

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order with prayer in the Fellowship Hall by Associate Pastor Bart Edwards who moderated the meeting. Ruling Elder Mack Cross gave the devotional via a video recording on optimism and offered the opening prayer. The Lord's Supper was celebrated.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes: August 24 stated session meeting
 September 12, 2021 special meeting of the congregation
 September 16, 2021 commission meeting
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

DEACONS REPORT

Sarah Wendell is serving as moderator. Committees for the new program year have been appointed.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO SUMMER STATED MEETING OF CHARLESTON

ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY: Ruling Elders Deavor, Farmer, Jenkins, Scott, and Thigpen attended the meeting that was held via Zoom. For more information go to <http://capresbytery.org/spring-2021-stated-meeting/>

CLERK'S REPORT

- *The Lord's Supper was celebrated on August 24 and September 5
- *Caroline Williams and Jenn Keaney were ordained and installed to the office of deacon on September 19, 2021 to the class of 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

As of August 31, 2021	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,191,774.89	\$1,811,423.00
Total Expenses	\$1,522,755.10	\$1,929,455.95
Net Total	(\$360,980.21)	(\$118,032.95)

	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
Bank Balances	\$123,924	\$415,187	\$1,364,729

The Gathering, a.k.a. Consecration Sunday/the fall stewardship campaign, will be held October 24 with a single worship service at 11AM and a congregational meal following the worship service.

MISSION

ESOL is underway with both in person and Zoom classes. Kairos Outside will receive \$300 of undesignated gifts from last year's Wise Giving program. Consultations are underway with other local congregations to assist with Afghan resettlements in our area.

PERSONNEL

Interviews are being conducted for an interim pastor and will soon be conducted for a director of Children's ministry.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS Howard Michaels has built new sign holders. A number of repair items are being deferred due to budget concerns.

WORSHIP In response to what had been learned from COVID-19, appropriate Integration of additional technology into the worship spaces is under consideration.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION The Rally Day celebration was held September 15 with ~200 people in attendance. *Wednesdays at the Well* began the following week. Youth and Children's Programs are underway. The Learning Center began its academic year with in person instruction.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE A church-wide picnic was held August 15 and another outdoor movie night is planned for October 8.

NEW BUSINESS

*By unanimous consent the following invitations to guest preachers were extended:

October 17, 2021 to Pastor Leon Dorleans of Haiti Outreach Ministries

January 9, 2022 to James Spence, Preside PCUSA Board of Pensions

*COVID CURRENT SITUATION Ruling Elder Dr. T. Steyer, MD gave a report on the current COVID-19 health situation in the Charleston area. There will be no change at this time in current policies.

*HEALING PROCESS Further reflections were made from the August 14 session retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. Ruling Elder A. Scruggs offered the closing prayer.