# **MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

Stated Session Meeting Digest September 26, 2023

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order in the Grace Hall 123 at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Susan Dalton gave the opening devotional and offered the opening prayer. The Lord's Supper was celebrated.

<u>SPECIAL ORDER: CONGREGATIONAL VISION TEAM</u> Three initial proposals for a vision statement were presented. The session will offer further feedback over the next two weeks and the team will return to the October stated meeting to finalize their report to the congregation on October 29.

## CONSENT AGENDA Approval of minutes: August 22, 2023

- A. Approval of excused absences
- B. Admit/Approve changes to the membership rolls:

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

- \*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on August 22 and September 3, 2023
- \*On September 17, 2023 Ruling Elder Martha Feil was commissioned by the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Commission on Ministry.as a lay pastor to serve with Presbyterian Pilgrimage and Kairos Prison Ministry.
- \*By electronic vote the session authorized the renewal of the line of credit.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE SEPTEMBER 16 SUMMER STATED MEETING OF CHARLESTO ATLANTOC PRESBYTERY Commissioners Susan Dalton, Jim Deavor, Anne Farmer, and Susan Mellichamp reported on the meeting held at Aimwell Presbyterian Church on September 16. Also in attendance were Martha Feil and Danie DeBeer.

<u>COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: WORSHIP</u> Barry Blackburn presented a report on the Joys, Laments, Creations, and Prayers of the committee.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Reports were circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

**Christan Education** The first Wednesday Night had 65 children attending the classes, choir and dinner. 70 middle school and 20 high school students are active. There are presently 28 confirmation students. There are 4 adult classes on Sunday morning. Rally Day was well attended.

**Fellowship and Congregational Life** There are 13 teams preparing breakfast each Sunday on a rotating basis. The next all-church event will be trunk-or treat-on Sunday, October 29.

Finance & Stewardship Consecration Sunday will be October 22.

| As of August 31 31, 2023 | Actual YTD     | Budgeted YTD   | Difference     |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Revenues           | \$1,274,063.25 | \$1,191,380    | \$82,683.25    |
| Total Expenses           | \$1,508,071.30 | \$1,562.178.91 | \$54,107.61    |
| Net Total                | (\$234,008.05) | (\$370,798.91) | (\$136,790.86) |

Bank Balances as of August 31, 2023

Operating \$25,462 MM/TRF \$405,843 Endowment \$1,613,246

**Missions** MPPC will host a table at the annual LAMB Institute fundraiser "Party with a Purpose" on October 12th. The annual Mission Fair is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd and will be in

<sup>\*</sup>Correspondence- Thank you note from Pie Mikell on behalf of the CAP STEPS Team

conjunction with Stewardship Sunday. Rise for Hunger was held September 24 and 14,040 food packets were packaged.

## Personnel

Recommendation: That the Session approve the attached staffing model for implementation and its presentation to the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery's Commission on Ministry as assurance of MPPC's thoughtful discernment of staffing needs now and into the future.

# **MPPC Staffing Model by Function**

### No Known Changes

- Music Department
- · Daily Operations/Administration
- Communications
- Finance
- Hope House
- Learning Center

# **Educational Staffing Needs** Immediate:

- Director of Youth (FT)
- Director of Children (PT) Jan 2024

#### Anticipated:

 DCE, retirement (this position will become the Assoc Pastor – Families and Their Children)

### Pastoral Staffing Needs

### Immediate:

- Senior Pastor/Head of Staff PNC active
- Assoc Pastor Families and Children
- Parish Associate Pastoral Care

#### Anticipated:

 Assoc Pastor, retirement 2+ years out (focus TBD)

**Property and Grounds Committee** Sanctuary repairs continue to proceed. ServPro has finished drying out the Sanctuary, and they have moved and taped things off so that demolition of damaged areas can be done without harming the organ. Power has been restored.

## **Worship Committee**

| Worship Atte | endance   | Aug 6 | Aug 13 | Aug 20 | Au 27 |
|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
|              | Streaming | 107   | 171    | 212    | 187   |
| 9:00         | In-person | 80    | 115    | 124    | 139   |
| 11:00        | In-person | 183   | 196    | 230    | 218   |
| Total        |           | 370   | 462    | 568    | 544   |

**NEW BUSINESS** The session voted to authorize transfer of all remaining ERTC Funds to the General Fund. The motion was seconded and passed.