

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**November 29, 2022**

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA** Ellen Gower moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

- A. Approval of minutes: October 25, 2022
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls

**DEACONS' REPORT** Deacon J. Rainero reported that all is going well with the deacons.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

\*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on October 25 and November 6, 2022

\*Called session meeting 7:00 PM Sunday December 4 for the purpose of receiving new members

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Congregational Nominating Committee**

Suggestions for next year's slate of officers will be received from the congregation and from the session until January 25, 2023

**Fellowship and Congregational Life** The Saturday Night Live meal program has gone well and adjustments for the registration system will be made for 2023. Due to cost, there will be no oyster roast in 2023. The church-wide retreat to Montreat has been postponed.

**Missions Committee** MPPC's annual alternative giving campaign has begun. An MPPC Volunteer Catalog that outlines local mission opportunities has been printed and made available to the congregation. Six people committed to Lamb Institute trip for summer 2023.

**Personnel** Courtney Kraus announced today that she has accepted another call and her last day with us will be December 18. A review of personnel reductions over the last four years was given showing a reduction in the personnel budget of \$548,822 and the loss of approximately 7 FTE staff positions.

**Property and Grounds Committee** We continue to advertise for the sexton position, but no viable candidates have surfaced thus far. A drain was installed in the Hope House parking lot; the drain leads to the nearest catch basin.

**Worship Committee** For Christmas Eve services traditional communion will be held during the 6 pm and 8 pm services with communion by modified intinction at the 11 pm service. There will be no Communion on January 1, 2023. A Thanksgiving Virtual Service was posted on the website.

2022		Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
<b>Streaming</b>		167	60	120	138	112
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	108	95	N/A	97	88
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	194	172	470	176	135
<b>Total</b>		469	337	590	411	335

**Christan Education** The Advent workshop this past Sunday was well attended. A host of seasonal events are underway for all ages. Plans are in place for Lent and other programming in the first quarter of 2023.

**Finance & Stewardship**

To date 281 pledges have been received totaling \$1,426,536.33.

As of October 31, 2022	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,400,264.78	\$1,450,270
Total Expenses	\$1,994,399.86	\$1,948,117.50
Net Total	(\$594,135.08))	(\$497,847.50)

Bank Balances	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
	\$28,432	\$403,827	\$1,348,208

M. Cross moved approval of the following recommendations from the committee. Both recommendations were approved:

- 1) Transfer \$29,639.98 in Youth Ministry TRF to the operating account to partially offset \$51,580 Youth budget in 2023 (per conversation with Director of Youth Ministries)
- 2) Direct F& S Chair to work with various other ministries to create an “Annual Report”

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

Words of thanksgiving and a round of applause were offered for both Courtney Kraus and Lib Simmons McGregor who will complete their terms of service with MPPC in the coming weeks.