

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
September 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Associate Pastor Bart Edwards who moderated the meeting. Anne Famer gave the opening devotional based on Christ as the ultimate example. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the meeting moved to Fellowship Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes

Approval of excused absences

Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

Approval of the curriculum *Hope: A User's Manual* by Maryann McKibben Dana.

DEACON'S REPORT Three new committees are being formed: Transportation, Older Adults, and Youth.

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on September 4, 2022

*Session & Diaconate Retreat Saturday November 5, 2022 at Sunrise Presbyterian Church

*On August 28, 2022 Ruling Elder Barry Blackburn was installed on the session to the Class of 2025:

*Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery STEPS co-chair, the Rev. Dr. Laurey Harrell.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT of the Summer Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery J. Deavor, A. Farmer, S. Mellichamp, and M. Thigpen attended the meeting along with Associate Pastor Bart Edwards on September 17 at Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church. The Revs. Donnie Woods (General Presbyter) and Mike Fitze (Pastor of Palmetto Presbyterian Church) were honorably retired. A recap of the meeting may be viewed at <http://capresbytery.org/summer-2022-stated-meeting/>

COMMITTEE REPORTS Written reports were received from the committees and circulated prior to the meeting.

Christian Education Sunday morning and evening children's programs are going well. Middle School Prayer breakfast has started and meets on Tuesdays at church. There were 30 youth in attendance with many new faces. High School Prayer breakfast meets on Thursdays at the Chick-Fil-A on Long Point Road. Confirmation starts in October. Emma Ghighi has started as the new youth intern. The Fall Festival will be on October 30th.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The Rally Day breakfast was well-attended. Sunday Night Live evening programming and dinner has started with a strong attendance. A Family Retreat in Montreat is planned for March 3-5, 2023.

Finance & Stewardship The Stewardship Committee is planning The Gathering on October 16th. The Rev Dr Biz Wilcoxon, Presbyterian College's Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual Life will be the guest preacher. The committee reviewed the initial budget for 2023. The Endowment Committee has chosen the Texas Presbyterian Foundation as the new financial advisor for the coming year

As of August 31, 2022	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,107,094.10	\$1,165,490
Total Expenses	\$1,587,393.57	\$1,545,519.80

Net Total	(\$480,299.47)	(\$380,029.80)
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Bank Balances	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
8/31/2022	\$22,082	\$582,863	\$1,385,456

Missions Committee Rise Against Hunger program was held on September 25th. 14,000 meals were packed The MPPC Mission Fair will be held October 16th from 10 am to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall roundabout. A trip to the Lamb Institute in Honduras is being planned for July 2023.
Personnel Committee

Personnel Lib McGregor Simmons has tendered her resignation effective December 10, 2022. Jessica White, has been hired as the Associate Director of Music Ministries and Organist. She will be part-time, and work thirty hours a week, starting October 1.

Property and Grounds Committee

Work on the roof has essentially been completed, though some miscellaneous repair of damaged landscaping remains. A night custodian has been hired and a search for a new sexton has begun. Work continues on addressing the Hope House drainage problem.

Worship Committee

2022		Aug 7	Aug 14	Aug 21	Aug 28
Streaming		151	172	n/a	n/a
9:00	In-person	86	95	83	117
11:00	In-person	184	217	250	174
Total		421	484	333	291

As of September 11 the Friendship Ritual Pads are now back in the sanctuary and NET.

NEW BUSINESS

*A second and final reading of the Wedding Policy to update it to bring it in compliance with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was approved.

*The hiring of Jessica Minahan White as Associate Director of Music/Organist was approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Written/and or oral reports were received from the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. A. Murrell offered the closing prayer at 8:06 p.m.