

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
March 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:31 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Ellen Gower gave the opening devotional on the languages of love: affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service, and physical touch. She then offered the opening prayer. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the meeting moved to Grace Hall 123-125.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes:
 Stated meeting of February 28, 2023
 Called meeting of March 19, 2023
- B. Approval of excused absences:
- C. Approval of weddings and baptisms:

DEACONS' REPORT

Deacon Will Ralston reported on the deacons and the work of diaconate.

CLERK'S REPORT

- *The Lord's Supper was celebrated on February 28 and March 5, 2023
- *In accordance with M-5.06, by a vote of 19-0 via an electronic poll concluded on March 21, 2023, the session approved the baptisms of confirmands Ella Clark and Evans Duke.
- *There will be a called meeting of the session Sunday April 16, 2023 at 6:45 PM for the purpose of receiving new members in Grace Hall 123-125.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Congregational Nominating Committee The committee has developed its slate and will present it for election at the annual meeting of the congregation on April 2. The committee will then begin working on a slate for a pastor nominating committee. Mac Thigpen moved to direct the Congregational Nominating Committee to fill a nine-member pastor nominating committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The Sunday Night Live program remains the main focus of the committee. As the May 7 program year nears its end, the committee will seek input as it evaluates the past year and plan for next year.

Finance & Stewardship

As of February 28, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$291,129.58	\$395,585.00	(\$104,455.42)
Total Expenses	\$364,638	\$391,906.27	\$27,268.27
Net Total	(\$73,508.42)	\$3,678.83	(\$77,187.15)

The committee is reviewing the split of capital costs with the Learning Center.

Missions Committee The LAMB Institute was the subject of the March 26th SNL Mission Night. MPPC funding sent to Haiti Outreach Ministry has allowed this partner to move forward with construction of the Bible College. The Academy of St. John Sunday school will be sponsoring a student

at Haiti Outreach Ministries. Rakes on Wheels is going well with lots of participation from church members and families.

Personnel A search continues to fill the youth ministry director and the organist vacancies. Jason Walton moved to authorize the Personnel Committee to negotiate terms of service with a potential candidate as the interim director of youth ministries. The motion was seconded and passed.

Property and Grounds Committee The coil in one of the air handlers above the sanctuary ceiling has been replaced. An access door in the ceiling so that any future repairs will be easier and less expensive.

Worship Committee Individually wrapped gluten free wafers to be put alongside the bread on the bread trays that are passed at the 11:00 service. The Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 in the sanctuary will include communion and the presentation of Faure's Requiem by the choir and Charleston Symphony musicians. On Good Friday from 12:00 - 3:00, Stations of the Cross will be set up at various locations around the church campus. Worship attendance numbers are as follows.

2023		Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19	Feb 26
Streaming		143	132	134	133
9:00	In-person	92	111	80	161
11:00	In-person	195	293	225	250
Total		430	536	439	544

Christan Education Palm Sunday Parades will be held at both 9 and 11:00 services with the East Egg hunt following the 11:00 service. Vacation Bible School has 130 signed up and will open registration March 16 to the public. Forty-eight confirmands were received into membership with Ellie McDermott providing able leadership this year.

With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. Mac Thigpen offered the closing prayer at 8:16 p.m.