

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall with the Rev. Bart Edwards as moderator.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes: May 25, 2021 stated session meeting

Commission Minutes of May 27 and June 1, 2021

B. Approval of excused absences

C. Approval of the Rev. William Ralston HR to officiate at the baptism of his grandson Hunter Ralston on August 8.

D. Approval the following guest preachers

*July 18- Rev. Dr. Rodney S. Sadler, Jr., Associate Professor of Bible, Union Presbyterian Seminary and as Director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation on the Charlotte campus

*October 24 – Consecration Sunday preacher – Jan Edmiston - Co-moderator of the 222nd GA and General Presbyter, Presbytery of Charlotte

*November TBD Tom Long, professor emeritus of preaching at Candler School of Theology

E. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

F. Approve the following curriculum upon recommendation from the Christian Education Committee:

It's All Under Control Bible Study by Jennifer D. Lee, published by Tyndale Momentum

The Chosen, video series, produced by Angel Studios

The Disciple Making Church: From Dry Bones to Spiritual Vitality (Rev. Ed. 2007) by Glenn McDonald, published by FaithWalk Publishing

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on June 6, 2021.

*The following ordinations and or installations took place on June 6, 2021:

Ruling Elders

Installed as ruling elder to the class of 2022: Al Jenkins

Ordained and installed as to the class of 2022: Abigail Scruggs and McRae Wallace

Installed to the class of 2023: Jane Parker

Installed to the class of 2024: Anne Farmer, Terry Steyer, and Mac Thigpen

Ordained and installed to the class of 2024: Amy Murrell, Theresa Reed, Anna Shugart, and Jason Walton

Deacons

Ordained and installed as to the class of 2024:Garrett Mayer

Installed as to the class of 2024: Benjamin Black, Beth Jacobs

Ordained and installed as to the class of 2024: Jarrett Branham, TJ del Duca, Diedre Fortson, Jean Keeney, Harry Olsen, Cameron Pons, Will Ralston, John David Sikes, and Caroline Williams

*Theresa Reed was ordained and installed to the office of Ruling Elder on June 20, 2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Disciple Making Church will be used for a church-wide small group study in the fall and in January. Summer conference travel by the youth is resuming.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee will be seeking to fill one vacancy on the board of deacons.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Upcoming events: July 25 Movie Night

August 15 Church Picnic

September 15 Fall Kick-Off

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

As of May 31, 2021	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$796,422.63	\$1,204,483
Total Expenses	\$1,008,725.91	\$1,257,072.72
Net Total	(\$212,303.28)	\$(52,589.72)

	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
Bank Balances	\$119,950	\$428,372	\$1,340,498

The review of the six-month finances of July 1-December 31, 2021 has been completed by the *ad hoc* review committee

MISSION

Jeff Taylor has safely returned from a trip to Honduras.

PERSONNEL

Organist Jason Pedeaux has resigned to accept a position at First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL. His last Sunday will be July 18. The Interim Pastor/Head of Staff Search Committee has received training from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery COM and has begun its work.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS

Gutters on the Administration Building are to be replaced. New church signs and outdoor banners will be hung. Parking lot drainage construction for the Hope House will begin soon. The church bus has undergone maintenance and is ready for use.

WHAT WE LEARNED FROM COVID

Dan Wiard will lead this effort with one representative from each sessional committee.

WORSHIP

A search for a Music Leader for the Net will commence. Martha Waters is retiring from being the flower ministry coordinator. Efforts to expand the pool of lay readers are underway.

HEALING PROCESS

Elders were asked to review the Pinnacle Working Group recommendations adopted in February as well as the Standing Rules for session meetings. The session read aloud together the Session Covenant.

Each stated meeting will now begin with worship in the sanctuary, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper, with that service open to the congregation. The business part of the meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN

*An updated Child Protection Policy was approved.

*A Deacon Care Fund was established with funds from the Challenge Grant with the funds to be used to provide financial assistance to individuals and/or families who are connected to the who are experiencing an acute financial crisis on a one-time, urgent basis.