

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
January 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was moderated by Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff Danie DeBeer. Due to public health concerns from the Omicron variant of COVID-19 the meeting was held via Zoom. Ruling Elder Anne Farmer gave the opening devotional and prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following minutes were approved: November 30, 2021 stated meeting and the December 7, 2021 called meeting
The Annual Congregational Meeting be set for March 27, 2022 immediately following the 11:00 service.
Routine changes to the membership rolls were approved.

DEACONS REPORT

Deacon Patti Horton reported on the work of the committees of the diaconate: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Food Ministry, Ushers, and Sunshine Committee.

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on November 30, December 5, 15, and 24, 2021 and January 2, 2022.
*Changes of dates for the upcoming winter and spring meetings of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery were announced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

WORSHIP Thanks was expressed for the work of the many people who worked to make the advent and Christmas services a success. The music director search committee is in the final stages of interviews.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION The Lenten small group study will be on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The Learning Center is running smoothly despite impacts due to the recent COVID variant.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE The committee will receive nominations through February 14.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE An oyster roast (without a chili cook-off due to the Omicron variant spike) will be held February 13. A reception for the DeBeers will be held once the current Omicron variant spike declines to a safe level.

MISSION The only international trips planned for 2022 are those organized by Jeff Taylor's Palmetto International Missions (PIM). MPPC, All Saints Lutheran Church, and The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints have joined together as a "Circle of Friends" with Lutheran Refugee and Immigrant Services to assist in the relocation of an Afghan family. A priority for 2022 is the development of a churchwide mission project in which the entire congregation can participate. The Wise Giving program raised \$24,463 for local and international mission partners.

PERSONNEL A joint recommendation from Personnel and Finance & Stewardship to for a 5% COLA for all members of the staff was approved.

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS Sound system issues in the sanctuary are being

investigated. A list of general maintenance items for 2022 has been generated and will be addressed as the to-be-approved budget provides.

FINANCE& STEWARDSHIP

As of December 31, 2021	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$2,104,107.72	\$2,862,973.00
Total Expenses	\$2,274,861.43	\$2,862,973.00
Net Total	(\$170,753.71)	\$0.00

Bank Balances	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
12/21/2021	\$385,439	\$540,323	\$1,531,347
12/31/2020	\$253,760	\$461,416	\$1,234,740

To date, 258 estimates of giving have been received for a total of ~1.459 M\$. A 2022 budget will be presented to the session for approval in February.

NEW BUSINESS

*The 2021 Statistical Report was approved. A copy is available on the MPPC website.

*Current protocols will remain in place for the remainder of the month.

STAFF REPORTS

Written/and or oral reports were received from the staff. D. DeBeer presented a PowerPoint based on the book *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change by William Bridges*.