

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
May 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:32 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Bob Ostrom gave the opening devotional and offered the opening prayer. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the meeting moved to Grace Hall 223-225.

SPECIAL ORDER: LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING TEAM

Following a presentation by the team, facilitated by David Cole, the session was asked if it is able and willing to engage in improving leadership and decision making with this team. The session answered unanimously in the affirmative.

SPECIAL ORDER: EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS- ELECT

Having been duly elected at the annual meeting of the congregation on April 2, 2023 and undergone a period of training in accordance with G-3.0201c which included child protection and sexual harassment prevention, the officers-elect were examined in accordance to G-2.0104b by small groups of the session. After which, the examinations were approved.

CLERK'S REPORT

*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on May 23, 2023.

*Correspondence from Catherine Byrd, Stated Clerk, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: According to the most recent statistical report from the OGA, Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church now has 1774 members. Accordingly, the number of commissioners the session may elect to attend presbytery meetings is now reduced to 4, from 5.

*Ordination and Installation of new officers will take place on June 4 at the 11AM service

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christan Education Summer programming will see reduced Sunday School classes but a heavier focus on trips, conferences, and special programming such as VBS. A major goal for the summer is to reconnect the middle and high school young people to the church and its programs.

Fellowship and Congregational Life Bites Between Bibles with coffee, lemonade and donuts will be served at the back of the fellowship hall from 8-9 and 10-11 this summer will begin June 4th.

Finance & Stewardship

As of April 30, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$606,202.54	\$684,950.00	(\$78,747.66)
Total Expenses	\$779,907.23	\$796,239.26	\$16,433.31
Net Total	(\$173,603.31)	(\$111,289.26)	(\$62,314.05)

Bank Balances as of April 30, 2023

Operating \$ 22,480

MM/TRF \$534,250

Endowment \$1,490,592

The growing budget deficit continues to be monitored. No transfers from pre-approved TRF funds into the operating budget have had to have been made. A Venmo account is being set up to aid with fundraising and paying for registered events. TRF funds are now being held in a higher yielding money market account and will generate \$17-18K in interest revenue annually at current rates. Study and discussion continue to prepare MPPC for a more sustainable financial future.

Missions Committee Presbyterian Women have been asked to help with making up cleaning pails for the One80 clients who could move into new housing.

Personnel The Committee is studying the best staffing size model for a congregation of our size. The search for an Interim Youth Director continues.

Property and Grounds Committee Five new security cameras have been installed on the second floor of both Grace Hall and Seabrook. Bids for a keyless entry system are being explored. bids. A new fire alarm panel has been installed. The morning AA group has been moved from the basement of Grace Hall to the Fellowship Hall. The “wedding steps” are now installed permanently and will be repainted. Changes have been made to the chancel area with a pew now to be used for worship leaders Recent repairs include the parking lot lamp post, a gate in the playground, the stove in the kitchen, and the floor-cleaning machine.

Worship Committee Gluten free individually wrapped wafers will be in a basket in the narthex for those who want to get them when arriving on communion Sundays. The Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan service was held on Sunday, May 21st with bagpipers and drummers, a processional of the tartans, and a reception after the 11:00 service. The Charlotte Master Chorale will perform music based on poetry at 3:00 pm on Saturday May 27th in the sanctuary as part of the Village Concert May 27th. Hymns on Tap will be held on June 8th at Westbrook Brewing.

2023		April 1	April 9	April 16	Apr 23	April 30
Streaming		109	230	103	134	113
9:00	In-person	120	192	77	103	109
10:00			647			
11:00	In-person	470	210	205	226	197
Total		699	1279	385	463	419

NEW BUSINESS:

- *The following sessional committee appointments were approved by unanimous consent:
- Christian Education: Sharron. Barnett ('25), Missy. Westerhold ('25), Joe Rainero ('26)
- Congregational Nominating Committee: Ellen Gower ('25), Joe Rainero ('26)
- Fellowship& Congregational Life: Amy Murrell ('24), Ellen Gower ('25), Rebecca Sailor ('26)
- Finance & Stewardship: Jason Walton ('24), Trey Lucy ('25)
- Missions: J. Purcell ('24) Rachael Spach ('24),Theresa Reed ('24), Terry Steyer ('24), Caroline Feller ('25), Anna Shaw ('26)
- Personnel: Mac Thigpen ('24), Susan Dalton ('26), Julie Stephenson ('26)
- Property & Grounds: Andrew. deHoll ('25), Rick Spivey ('25), Towner Magill ('26)
- Worship: Anne Farmer ('24), Barry Blackburn ('25), Diane Hader ('26)
- *Harry Olsen was re-elected as church treasurer.
- *Jim Deavor was re-elected as clerk.