

STATED MONTHLY SESSION MEETING
August 9, 2011

The Session of Memorial Presbyterian church of Appleton, WI held its stated monthly meeting on Tuesday August 9, 2011, at 7:15 p.m. in the church lounge.

Elders Present:

Class of 2011

Beth Lepinski
Ryan McElhaney
Nancy Umland

Class of 2012

Jim Bowman
Laurie McCulloch
Travis Andersen

Class of 2013

Richard Dodge
Connie Olson
Mark Smith

Elders Excused: Scott Kornish, Tom Neal, and Tim Shoaf

Elders Absent: Lynne Selle

Pastoral Staff Present: Rev. Kathy Keener-Han

Others Present: Linda Boldt, Lay Ministry Coordinator
Shirley Collins, Clerk of Session
Ken and Mary Lou Opgenorth, Deacon Representatives

Devotions Led by: Rev. Kathy Keener-Han

Clerk's Report

M/S/C: to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2011 Session Meeting; to approve the minutes of July 31, 2011 Special Called Session Meeting amending the verb from "approve" to "authorize" the sacrament of baptism; and to authorize the Sacrament of Baptism for Olivia Anne Kent, infant daughter of Stephanie and Anthony Kent.

Record that James W. DuBose was baptized on July 31, 2011, publicly joining MPC.

Record the death of James W. DuBose on August 4, 2011 and remove him from active membership, noting with thanksgiving that nothing can separate us from the love of God,

Record the baptism of Olivia Anne Kent during the July 17, 2011 service.

Report that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served on July 4 by Intinction, Rev. Kathy Keener-Han officiating; and on July 8, 2011 by Rev. Keener-Han accompanied by Greg Braatz, for home communions with Carol Loker, Ruby Baer, and Adele Weber, Steven Weber and Carol Knight; on August 5, 2011 with Elder Jill McElhaney officiating during the Sr. High work trip; and on August 7, by traditional service, Rev. Rebecca Proefrock officiating.

Notice of ESTHER Leaders for Justice Training was distributed.

Staff Reports

Director of Christian Education Report:
A written report was distributed

Youth Ministry Director:
A written report was distributed

Lay Ministry Coordinator:
A written report was distributed

Interim Pastor:
The Rev. Kathy Keener-Han will officiate at the memorial service for James W. DuBose on August 10, 2011.

Ministry Team Reports

Worship and Education:
Approved the expenditure for books.
Teacher recruitment is nearly complete. Still needed are two leaders for the Tweens Group.
Presbytery encourages us to invite non-Caucasian leaders to lead worship occasionally. This has not been done in several years.
Six members attended a workshop on Worship and Sacraments.

Youth Elder:
A report was given on the work trip. On September 11, 2011, the Youth will host the Stockholders Dinner.

Mission and Outreach:
In late July, MPC helped at the Warming Shelter. They will help again in late August.
M/S/C: to allow the Lions Club to place a container from the Wisconsin Lions Foundation at MPC to collect old, unused, and broken eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

Membership Nurture and Development:
The Member Renewal Action Group will offer the "Care for Inactive Members" class again. They continue to receive feedback from those who reach out to people and continue to monitor people's participation in church. They are exchanging news of members with the Deacons. They offered to serve as the Clerk of Session's committee for roll review.

Business and Finance/Treasurer's Report:
The Auditors' Report has been received on the 2010 books, finding them to be in order. The report will be published in the MPC 2011 Annual Report.
A contract has been signed with Reliant Roofing to replace the roof this fall. The new roof will cost between \$46,000 and \$49,000:
\$30,785.28 has been received as partial settlement from Church Mutual Insurance, with an additional \$6,647.22 expected upon completion of the work.
The additional \$9,000 - \$12,000 will come from the General Capital reserve fund.
Travis Andersen noted his appreciation for Steve Lockhart's diligence, expertise, and many hours of effort in determining specifications and obtaining bids for this work.

The June and July financial reports were received and filed for audit. We were reminded that we need to act on the motion from March 2011 to form a Long-range Parking Action Group. Mark Smith and Travis Andersen will follow up on this matter. The meeting then went into executive session, at the request of the Personnel Action Group.

Board of Deacons

Deacons are identifying goals and purpose. They made a list of tasks and responsibilities, rating items by importance. The Deacons will not be sponsoring a Blood Drive this fall.

Nominating Committee

Linda Boldt and Rev. Kathy Keener-Han gave recruitment training to the group, including new models for making calls.

Pastor Nominating Committee

They are holding Skype interviews and talking to candidates, while still receiving additional profiles.

Old Business

Community Garden Project:

M/S/C: to form an action group that reports to Mission and Outreach Ministry team that would recommend and implement the first steps of the Learning, Living and Growing God’s Word proposal.

Technology Action Group:

They are working to provide secure wireless connectivity throughout the church. To this end, the office telephone and internet provider was changed to NTD, increasing internet speed to 6 Mbps at a marginal cost increase overall. They expect the work to be completed before MPC hosts the Presbytery meeting on November 11-12.

By-Laws Revision

They are meeting this coming Thursday.

M/S/C: to adjourn with prayer by Pastor Keener-Han.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Collins
Clerk of Session

Membership Status as of July 31, 2011.....	405
Additions	0
Losses.....	1
James W. DuBose died on August 4, 2011	
Membership Status as of August 9, 2011.....	404