

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
October 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the Grace Hall 123 at 6:30 p.m. by Associate Pastor Bart Edwards who moderated the meeting. Joe Rainero gave the opening devotional and offered the opening prayer. The Lord's Supper was celebrated.

The session approved two items:

1. A Vision Statement to accompany our mission statement: "A community of faith where all are welcomed and encouraged to actively live out God's love with energy, compassion, and joy."
2. A Mission Discernment Form. This is required to move forward with the pastor search process. It will now need approval from the Commission on Ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.
- 3.

CONSENT AGENDA Approval of minutes: September 27, 2023

- A. Approval of excused absences:
- B. Admit/Approve changes to the membership rolls:
- C. To approve the following baptisms:
- D. To approve the following weddings
- E. To approve the request of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery for MPPC to again host STEPS on August 24, 2024.
- F. To approve a request from the Women's Retreat Planning Committee to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the Women's Retreat at Litchfield Beach and Golf at Pawley's Plantation on February 4, 2024 with Commissioned Ruling Elder Martha Feil to be the celebrant.

CLERK'S REPORT

- *The Lord's Supper was celebrated on September 26 and October 1, 2023
- *Session retreat November 18 at Sunrise Presbyterian Church 9AM-2PM
- *Called session meeting Sunday November 12 at 6:45 PM for the purpose of receiving new members

COMMITTEE REPORTS Reports were circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

Christan Education The Learning Center academic year is in full swing. Advent Study Groups will be organized in November. A Women's Retreat is being planned by a volunteer committee for February 2024. A Youth Ministry Search Team has been recruited. A Children's Ministry Search Team is being recruited.

Fellowship and Congregational Life Coming Events Fall Festival October 29, Advent Season kick-off November 26, Pancake Supper on February 16.

Finance & Stewardship Consecration Sunday was held October 22. As of today, 154 pledges have been received totaling \$944,000. Year-to-date ~\$97,000 of ERTC funds have been used to maintain operations. Expenses have been down across the board, mostly due to unfilled personnel positions.

As of August 31 31, 2023	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$1,406,182.99	\$1,322,650	\$83,532.99
Total Expenses	\$1,692,489.84	\$1,756,720.74	\$64,230.90
Net Total	(\$286,306.85)	(\$434,070.74)	\$147,763.89

Bank Balances as of September 30, 2023

Operating \$21, 073 MM/TRF \$372,699 Endowment \$1,555,536

Missions The Lamb Institute’s Party with a Purpose was attended by 16 MPPC members. MPPC was a sponsor for the evening. Jeff Taylor and Palmetto International Missions are currently in Honduras building houses. A Mission Fair of local and international mission partners was hosted on October 22 as part of the Gathering/Consecration Sunday. Wise Giving season begins in November.

Personnel The committee has reviewed and approved the 2024 Personnel budget recommendation. A small group has been put together to explore potential ways to reduce the cost of Board of Pensions health insurance benefits.

Property and Grounds Committee Plumbing has been repaired in the Fellowship Hall. Bathrooms and electronic locks have been installed on several doors. Plans to redesign the beds around the front of the Sanctuary are underway. Communications continue with the Town of Mount Pleasant for the sanctuary repair process which will include meeting building code provisions. A structural engineer and architect have been secured.

Worship Committee Possible modifications to Christmas Eve services are being discussed should all Christmas Eve services need to be held in the Fellowship Hall. An organ committee has been formed with Mac Thigpen and Greg Miller as co-chairs. The wedding fee for non-members has been reduced to \$1000 for use of the sanctuary. Other wedding fees remain the same.

Worship Attendance		Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24
	Streaming	125	75	116	102
9:00	In-person	88		104	83
10:00	In-person		300		
11:00	In-person	169		379	205
Total		382	375	599	390

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to conduct, the moderator adjourned the meeting. Jason Walton offered the closing prayer at 8:08 p.m.