

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Associate Pastor Bart Edwards. Ann Crowder gave the devotional and offered the opening prayer. Rev. Edwards led the session and guests in celebrating the Lord's Supper. The session then recessed to Grace Hall 123-125 where Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour moderated the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

With no items being pulled, the consent agenda was passed by unanimous consent.

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2024 Stated Meeting and the October 20, 2024 Called Session Meeting
- c. Approval of excused absences
- d. Approval changes to membership rolls: none
- e. Approval of following weddings

SPECIAL ORDER

John Cleek appeared before the session to share his journey of faith and to express his call to seek ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. He has begun attending part-time Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte. Susan Dalton moved that the session endorse John Cleek for admission to candidacy as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The motion was seconded and passed. The moderator appointed Joe Rainero to be the session's liaison with Dr. Cleek. Rev. Edwards offered a prayer for John and his exploration of his call.

DEACONS REPORT

Deacon Bob Gottke reported that the deacons continue to exercise their ministry of compassion and service. The deacons committee structure is functioning as they tend to their duties which also include ushering and helping with food for special events.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on September 24 and October 6, 2024.

Correspondence:

Letter from Becky Albright, General Presbyter, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery regarding the work of presbytery and financial support for that work.

Letter from Davd Yandle, Stated Clerk, Charleston Atlantic Presbytery regarding the proposed amendments to the constitution.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of yesterday 129 pledges had been received totaling \$834,850. Consecration Sunday is this coming Sunday with a special adult Sunday School class to be held in between the two morning worship services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

Christian Education

The Learning Center will participate in Fall Festival with MPPC October 27. The committee approved "Stay Awhile: Advent Lessons in Divine Hospitality" by Kara Eldsen for the churchwide Advent study. The Confirmation Class has begun. This past Sunday was Children's Sabbath with many children and youth participating in leadership roles.

A motion from the committee to approve a Pie Auction on Sunday December 1 as part of the Advent Workshop with proceeds to go to underwriting youth trip costs was made and passed.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The committee sponsored the post-installation reception of Pastor Abdour.

Finance & Stewardship

As of September 30, 2024	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,622,275.41	\$1,509,618
Total Expenses	\$1,906,403.11	\$1,749,643.93
Net Total	(\$284,127.97)	\$(240,025.93)

Bank Balances as of September 30, 2024

Operating \$8,786 MM/TRF \$259,647 Endowment \$1,904,131

Missions The committee authorized donations of \$2,000 to each for Hurricane Helene relief : Water Mission, Montreat Conference Center, Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, Palma Ceia Presbyterian church, and Tryon Presbyterian Church. Donations in excess of \$7,000 have been received from the congregation for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and for supplies for hygiene kits and clean up buckets. Over 400 kits and 100 buckets have been assembled and delivered to the presbytery for transportation to the affected areas.

Personnel The Personnel Committee approved increases for the childcare workers.

Property and Grounds Ongoing projects include plumbing, doors, windows, soap dispensers, lights, repair of the bus, and HVAC.

Worship Committee

Worship Attendance	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Streaming	188	317	183	183	142
8:30 In-person	88	Rally Day	133	136	136
11:00 In-person	187	474	391	258	234
Total	463	791	707	577	512

The organ committee continues its work and will report back in January.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to conduct the moderator adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Beverly Hutchison offered the closing prayer.