

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
November 17, 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 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

- A. Approval of minutes: September 28, 2020 stated session
October 27, 2020 stated session meeting
November 5, 2020 special meeting
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls

TIME FOR MUTUAL GROWTH AND EDUCATION

D. Holloway of Pinnacle Leadership spoke of our ordination vow of serving with energy, intelligence, imagination and love [W-4.0404h] and emphasized imagination, particularly in this time of COVID-19.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on November 1, 2020.

DEACONS REPORT

The deacons are assisting with ushering and are forming a new welcoming committee as we return to in person indoor worship

ACTION ITEMS FROM COMMITTEES

The following items were approved.

*The Finance Committee moved the approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE SESSION OF MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TO:

- 1. Authorize and establish that the period from July 1, 2020 to and including December 31, 2020 shall be a fiscal year of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church for all budgeting, accounting and stewardship purposes;
- 2. Authorize and establish that the period from January 1, 2021 to and including December 31, 2021, and from January 1 to and including December 31 of each year thereafter shall be a fiscal year for Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church for all budgeting, accounting and stewardship purposes;
- 3. Authorize and establish that the period from July 1 to and including June 30 of each year shall continue to be a fiscal year for Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church Learning Center for all budgeting and accounting purposes;
- 4. Authorize and approve the extension of the current July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 budget of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church for all accounts to include July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 on a pro-rata calculation of such budget, subject to any adjustments approved by the Session;
- 5. Authorize the Finance and Stewardship Committee to request church members to extend and continue their current estimates of giving for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 by adding the period from July 1, 2021 to and including December 31, 2021, and for such additional period to encourage increases in giving and to ask other members and other church participants to provide estimates of giving;
- 6. Authorize and establish that an annual church-wide stewardship program will be held in the Fall of each year beginning in 2021 and continuing every year thereafter; and
- 7. Authorize the Finance and Stewardship Committee to take all other reasonable or necessary actions to accomplish the changes of fiscal years and related matters all as provided by this Resolution.
- 8. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of approval by the Session.

*The Personnel Committee moved that the session approve and sign letters of appreciation for Ann Burdette, Andi Awkerman, and Mitch Snead to be signed from all members of session and the trustees.

*The Property and Grounds Committee moved that AA be allowed to have outdoor meetings in the parking lot twice weekly (one on Saturday, the other to be determined) starting later in November, with proper COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

*Christian Education: An Advent Booklet has been completed and will be sent to members soon. Children’s and Youth Ministries continue to move forward despite COVID-19. Calendaring for summer events is underway.

*Congregational Nominating Committee: Nominations from the congregation have been opened.

*Fellowship & Congregational Life: A second Trivia Night will be held Sunday, November 22.

*Finance:

Cash Balances

Operating Funds \$39,275

Temporarily Restricted Funds \$459,826 includes \$119,000 from the Plowden Trust (Prop & Grounds)

Endowment Funds \$1,124,156

Line of Credit \$500,000 available, no outstanding balance

Giving – YTD Total \$634,191 (\$186,083 in July; \$143,147 in Aug.; \$123,938 in Sept. 2020; \$181,023 in Oct.)

Actual Tithes YTD 10/31	Actual Unpledged YTD 10/31	Actual Loose Offering YTD 10/31
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\$563,339 (2020)	\$70,417 (2020)	\$435 (2020)
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\$571,074 (2019)	\$107,350 (2019)	\$7,938 (2019)
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Difference (\$7,735)	Difference (\$36,933)	Difference (\$7,502)
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(\$52,170)

Church School (305)

Total behind of YTD October 2019 giving (\$52,475)

Expenses

Overall MPPC expenses are \$153,279 under budget at 10/31/20

Personnel is \$100,697 under budget and will probably remain at current levels through 12/31/20

P & L

Revenues less expenses = (\$158,120) of which \$65,711 is depreciation; w/o depreciation (\$92,409)

*Mission: A gift of \$5000 is being sent to Water Missions to assist with recovery in Honduras from the recent hurricanes.

*Personnel: Staff performance reviews are underway. Pre-COVID -19 office hours will resume November 30.

*Worship: Blessing of the Animals was held November 15. A recorded Taize service is available online. The Thanksgiving service will be available online.

*Property & Grounds: Fellowship Hall roof repairs are nearing completion with funding coming from the Plowden bequest.

NEW BUSINESS

A. The following elders were elected to serve as commissioners to the December 8 Fall Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: Ellen Creed Branham, Paula Custer, Kimbo Richardson, Coby Mozingo, and Dal Schreck.

B. The December stated meeting was canceled