

MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
Stated Session Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Senior Pastor Nicole Partin Abdnour who moderated the meeting. Rick Spivey gave the devotional and offered the opening prayer. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated with Pastor Abdnour as the officiant.

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

- A. Approval of minutes: stated meeting of August 27, 2024
- B. Approval of excused absences
- C. Approve changes to the membership rolls: None
- D. The Worship Committee moves to approve a Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m.

DEACONS REPORT Deacon Sue Verner reported that the deacons continue to exercise their ministry of compassion and service.

CLERK’S REPORT

- *The Lord’s Supper was celebrated on August 27 and September 1, 2024
- *A thank you note was received from the STEPS ministry team of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery thanking MPPC for again hosting the event with special thanks to our sexton Wayne Stewart and his son and to local arrangements chair Pam Spivey for their efforts.
- *The moderator has called a special meeting of the session for Sunday October 20, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving new members.

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT of the Summer Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery held September 21 at St. James Presbyterian Church
Commissioners Susan Dalton, Jim Deavor, Susan Mellichamp, and Harry Olsen attended the meeting as well as Pastors Bart Edwards and Nicole Partin Abdnour. Co-moderator of the 226th General Assembly CeCe Armstrong and Tony Larson were present and led worship and reported on the assembly. Commissioned Pastor Dr. Priscilla Holtzclaw of Westminster Presbyterian Church was elected moderator and the Rev. Dr. Mike Fitze of New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church was elected vice moderator for 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Reports were circulated electronically prior to the meeting.

Christian Education Sunday School classes began September 15. A four-week Wednesday night “A Dip Into the Gospels” program will be held in October. Youth programs are underway`. Wednesday evening children’s programs are underway.

Fellowship and Congregational Life The committee sponsored the brunch on Rally Day and provided pizza for Rise Against Hunger.

Finance & Stewardship

As of August 31, 2024	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD
Total Revenues	\$1,480,629.79	\$1,374,028
Total Expenses	\$1,718,597.60	\$1,571,136.77

Net Total	(\$237,967.81))	\$(197,108.77)
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Bank Balances as of August 31, 2024

Operating \$31,953 MM/TRF \$263,213 Endowment \$1,878,835

As it looks currently, going forward, there will be a \$200,000 cash deficit that will need either greater generosity, expense reduction, or TRF utilization. The Learning Center is considering expanding days from current four hours to full day. This will require a sprinkler system costing over \$100,000 plus other items. Nicole to discuss with Lori Baney and LC Board to see if this is worthwhile.

Missions A Rise for Hunger workday was held September 18 with over 100 participants. Fourteen thousand meals were bagged.

Personnel On behalf of the Personnel Committee Susan Dalton moved to approve an Organist Search Team consisting of Tina Garrett, Margaret Agee, Andy Kay, Mac Thigpen, Bob Brennan, Lynn Brennan, and Mike Dacey. The motion passed.

Property and Grounds Currently most of the work and spending is reacting to the *issue du jour* (plumbing, doors, windows, lights, and HVAC. A wish list of items of items to address if the money was available has been developed and will be updated as needed. The bus is out for repair.

Worship Committee

Worship Attendance	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Streaming	82	113	92	90
8:30 In-person	90	107	107	124
11:00 In-person	180	225	215	294
Total	352	445	463	538

A update was heard from the organ committee.

NEW BUSINESS

By unanimous consent the November stated session meeting was moved to Tuesday November 19 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct the moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Rebecca Sailor offered the closing prayer.