worship Committee moved:

- 1) To go forward with an outdoor Sunday service with the time to be set by the Worship Committee to commence October 4.
- 2) To hold a Blessing of the Animals on a Sunday subsequent to the commencement of an outdoor Sunday service.
- 3) To go forward with baptisms during Sunday morning worship.

The Christian Education moved the approval various curricula.

The Pinnacle work group moved that a facilitated discussion group be established.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Christian Education: Rally Day was held on September 13. The Learning Center opened and is operating without incident.
- Fellowship & Congregational Life: Ideas for activities during this time of safe distancing continue to be explored.
- Finance: Cash Balances
 - Operating Funds \$120,916
 - Temporarily Restricted Funds \$465,312 includes \$119,000 from the Plowden Trust (Prop & Grounds)
 - Endowment Funds \$1,160,285
 - Line of Credit \$500,000 available, no outstanding balance
 - Giving – YTD Total \$329,231 (\$186,084 in July 2020; \$143,147 in August 2020)

Actual Tithes YTD 8/31	Actual unpledged YTD 8/31	
\$289,598 (2020)	\$39,633 (2020)	
\$247,046 (2019)	\$44,416 (2019)	
Difference \$42,552	Difference (\$4,783)	\$37,769
	Loose Offering	(2,869)
	Church School	<u>(33)</u>
	Total ahead of YTD August 2019 giving	<u>\$34,867</u>

Expenses

Overall MPPC expenses are \$88,897 under budget as of 8/31/20

Personnel is \$50,299 under budget and will probably remain at current levels through 12/31/20

- Mission: A strategic communication plan is being developed. The Youth raised over \$2000 for Hands of Christ.
- Property & Grounds: JANPRO has been hired as a cleaning service. Jon Williams will start work as our sexton on October 1.
- Personnel: Mitch Snead retired after 21 years of service. The Staff Organizational Chart has been updated. Position Descriptions were reviewed, revised, and approved by the committee.