

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Digest
April 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in Seabrook 206 at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Theresa Reed offered the opening prayer.

Faith statements were shared by members of the confirmation class who were then received into membership.

The Organ Committee was directed to proceed with soliciting proposals for a new organ and to develop an implementation plan for approval by the session.

Ellen Creed Branham’s covenant relationship as a Commissioned Ruling Elder was endorsed and forwarded to the Commission on Ministry of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.

Changes to the Employee Handbook regarding the dress code were approved. Changes to the Sabbatical Leave Policy to make qualifying program staff members eligible for sabbatical leave were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA The consent agenda was approved without objection.

- A. Approval of minutes: stated meeting of February 27, 2024
- B. Approval of excused absences

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christan Education The Learning Center now has a tab on the MPPC website. The Kids Rock program has ended for the year. It was determined that moving activities from Sunday to Wednesdays was much better for attendance for all activities including choir. Planning and sign up for Vacation Bible School is underway. Ellen Creed Branham will begin work June 1 facilitating the Christian Education program and in particular adult faith formation.

Congregational Nominating Committee The slate of officers is complete and work on securing at-large members of the congregational nominating committee is underway.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The farewell covered dish luncheon for Dan and Lynn Wiard was well attended with lots of good food.

Finance & Stewardship

As of March 31, 2024	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$567,968.60	\$470,078
Total Expenses	\$653,005.73	\$630,481.75
Net Total	(\$ 85,037.13)	(\$160,403.75)

Bank Balances as of March 31, 2024

Operating \$68,772 MM/TRF \$524,659 Endowment \$1,796,111

Missions Rakes on Wheels cleaned 10 yards with 45 adults and 34 youth helping. More than 25 congregation members attended the annual Nehemiah Action held by the Charleston Area Justice Ministry. Five church members have signed up for Palmetto Missions International intergenerational trip in July 2024 trip.

Property and Grounds Committee Work was completed on the sanctuary repair, the town issued a certificate of occupancy, and worship was held in the sanctuary this past Sunday morning. Gutters on the Admin Building and Grace Hall have been cleaned. The campus was pressure washed in advance of Easter Sunday. Landscaping has been enhanced from efforts of the Girl Scouts and Jackie Ashbaugh and her grounds crew. A new refrigerator was purchased for the Fellowship Hall kitchen to replace its predecessor which had failed.

Worship Committee

Worship Attendance	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
Streaming	176	143	148	110
8:30	In-person 77	179	70	146
11:00	In-person 283	312	390	225
Total	536	634	608	481

Worship Attendance	Mar 3	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31
Streaming	157	177	122	160	261
8:30	In-person 132	98	122	112	260
10:00					600
11:00	In-person 296	274	222	450	220
Total	585	549	466	722	1341

CLERK’S REPORT

*The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on February 27, March 1, March 28, and April 7

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE WINTER STATED MEETING OF CHARLESTON ATLANTIC

PRESBYTERY ON FEBRUARY 24, 2024: Jim Deavor, Ellen Gower, Susan Mellichamp, Joe Rainero attended the meeting along with pastors Danei DeDeer and Bart Edwards. The Rev. Rebecca Albright was elected and installed as General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors. Ruling Elder David Yandle of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island was installed as stated clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE SPECIAL OF CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY ON APRIL 17,

2024: Jim Deavor, Ellen Gower, Susan Mellichamp attended the meeting via Zoom along with Associate Pastor Bart Edwards. The presbytery voted to endorse the Rev. CeCe Armstrong of St. James Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Anthony L. Larson of New Harmony Presbytery to stand for election as moderator of the 226th General Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO SPRING STATED MEETING OF CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY to be held May 14 at New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, McClellanville: Sharon Barnett, Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, and Theresa Reed were elected.
- B. ELECTION OF SESSION MEMBERS TO THE “COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES”: Ellen Gower, Joe Rainero, and Mac Thigpen were elected. (The clerk and moderator serve ex-officio)
- C. Ellen Gower moved to call the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday May 19 following the 11AM service in order to elect a new class of ruling elders and deacons, at-large members of the Congregation Nominating Committee, to approve change to the terms

of call for Associate Pastor Bart Edwards, and to receive the budget as information. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to conduct the moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Mac Thigpen offered the closing prayer.