



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, Dec 16, 2024

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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Session Meeting Agenda

December 16, 2024



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Beth Case)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Bob Holloway)
3. **New Members** (Dan Aikins and Almir Dias)
Alyssa Davis, Luke Davis, Chris McClurkin, Tom McClurkin, Judy Memmel, Marla Morais, Mateus Morais, Nancy Polis
Motion to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.
4. **Christmas Conversation** (Alf Halvorson)
5. **Clerk's Report** (Bob Holloway)
6. **Treasurer's Report** (Bob Davis)
7. **First Reading of the 2025 Budget** (Marcus Vajdos)
8. **Legacy Funding Update** (Marcus Vajdos)

9. 2025 Housing Allowances (Marcus Vajdos)

Motion: to approve the following Housing Allowance amounts for MDPC's Ordained Staff effective 1/1/2025:

Dan Aikins	\$43,250
Clay Brown	\$49,200
Beth Case	\$46,000
Almir Dias	\$30,000
Alf Halvorson	\$55,000
Sally Henein	\$27,420
Brett Hurst	\$32,000
Michael Middleton	\$58,005
Rachel Poysky	\$40,000
Guillermo Yela	\$45,004

10. Farewell to the Class of 2024

11. Omnibus Motion

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, Session Meeting
- b. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the called November 10, 2024, Session Meeting for the purpose of receiving 2024 Confirmands as new Covenant Partners of MDPC.
- c. **Motion:** to approve the terms of service for the following members of the Columbarium Committee:
 Class A: Cindy and Bob Holloway, Will Schroeter | January 1, 2025-December 31, 2027
 Class B: Cindy and Buzz Jochetz, Sue and Joe Warren | January 1, 2023-December 31, 2025
 Class C: Ann and Bob Croyle | January 1, 2024- December 31, 2026
- d. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in November (12) and December (6), 2024:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Camille Brown	Youth	Julie and Hunter Brown	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Molly Elizabeth Ebbs	Youth	Blair and Charles Ebbs	Yes- both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Bonnie Mercedes Humphreys	Child	Margaret and Jonathan Humphreys	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Elizabeth Blakely Swoboda	Youth	Julie and Blake Swoboda	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Ashley Claire Drum	Youth	Laura and Hayden Drum	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Coralyn Hope Collins	Youth	Michelle and Jeremiah Collins	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Joel David Collins	Youth	Michelle and Jeremiah Collins	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Christian William Nafziger	Youth	Shauna and Matthew Nafziger	No-Attendees	11/10/2024 Immersion
Lyla Marie Storms (Confirmand)	Youth	Mary Beth and Jonathan Storms	No	11/10/2024 Immersion

Carter Jennings (Confirmand)	Youth	Angela and Thomas Jennings	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Immersion
Luke Simon Aboorvanathan	Infant	Ruth and Raphael Aboorvanathan	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Sprinkle
Isla Jean Rogers	Infant	Morgan and Steven Rogers	Yes-both	11/10/2024 Sprinkle
Millie Grace Brock	Infant	Katharine and Michael Brock	Yes-both	12/15/2024 sprinkle
Stratton James Dungan	Infant	Leigh Lloveras and Thomas Dungan	Yes- Mom	12/15/2024 sprinkle
Jameson Asher Breaux	Child	Natasha and James Breaux	Yes-both	12/15/2024 sprinkle
Amelia Susan Morris	Infant	Amanda Grace and Stephen Morris	Yes-both	12/15/2024 sprinkle
Georgia Grace Zimmer	infant	Morgan and William Zimmer	Yes-Mom	12/15/2024 sprinkle
Collins Campbell Zimmer	Child	Morgan and William Zimmer	Yes-Mom	12/15/2024 sprinkle

e. Motion to approve the following changes (made in committee 11-18-24) to the 2025 Baptism Calendar:

1. Immersion added to the March 2nd date
2. Immersion removed from Mother's Day and added to Father's Day
3. A Baptism Sunday of October 12th was added and will include both sprinkle and immersion
4. Restrictions placed on Confirmation Sunday to include a. 8:30- sprinkle only for anyone; b. 9:30 sprinkle and immersion for Confirmands Only; 11:15 sprinkle and immersion for anyone

f. Transfers and Dismissals

Please transfer the following active members:

Campbell, Sarah Shelton to First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, TX.

Ormond, Eric and Katie to First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, OK.

Please dismiss the following active member:

Herrington, Jim due to a move outside the city.

Horne, Leslie due to a move outside the city.

g. Motion to approve Outreach Partner funding for December 2024 as follows:

December Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

Open Door Mission	\$45,000	CFH
The Beacon	\$5,000	CFH

Totaling: \$50,000

2. Outreach - Additional Funding Recommendations*

Designated

Priority

*Funding will be distributed down the list in the order presented below until all available funding is assigned.

The Beacon	\$8,000	Condenser Unit of Walk-In Freezer	CFH	1
Fuller Theological Seminary	\$20,000	Hurricane Beryl repairs	DE	2
International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)	\$16,600	Chinese Churches	Global	3
Magnificat houses	\$6,000	Three AED Machines	HSN	4
Kids Meals	\$6,280	AC/Refrigeration Units for Kids' Meals Meal Delivery Van	SBH	5
Generation One	\$4,800	Sound Proofing Split Classrooms	CFH	6
Cho-Yeh Camp & Conf Center	\$20,000	Storm damage/flood repair	DE	7
Pars Theological Center	\$25,000	Formation Conference	Global	8
Be An Angel	\$10,000	Adaptive Equipment and Hearing Aids	HSN	9
East Spring Branch Food Pantry	\$15,000	Food storage unit - cooler and freezer	SBH	10
Galveston Urban Ministries	\$4,000	Roof Painting & wrapping for van	CFH	11
Bridges to Life	\$8,000	Restoring Peace books for incarcerated participants in BTL program	DE	12
Grace International Children's Foundation	\$15,000	Lulwanda Children's Home - Water Well	Global	13
Amazing Place	\$10,000	Caregivers retreat	HSN	14
Street Grace	\$15,000	Retreat for Survivors	Initiatives	15
Blessings in a Backpack	\$1,405	Bayou City - Shelving and dollies for Food Pantry	SBH	16
SEARCH	\$5,200	House of Tiny Treasures - 4 laptops & warranties	CFH	17
Camp Blessing	\$17,500	Winch lift system	DE	18
Faith in Practice	\$10,000	Warehouse Move	Global	19
Houston Area Parkinsons Society	\$10,000	In-home respite care	HSN	20
LIFE Houston	\$5,000	Formula restocking (Match grant)	SBH	21
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$5,000	Restore & upgrade lighting in Auditorium	CFH	22
Camp for All	\$21,765	Replace one chiller compressor in main building	DE	23
Faith Ministry	\$2,000	Berea Bible Institute - Refrigerator	Global	24
Senior Rides and more	\$2,000	Emergency Food needs	HSN	25
Mission of Yahweh	\$18,000	Room remodels in The Mercy House	SBH	26
Buckner Children and Family Services	\$14,000	Northside Location - Van	CFH	27
Loving Houston	\$5,000	Facilitator to conduct Trainings/Retreat	DE	28
Nueva Vida	\$4,000	Laptops for Staff	Global	29
Parent Project MD	\$5,000	Mom's retreat scholarships	HSN	30

Street Grace	\$25,000	Youth Education Initiative	Initiatives	31
Nabor House Community	\$2,000	Scholarship for Ten Months of Emergency Assistance	SBH	32
Yellowstone Schools	\$10,000	New HVAC	CFH	33
Home Encouragement	\$5,000	Scholarships	DE	34
Bible Presbyterian Ministry Uganda	\$25,000	Mbale, Uganda - New Van	Global	35
ECHOS	\$10,500	Technology needs	HSN	36
Kids Meals	\$6,000	500 insulated delivery bags	SBH	37
Small Steps Nurturing Center	\$5,000	Gulfton Campus Playground Turf Installation	CFH	38
Camp Aranzazu	\$10,000	Digital radios	DE	39
Pars Theological Center	\$10,000	Student Sponsorship	Global	40
Joyride	\$5,000	Equine Care Costs	HSN	41
Salvation Army	\$7,350	Houston - 150 Shelter Support Sets	SBH	42
Agape Development	\$5,000	Playground Shade Covering	CFH	43
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$10,000	New Kabota or Mule for nurse	DE	44
YWAM Budapest	\$12,000	Recording Studio	Global	45
His Grace Foundation	\$6,750	Financial Assistance	HSN	46
Spring Branch Community Health Ctr	\$10,500	Open new pediatric services at Hillendahl Comm Health Center	SBH	47
Family Point Resources	\$1,974	Equipment Needing Replacement	CFH	48
The Get Together	\$4,000	Site Visit Luncheons at partner ministry sites	DE	49
FEBC	\$15,000	New Ministry Center in Cambodia	Global	50
His Grace Foundation	\$10,000	Apartment Rental Assistance	HSN	51
Nabor House Community	\$2,000	Playground Improvements at both Nabor House locations	SBH	52
The Forge for Families	\$2,500	HVAC Replacement in Gym	CFH	53
FIND	\$6,000	Scholarships	DE	54
The Antioch Partners	\$10,000	Partner Special Needs Fund	Global	55
Joyride	\$10,000	Tuition Assistance Program	HSN	56
Blessings in a Backpack	\$5,000	Bayou City - Weekend Food for Students at 13 Elementary Schools	SBH	57
Generation One	\$1,800	Dishwasher Installation	CFH	58
Theology by the Pint	\$2,000	New merchandise and marketing materials	DE	59
The Micah Project	\$20,000	Technical School Building	Global	60
Vita Living	\$15,000	Activity Center/Day Program Renovation Expenses	HSN	61
Cornerstone Family Ministries	\$10,000	Used 3/4-ton truck purchase.	SBH	62
Family Point Resources	\$2,680	Items to Improve Programs	CFH	63
Spring Branch Community Health Ctr	\$6,000	OB/GYN equipment for Katy Community Health Center	SBH	64
Faith Ministry	\$9,000	Berea Bible Institute - New Truck	Global	65
CarePartners	\$5,000	New Ovens	HSN	66
Santa Maria Hostel	\$12,500	New flooring and installation for Bonita House Lobby	SBH	67

The Forge for Families	\$2,500	HVAC Replacement in Gym (Part 2)	CFH	68
Camp Aranzazu	\$5,000	New benches for the bayfront	DE	69
The Outreach Foundation	\$15,000	Novus Foundation - Scholarships for Ukrainian Women	Global	70
Amazing Place	\$10,000	Technology needs	HSN	71
Mission of Yahweh	\$10,000	New AC and ductwork in the Resale Shop	SBH	72
Yellowstone Schools	\$10,000	New HVAC (Part 2)	CFH	73
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$4,000	New Computers	DE	74
Grace International Children's Foundation	\$5,500	Lulwanda Children's Home - Solar Power Batteries	Global	75
Lifehouse	\$1,500	LifeHouse Patio Project- Furniture	HSN	76
Interfaith Ministries	\$18,000	Electric Walkie Stacker for MOW Midtown Houston warehouse	SBH	77
Buckner Children and Family Services	\$6,000	Northside Location - Van (Part 2)	CFH	78
Camp Cho-Yeh	\$7,500	Rebuilding bridge between campsites	DE	79
Faith in Practice	\$5,000	Vital Medicines for Surgery	Global	80
His Grace Foundation	\$2,000	CRM System	HSN	81
Kids Meals	\$6,000	500 insulated delivery bags (Part 2)	SBH	82
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$5,000	Restore & upgrade lighting in Auditorium (Part 2)	CFH	83
The Get Together	\$1,200	"Coffee with a Cause" trainings	DE	84
International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)	\$16,600	New Church Building	Global	85
Lifehouse	\$2,500	LifeHouse Patio Project	HSN	86
Houston Achievement Place	\$4,000	Project CLASS Spanish Translations	SBH	87
Galveston Urban Ministries	\$4,000	Roof Painting & wrapping for van (Part 2)	CFH	88
Bridges to Life	\$5,111	Restoring Peace books for incarcerated participants in BTL program (Part 2)	DE	89
Team Expansion	\$10,000	Marketplace Ministry #3000 GCC - Pool Renovation for Baptism	Global	90
Lifehouse	\$5,000	LifeHouse- Apartment Renovations (patio project)	HSN	91
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$10,000	Funding for legall representation for AVDA clients	SBH	92
SEARCH	\$5,200	House of Tiny Treasures - 4 laptops & warranties (Part 2)	CFH	93
Theology by the Pint	\$5,000	Program events in The Woodlands, Sugar Land and Kingwood.	DE	94
The Micah Project	\$10,000	New Gym	Global	95
Magnificat houses	\$10,000	Shower trailer	HSN	96
Cornerstone Family Ministries	\$5,000	Community Nights Additional Funding	SBH	97

Small Steps Nurturing Center	\$5,000	Gulfton Campus Playground Turf Installation (Part 2)	CFH	98
Camp Blessing	\$11,000	New pedal cars and repairs for aqua cycle and pontoon paddle boats	DE	99
Renewing Our Minds	\$5,000	Gathering for Ukrainians Displaced by War	Global	100
Joyride	\$10,000	Veterans in Operation Equine	HSN	101
Kids Meals	\$6,000	500 insulated delivery bags (Part 3)	SBH	102
Agape Development	\$5,000	Playground Shade Covering (Part 2)	CFH	103
Camp Aranzazu	\$4,000	New pool loungers	DE	104
International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)	\$16,600	New Church Building	Global	105
CarePartners	\$20,000	CRM System	HSN	106
Camp for All	\$10,000	Camper Mattresses	DE	107
Family Point Resources	\$2,680	Items to Improve Programs (Part 2)	CFH	108
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$5,000	New Kabota or Mule for nurse (Part 2)	DE	109
Renewing Our Minds	\$4,000	Conference on Creation Care	Global	110
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$10,000	Host a family event to increase parent-child interactions	SBH	111
Buckner Children and Family Services	\$10,000	Northside Location - Van (Part 3)	CFH	112
Kids Meals	\$6,280	AC/Refrigeration Units for Kids' Meals Meal Delivery Van (Part 2)	SBH	113
Yellowstone Schools	\$10,000	New HVAC (Part 3)	CFH	114
Mission of Yahweh	\$28,000	Roof on The Sister Gay building for Women and Children.	SBH	115
The Forge for Families	\$2,500	HVAC Replacement in Gym (Part 3)	CFH	116
Cornerstone Family Ministries	\$3,000	After-School Program Scholarship Fund	SBH	117
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$5,000	Restore & upgrade lighting in Auditorium (Part 3)	CFH	118
Spring Branch Community Health Ctr	\$13,300	New equipment for pediatric and adult medicine	SBH	119
Buckner Children and Family Services	\$5,000	Northside Location - Van (Part 4)	CFH	120
Santa Maria Hostel	\$3,100	New conference room chairs	SBH	121
Small Steps Nurturing Center	\$5,000	Gulfton Campus Playground Turf Installation (Part 3)	CFH	122
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$10,000	Funding for Community Awareness & Prevention Program	SBH	123
Agape Development	\$5,000	Playground Shade Covering (Part 3)	CFH	124
Interfaith Ministries	\$23,439	Standby Generator for Galveston MOW warehouse	SBH	125
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$5,000	Restore & upgrade lighting in Auditorium (Part 4)	CFH	126
Salvation Army	\$10,000	Shelter and Care for 10 homeless veterans in Houston	SBH	127
Yellowstone Schools	\$10,000	New HVAC (Part 4)	CFH	128

Kids Meals	\$6,280	AC/Refrigeration Units for Kids' Meals Meal Delivery Van (Part 3)	SBH	129
Salvation Army	\$6,000	Utility Assistance for 30 Houston Families	SBH	130
Totaling:		\$1,112,894		

12. Calendar Reminders

December 22 Alf Halvorson Preaching| 4th Sunday in Advent
December 24 Alf Halvorson Preaching| Christmas Eve|
Candlelight: 2:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 8:30pm.
Family Christmas Eve 4:00pm
December 29 Beth Case Preaching | Final Sunday of 2024
January 5 Clay Brown Preaching

Looking Forward: 2025 Dates

New Officer Installation- January 12
Officer and Staff Retreat – January 24-25 at MDPC
ECO National Gathering – January 27-January 29, 2025| Highland Park Presbyterian, Dallas, TX

13. Announcements and Additional Business

14. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (Rachel Poysky)

Motion to adjourn the December 2024 Session Meeting.

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 11 - November
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2024
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2024

Description	Nov-24	2024 Actual		Over (Under)		% Variance		2023 Actual YTD	Budget 2024 Full Year
		YTD	2024 Budget YTD	Budget	YTD	YTD	YTD		
OPERATING INCOME									
Contributions	\$ 1,188,864	\$ 11,349,899	\$ 10,026,263	\$ 1,323,636	13.20%	\$ 9,928,827	\$ 13,719,797		
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 232,524	\$ 2,795,977	\$ 2,809,557	\$ (13,580)	-0.48%	\$ 2,665,438	\$ 3,061,907		
Other Operating Income	\$ 8,667	\$ 332,578	\$ 91,667	\$ 240,911	262.81%	\$ 194,761	\$ 100,000		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,430,055	14,478,454	12,927,486	1,550,968	12.00%	12,789,025	16,881,704		
Ministry Operating Expense									
Pastoral Ministry									
Caring Ministry	\$ 33,700	\$ 374,635	\$ 410,013	\$ (35,378)	-8.63%	\$ 380,465	\$ 448,929		
Fuente	\$ 14,537	\$ 158,919	\$ 97,561	\$ 61,359	62.89%	\$ 82,630	\$ 106,765		
Children's Ministry	\$ 56,389	\$ 763,292	\$ 814,066	\$ (50,774)	-6.24%	\$ 773,105	\$ 885,876		
Youth Ministry	\$ 45,969	\$ 534,278	\$ 524,070	\$ 10,208	1.95%	\$ 508,240	\$ 567,216		
Relationships	\$ 29,471	\$ 327,497	\$ 363,220	\$ (35,723)	-9.84%	\$ 319,263	\$ 393,813		
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 14,112	\$ 447,632	\$ 406,656	\$ 40,976	10.08%	\$ 440,805	\$ 417,441		
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 54,956	\$ 594,585	\$ 557,765	\$ 36,820	6.60%	\$ 515,950	\$ 607,660		
Adult Discipleship	\$ 32,790	\$ 367,722	\$ 369,833	\$ (2,110)	-0.57%	\$ 333,644	\$ 403,494		
Young Adult	\$ 21,285	\$ 153,685	\$ 195,948	\$ (42,264)	-21.57%	\$ 215,486	\$ 213,538		
Worship	\$ 40,307	\$ 415,524	\$ 484,045	\$ (68,520)	-14.16%	\$ 395,534	\$ 529,786		
Traditional Music	\$ 34,992	\$ 387,375	\$ 384,437	\$ 2,938	0.76%	\$ 370,137	\$ 426,904		
Contemporary Music	\$ 26,899	\$ 304,699	\$ 309,396	\$ (4,697)	-1.52%	\$ 297,639	\$ 337,296		
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 14,101	\$ 178,588	\$ 181,159	\$ (2,571)	-1.42%	\$ 147,768	\$ 197,624		
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 426,717	\$ 4,077,276	\$ 4,163,304	\$ (86,028)	-2.07%	\$ 4,780,667	\$ 5,536,342		
Support Ministry									
Communications & Media	\$ 70,322	\$ 847,394	\$ 829,858	\$ 17,536	2.11%	\$ 837,057	\$ 905,300		
Administration	\$ 65,374	\$ 808,845	\$ 756,102	\$ 52,743	6.98%	\$ 860,428	\$ 820,741		
Food Service	\$ 13,437	\$ 147,187	\$ 142,083	\$ 5,104	3.59%	\$ 133,030	\$ 155,000		
Facilities & Technology	\$ 247,040	\$ 2,618,299	\$ 2,186,485	\$ 431,815	19.75%	\$ 2,216,849	\$ 2,380,816		
The Little School	\$ 86,806	\$ 1,054,618	\$ 1,150,012	\$ (95,394)	-8.30%	\$ 1,040,236	\$ 1,255,145		
The Yellow School	\$ 44,454	\$ 678,341	\$ 693,867	\$ (15,526)	-2.24%	\$ 735,202	\$ 758,233		
Total Support Ministry	\$ 527,432	\$ 6,154,685	\$ 5,758,407	\$ 396,278	6.88%	\$ 5,822,802	\$ 6,275,235		
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 946,941	\$ 11,163,116	\$ 10,856,576	\$ 306,540	2.82%	\$ 10,603,469	\$ 11,811,577		
Outreach Expense									
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 114,628	\$ 1,094,284	\$ 1,139,258	\$ (44,973.72)	-0.04%	\$ 1,134,611	\$ 1,293,639		
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ -	\$ 2,480,381	\$ 2,252,600	\$ 227,780.77	0.10%	\$ 2,441,283	\$ 3,181,488		
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 114,628	\$ 3,574,665	\$ 3,391,858	\$ 182,807.05	0.05%	\$ 3,575,895	\$ 4,475,127		
Other Operating Expense									
Insurance & Legal	\$ 47,042	\$ 507,402	\$ 499,583	\$ 7,819	1.57%	\$ 425,741	\$ 545,000		
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 45,833	\$ 45,833	\$ (0)	0.00%	\$ 45,833	\$ 50,000		
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 51,209	\$ 553,236	\$ 545,417	\$ 7,819	1.43%	\$ 471,574	\$ 595,000		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,112,777	\$ 15,291,017	\$ 14,793,851	\$ 497,166	3.36%	\$ 14,650,938	\$ 16,881,704		
Other Income(Loss)									
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 317,278	\$ (812,563)	\$ (1,866,364)	\$ 1,053,801	-56.46%	\$ (1,861,913)	\$ 0		
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ 18,808	\$ (123,755)	\$ -	\$ (123,755)	0%	\$ (537,355)	\$ -		

**Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru November
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2024**

Name	Month to Month			
	November 2024	October 2024	Difference	November 2023
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,640,623.87	3,811,857.65	(171,233.78)	2,229,304.49
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,692,964.87	1,629,366.93	63,597.94	1,989,786.48
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	5,333,588.74	5,441,224.58	(107,635.84)	4,219,090.97
Current Investments (Restricted)	2,476,089.99	2,476,089.99	-	2,242,579.96
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	4,148,606.92	4,148,606.92	-	4,289,519.86
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	6,624,696.91	6,624,696.91	-	6,532,099.82
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	363,647.56	408,998.54	(45,350.98)	407,395.28
Miscellaneous Receivables	15,653.62	12,508.02	3,145.60	3,586.81
Property & Equipment	55,618,502.77	55,618,502.77	-	54,571,872.49
Accumulated Depreciation	(47,575,114.53)	(47,575,114.53)	-	(46,273,756.61)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	20,380,975.07	20,530,816.29	(149,841.22)	19,460,288.76
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	127,256.17	692,273.76	(565,017.59)	714,042.61
Other Payables	90,758.57	89,117.88	1,640.69	54,747.79
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	84,221.00	6,787.34	77,433.66	69,756.80
Custodial Accounts	105,206.77	105,190.99	15.78	50,303.56
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	407,442.51	893,369.97	(485,927.46)	888,850.76
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	11,769,772.61	11,452,494.21	317,278.40	10,908,260.96
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	2,950,602.04	2,944,948.76	5,653.28	2,552,600.92
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,819,300.32	4,806,145.76	13,154.56	4,676,718.53
TOTAL NET ASSETS	19,973,532.56	19,637,446.32	336,086.24	18,571,438.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	20,380,975.07	20,530,816.29	(149,841.22)	19,460,288.76

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
October 2024

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Chris Arend, Sandy Ballard, Rick Bradford, Ellen Davidson, Bob Davis, Stephanie Espinoza, Ginny French, Bob Holloway, Alex Knoop, Marc Laney, Michael McCormack, Laura Miller, Christina Morse, Stefano Lugo, Rafael Moreira, Kathy Redden, Sharon Roark, David Shelfer, Leslie Sloan, Nathan Stedham, Joe Stockdale, Bill Swenson, Ryan Taylor, Mandy Todd, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Tom Braschayko, Mariel Braun, Michael Kringel

Elders Absent: Sara Kuhn, Tarryn Lankford, Madison Limbacher, Christina Morse, Mike Pelton, Dillon Shindler, Jeff Taylor, Mat Yelvington

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Beth Case, Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Other Staff Present: Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Sally Henien, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Ashton Wascom

Call to Order: Pastor Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:34 pm in the Chapel. She opened with Psalm 48 re: **the city** and asked us to pray with her

Call for Quorum: The Clerk, Bob Holloway, affirmed that a quorum was present.

New Members: Dan Aikins

We welcomed two new members from the BPC congregation. One candidate (Rejane) joined via Teams. Dan gave a brief intro of Travis who was not able to be with us, and then invited Rejane to introduce herself, telling Session why she was attracted to MDPC and one place she wants to serve.

Rejane Brunello online, Travis James Swingle

Dan asked for the **Motion:** *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC*, which was made and seconded. Beth asked three questions. The motion was approved unanimously and with great joy. Dan prayed a blessing over our newest members and dismissed with the invitation to remain for the duration of the meeting or to be excused.

ECO Ordination Candidate: Willman Parraci

Beth reminded us of conversations in previous months with Sally Henein and Blake Swaboda- inviting them both into the process. Keep this in mind as we hear Willman's story today and she invited us to be present to the call God is giving him. Willman is part of our Fuente congregation serving faithfully there. Beth invited he, Guillermo, and Stefano Lugo up for help in telling Willman's story.. to give his background and sense of call to ministry

Motion *to receive Willman Parraci as an Inquirer for ECO Ordination Candidacy* was made and overwhelmingly approved. His wife and daughters came forward for congratulations and a prayer of blessing by Guillermo.

Prayer and Commissioning for Ashton Wascom

Ashton will be moving to another ministry position - as Youth Director at The Story Church which was a branch of St Lukes Methodist- now non-denominational. We listened as Ashton shared of his calling and his opportunity, but his sadness in leaving the youth and families that he has grown deep relationship with here- many staff and officers affirmed Ashton for his gifts and his ministry here at MDPC. Rick Bradford closed our time praying over Ashton

Why Being a City Church Matters to God? (Alf Halvorson)

Alf led us in a second conversation around the book: Why City Matters to God, the Culture and the Church by Stephen T. Um and Justin Buzzard focusing specifically on two questions tonight:

1. What are the chief problems, prejudices, and inequalities of my city, and how can Christians participate fruitfully in moving toward possible solutions?
2. What's most beautiful and good about my city, and how can we keep building on these strengths for greater flourishing?

Clerk's Report: (Bob Holloway and Joe Stockdale)

Congregational Meeting Recap

Officer Job Description Updates- Metanoia- Jesus involved in all decision making.

Finance Report: (Bob Davis)

Generosity Update: (Bill Swenson and Michael McCormack)

Mentioned Alf's sermon re: money and that it is mentioned more than anything in the Bible because we can so easily stray and idolize money. Request made for at large names/ideas

Omnibus Agenda:

Beth introduced the Omnibus Motion below for October and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. Beth then asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion as presented, which was forthcoming, seconded, and affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2024, Congregational Meeting.
- c. **Transfers and Dismissals**
Please transfer the following active member:

Dukes, Amy to The Woodlands Methodist Church of The Woodlands, TX.

Demaio, Nick to First Lutheran (* **transfer added by Dan Aikins during meeting-friendly amendment**)

- d. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for October as follows:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• The Beacon	\$20,000		CFH
• Buckner Children & Family Services	\$15,000	Aldine Location	CFH
• The Forge for Families	\$32,500		CFH
• Mission Centers of Houston	\$30,000		CFH
• Outreach Center of West Houston	\$10,000		CFH
• Star of Hope	\$25,000		CFH
• The Gathering of Men	\$6,000		DE
• Presbytery of New Covenant	\$35,000	Houston International Seafarers' Min.	DE
• Easter Seals of Greater Houston	\$25,000	Adult Day Program	HSN
• Prayers of the People	\$10,000		HSN
• The Rose	\$20,000		HSN
• Senior Rides and More	\$7,000		HSN
• Vita Living	\$25,000		HSN
• Blessings in a Backpack	\$8,000	Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack	SBH
• East Spring Branch Food Pantry	\$5,000		SBH
• Interfaith Ministries	\$35,000	Meals on Wheels & Animeals	SBH

• The Outreach Foundation	\$4,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Global
Totaling:	\$312,500		

2. Outreach Initiatives

Designated

• Steiger International	\$17,500	US Operations	
• Steiger International	\$2,500	Personal support for Carolina & Jozef Knapik	
• Street Grace	\$65,000	Street Grace Houston	
• Houston Food Bank	\$33,000	HCC Eagle Pantry & Backpack Buddies	
• Alpha USA	\$10,000	Youth Film Series	
Totaling:	\$128,000		

3. Christmas Eve Offering 2024 Partners

Designated Missionary

*Funding will be distributed proportionately based on missionary funding level.

• Urban Catalyst	Designated: Justin Elder	Local
• The Antioch Partners	Designated: Adair	Global
• Frontier Fellowship	Designated: Biru	Global
• CRU	Designated: Missionary #0638840	Global
• Steven and Natalie Hall		Global
• Frontiers	Designated: Missionary #004554	Global
• YWAM	Designated: Personal Support (Johnson)	Global
• Allegro Organizational Solutions	Designated: Acct# NYC-BB.KSJ	Global
• The Antioch Partners	Designated: Leina & Salam	Global
• Action International Ministries	Designated: Acct# 47001	Global
• Frontier Fellowship	Designated: McNerney	Global
• Pioneers	Designated: Acct# 112440	Global
• Novo Mission Inc.	Designated: Acct# 6781 Zovak	Global

4. Mission Market 2024 Partners

*Funding will be distributed based on purchaser selection.

• The Antioch Partners		Global
• Faith in Practice		Global
• Free Wheelchair Mission		Global
• Living Water International		Global
• Grace International Children's Foundation	Lulwanda Children's Home	Global
• The Micah Project		Global
• Pars Theological Centre		Global
• Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos		CFH
• Open Door Mission		CFH
• Camp for All		DE
• Bridges to Life		DE
• Casa El Buen Samaritano		HSN

- Joy Ride Center HSN
- Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack SBH
- Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (L.I.F.E.) SBH

Disaster Relief

In light of recent hurricanes across the Southeastern states of the U.S., MDPC has given a gift to Samaritan's Purse for relief in North Carolina. There is still a sizable amount of budgeted Outreach funding that is not earmarked but needs to be spent before the end of the year. Our Outreach staff requests approval to spend up to \$200,000 of these funds with the idea of supporting local churches and ideally faith-based organizations to assist at the individual level to help families impacted by these recent hurricanes. Our heart is to help local churches build relationships by assisting those in their communities.

Motion: To spend up to \$200,000 for disaster relief

Wayforward Backpacking Trip Recap: Alex Knoop updated us on Wayforward and his involvement and shared about a recent trip of 7-8 men from MDPC – 47 trips in 2023 ..started with one trip in 2011! Alex shared great photos as well.

Announcements and Additional Business

Leslie Sloan-need Elders for Confirmation Sunday. Please see Signup Genius link sent from Jennifer Vajdos

Rachel – Thanked us for the gift of Sabbatical and gave examples/signs that her sabbatical was perfectly timed.

There being no additional business or announcements, Beth asked for a motion to adjourn which was forthcoming, seconded and approved. We closed the meeting at 8:12 with prayer led by Rachel Poysky.

***Lord, I surrender myself to you
Please take care of everything.***

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Bob Holloway, Clerk.

Jennifer Vajdos, October 2024

MEMORIAL DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes of Called Session Meeting,
November 10, 2024

The Session meeting was called to order at 9:01 am, Sunday, November 10, 2024, in the Gym by Rev. Rachel Poysky, who stated the meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the **Confirmation Class of 2024** as covenant partners. Joe Stockdale, Clerk-elect, declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

Elders present: Eddie Perdomo, Bob Holloway, Sharon Johnson, Joy Dubinski, Kathy Redden, David Nelson, Joy Dubinski, Barbara Mueller, Kelly Handel, Barbara James, Hobert Plunkett, Tom Braschayko, Erin Bounds, Leigh McLeroy, Kay Lynn Kuper, Marty Chapman, Don Poarch, Bucky Farrow, Katie Cooper.

Staff present: Rachel Poysky, Amanda Shockley

Upon completion of the examination of the **39*** members of the Confirmation Class of 2024, all were asked to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, express their willingness to follow Christ and commit themselves to joyfully participate in the community of faith at MDPC. Then, by vote of the Session, they were accepted into membership. Sany Ballard moved the motion to receive the below named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.

Russell Hilmer Anderson, III
Elizabeth Lee Anderson
Easton Thomas Bailey
Kate Marin Bonner
Andon Bowman
Henry Hill Bradley
Kate Addyson Briscoe
Reese Canfield
Michael Cofer
Caroline Kepper Craft
Jonathan Davis
James Debenport
Riley Kate Devlin
Cameron Lilia Enszer
Logan Kamaka Enszer
Avery Elizabeth Ezell
Caroline Fargason
Franklin Donald Galimberti
Anna Lee Hawkins
Carter Thomas Jennings
Emery Jones
Kent Allen Kubitza
Matthew Kukulja
Rebecca Lee Lingle
Edie Williamson Mahan
Eloise Chandler Mahan
Georgia Louise Masraff
Emily Jane Mitschke
Mason Mueck
Shara Nicole Parraci
Laurel Elizabeth Schrader
Grace Stoerr
Lyla Marie Storms
Andrew James Teegarden
Madison Turet
Jessica Michelle Tyson

Luke Francis Verbeke
Quinn Walsh
Harper Williams
Aidyn Elizabeth Winship
Raegan Yager

The following 5 confirmands are to be baptized- four during the 9:45 am service on Sunday, March 6, 2022, and one on Sunday, March 13, 2022: Ethan Taylor Le, Kaitlyn Lane Perniciaro, Collette Ann Taylor, Sydney Anne Valentine, Liam James Osbon

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved and the meeting was closed with prayer at 9:06am by Rachel Poysky.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Vajdos

**Outreach Ministries
Funding Recommendations
December 2024**

CFH

Open Door Mission

2023 Funding: \$45,000 + \$5,000 O&A

2024: Funding Recommendation: \$45,000

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery, and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community. It works to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence. opendoorhouston.org

The Beacon

2023 Funding: \$20,000

2024 Funding YTD: \$20,000

2024 (additional) Funding Recommendation: \$5,000

The Beacon serves Houston's homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. They provide essential and next-step services with programming including The Day Center, Brigid's Hope, Beacon Law, COMPASS and The Way Home.

www.beaconhomeless.org

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees November & December 2024

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

No November meeting, but here are the various ministry reports:

Card-writing:

- The Branches group held its monthly meeting to send handwritten notes to MDPC members who had been in the hospital/rehab, lost a loved one, or just needed encouragement.
- The five dedicated Prayer Chain writers took turns writing to those on the Prayer Chain list.

Community Relations

- **The new Hot Topic speaker series begins in January, 2025. The series will be held in the Amphitheatre on select Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00pm. Contact Beverly Fluke or deacon Judy Stockton (jkstockton@comcast.net) for more information.**

Dates, speakers, and topics are:

- January 16 -- Tim Mavergeorge, **Mind Matters: Calm in the Chaos.**
- January 30 -- a panel led by Luke Funderburk, **Social Media: Clicks and Consequences.**
- February 27 -- Chris Arend, **AI: Description, Impact, and Safeguards.**
- March 27 -- Lt. Ray Guinn, **Scams and Identity Theft: Protect Yourself.**

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- **The Gathering Place:** The Gathering Place met on Wednesday, December 4. The theme was Christmas! There were 5 care partners, 6 caregivers, and 11 volunteers, 4 of which were new or visiting. Fun was had by all while decorating Christmas cookies with Laura Benes, doing exercises with jingle bells and snowballs led by Nancy Blurton, and singing holiday songs with Meliza. Beth Case gave a devotional right before a yummy lunch followed by Bingo. We look forward to more care partners joining the group in 2025.
 - For more information on care partner referrals or volunteering, please contact Gathering Place coordinator Susanne McClean (zannymcclean@att.net) or new deacon Olga Griffin (ogriffin@mdpc.org).
- **Caregiver Support Group:** The group meets for lunch at MDPC to support one another on the 3rd Thursday each month. For more information, contact Beverly Fluke or deacon Penny Bryant at phb14@comcast.net.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The fall series of the Transforming Grief program wrapped up with a special closing service on November 18. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information on plans for the spring series.
- **The Widows Connection:** Continues to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM in room 101.
- **Ministry of Presence:** Caring Ministries staff and officers send out cards and grief books to MDPC members during their first year of losing a loved one.

Health Ministry -- Blood Drive:

- Three dates have been chosen for 2025 MDPC Blood Drives: February 9, June 8, October 26. Each event will be hosted in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00am-2:30pm. Thanks to Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center for guiding us forward in this service to the community.

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team, comprised of 12 volunteers, visits over 30 homebound church members every month. We were sad to lose another longtime member on the visitation roster in November, but two more were added.
- If you have a caring heart for our older members, this would be a wonderful ministry in which to get involved. Please contact Jim Newlin, Visitation Deacon, at jnewlin@comcast.net or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.
- Home communion: Anyone who is not able to participate in the regularly scheduled communion services on campus is invited to request home communion. Requests can be made by contacting Jim Newlin, Beverly Fluke, or online at homecommunion.mdpc.org.

Memorial Services:

- October – 5 memorial services with receptions at MDPC.
- November – 4 memorial services with receptions at MDPC.

Prayer Ministry:

- Plans continue for the 2025 Partners in Prayer Season! Annette Erickson and Diann Turet continue to diligently work out system glitches as we grow in the accuracy and efficiency of providing new lists to all participants. Along with these new lists, Pastor Beth Case will be providing another installation of daily prayers based on the Adult Discipleship curriculum: The Gospel in David's Story.
- Various staff members and congregants have contributed to a devotional assembled by MDPC's Women's Ministry called "31 Days of Prayer." This is available now, both in hard copy and online. Pastor Beth will make the PiP team aware of this meaningful resource!

Second Family:

- Second Family volunteers expended 84 hours to support their care partners during November 2024.
- We currently have 12 care partners and have been busy attending to each one's special needs. We also have a new volunteer joining the team. Visitation keeps us very busy each month and is most beneficial to check on our care partners' health and wellbeing. Several are taken on walks and to lunch every week with long visitations. Others are taken to the grocery store weekly and others to doctor appointments.
- Mobile meals are being delivered Mondays and Thursdays of every week and we currently have 3 deliveries with 3 stops.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- The monthly Senior Adult newsletter is currently mailed to 147 families. The newsletter contains descriptions of upcoming activities of Venturers, Encore Fellowship, Prime Timers, and Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch. Information for Senior events and activities are also online at seniors.mdpc.org
- **Venturers:** The meeting on November 4 with 47 attending heard Dan Parsons from the Better Business Bureau talk about Scams & Frauds. With 45 attending on December 2 at the Christmas Party, Mary Jane Sinclair played beautiful Christmas music on her harp and gave interesting commentary on each song and information about the Harp.
- **Encore Fellowship:** On October 26, 36 Encore members went to the Stratford Playhouse and saw *Mamma Mia*. On November 19, 29 went to Union Kitchen and enjoyed dinner and fellowship.
- **Prime Timers:** On October 16, six had lunch at Hungry's Restaurant. On November 8, ten had tea at McGough Tea Room. On December 6, fourteen went to Brookwood for lunch and shopping.
- **Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch:** The monthly Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch is held at MDPC Café to have lunch, meet new friends, and learn more about existing friends. Lunches are on the third Monday of each month. With each lunch meeting, collections, crafts, hobbies, talents, etc. are displayed which Senior Adults

want to share with others. The October 21 lunch featured *Something You Treasure*: 29 attended. On November 18, 30 had lunch in Fellowship Hall, and members brought examples of *Your Oldest Treasure*.

- We finished mailing postcards and phoning (by several callers) to about 480 senior church members (over 5 Months) to inform them of Seniors Lunch. As a result, 17 new families have attended the Seniors Lunch and have requested to receive the Senior Adult Newsletter.

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met for supervisory meetings on November 12 and November 26. We look forward to a special shared Christmas dinner and communion service with our Stephen Ministry friends at Grace Presbyterian Church on December 10.
- The Stephen leadership team invites referrals for potential care receivers who would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship as well as members whose giftedness may make them good candidates to become future Stephen Ministers. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.

Deacons:

- MDPC's deacons finished the meeting-year with a lively and well-attended Friendsgiving at the home of Nancy & Jerry Blurton. The potluck was delicious, new deacons were welcomed, and those rolling off were celebrated.

Other:

- **Blue Christmas:** This is our 5th year to host a service during Advent "for the merry, and the not-so-merry." The theme this year was "small things." Because of threatening weather, the event was moved from the Sanctuary Courtyard to the Chapel. This made setup much easier, though we lost some of the ambiance of the outdoors. This event is small in number, but big in impact. Great gratitude goes to Annette Erickson, Christine Gentil, Beverly Fluke, Michael Middleton for design, setup, flexibility, planning, and volunteer engagement. Stephen Ministers and Deacons made this event warm and delightful!

Next CM Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 10:00am-11:00am, in Room 101

Children's Ministries Lead Team Minutes:

November 5, 2024

The committee members did not meet in person due to school closure which prevented some members from being able to attend.

- **Elementary Update** – The 3rd grade Bible Retreat was held on November 3rd from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. 25 children attended. 3rd grade Bible Presentation will be on November 17. Each bible has been personalized and signed by Pastor Alf. Sunday school is going well with steady numbers and committed volunteers. We want to separate the 2nd and 3rd graders at 11:15. An email has been sent to the targeted parents. The last fall Blast Off is on November 20.
- **Preschool Update-** Movie night for preschool families was held on October 18th. 14 children attended. We are considering a Bubble Lady for next time. The children are attending chapel every Wednesday. Worship at both 9:45 and 11:15 is going well. We are looking for more guitar players to rotate with Shari.
- **Childcare Plus Update-** PNO will be November 9th. We have hired two more childcare providers to work Sunday mornings and PNO's.
- **Kaleidoscope/Safe Haven Update** –Family Camp weekend for Kaleidoscope and Safe Haven was October 18-20 at Camp for All. It was a success! 96 people participated, and we received a lot of positive feedback. We will book Camp for All for the same weekend next year. We are still searching for a part time Special Needs Coordinator. The position has been posted in the bulletin, promoted on social media, and listed on Indeed.
- **The Little School/ Yellow School Update** – Yellow School will be celebrating 50 years on November 6 which is also the 50th day of school. Parents and students are encouraged to dress in their best 70's attire,

and we will celebrate with cupcakes and music. Parent- Teacher conferences will take place all month. We will have mounted HPD police officers visit on November 15 to show the kids their gear and share all that they do for our community. Thanksgiving break will be November 25-29.

- **Fuente**- no update was provided.
- **BPC Update** – We have 3 classes. The Toddler class averages 3 kids. The Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade class averages 3 to 4 kids. The 3rd, 4th & 5th grade class averages 2 kids. December 22 will be our Christmas special for the kids. December 29 and January 5, we will only have the Toddler class with the CCP staff working.
- **Next Meeting** – December 3, 2024

Generosity Committee Minutes:

Wednesday, Nov 11, 2024

Prepared by Ginny Glass

In attendance: Bill Swenson, Jeannie Able, Ava Caliendo, Nathan Stedham Joe Stockdale, Hunter Smith, Marcus Vajdos, Colby Mueck, Alf Halvorson, and Ginny Glass (who was on Zoom?)

Absent: Chris Arend, Kate Brock, and Michael McCormack

Joe opened the meeting in prayer.

Ava reported on the Generosity Budget, noting that income is \$1.2M ahead of budget year-to-date.

Marcus noted that expenses are over budget this year, mainly in the Facilities area. Much of this is due to additional security following the incident at Lakewood. Other contributing factors were disaster relief here at MDPC and in Florida and South Carolina.

Current pledges are at 451 (60 under last year at this time) and \$9.5M pledged. These results are closer to our historical numbers. The committee was not concerned and believes that pledges will catch up over the next few weeks.

Discussed what to do with any overage for 2024 budget without a decision being made.

End-of-year lunch was set for Dec 12 at Noon.

Bill closed the meeting in prayer.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Monday, December 9th: 6 p.m.

Attendees: Tom Braschayko, Jennifer Fernelius, Mariel Fitzhugh Marc Laney, Julie LaRue, Kelsi McCormack, Mike Pelton, Sharon Roark, Joe Stockdale, Kyle Wienert, Amy Delgado

Not Present: (all in attendance)

- | | <i><u>Presenter</u></i> |
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| I. Devotional (from <u>Moments</u> by Gregg Matte) and Opening Prayer | <i>Mariel Fitzhugh</i> |
| II. Introduction of Ellen Dawson (1 st Presbyterian Colorado Springs) | <i>Amy Delgado</i> |
| III. Committee Reports: Funding Recommendations | |
| A. Children Families and Housing | <i>Mariel Fitzhugh</i> |
| 1. The Beacon - \$5,000 | |
| 2. Open Door Mission - \$45,000 | |

3. Hope for Youth – \$0 / discontinue partnership

Motion: To approve above gifts as presented.

Vote: Approved

IV. End of year funding discussion

All

The committee, as a whole, discussed the ordered lists of partner and designated gifts brought to the committee for consideration. Several changes were made to the order and all were in agreement. Gifts are listed in the order with which they will be distributed. There are more items on the list than will be possible to fund. Funding will be determined after the close of the fiscal year, and Accounting will let Outreach know through which item number dollars can be distributed. (see attached Excel file with the full, ranked list)

Motion: To approve the attached, ranked list of gifts to Outreach Partners as end of year designated funds to use/distribute the remaining Outreach funds.

Vote: Approved

V. Other business

- Local Outreach

Julie LaRue

- Toy Train – over 100 toys were collected and delivered to The Forge for Families today.
- Bless Friday – a small team decorated The Outreach Center of West Houston, and many home projects (“Animeals,” Fuente Rice and Beans and SEARCH homeless bags) were completed. We are still receiving drop—off donations.
- Thanksgiving Meal in a Bag – We received a record number of bags this year, over 1,000. There were a few remaining bags remaining after the distribution which will help to stock the Fuente pantry shelves and go as a Christmas gift to pantry guests.
- Seafarers’ boxes – We are continuing to collect boxes for the Seafarers Center through the end of the year. There has been a low response so far.

- Global Outreach

Kelsi McCormack

1. Mission Market – Two weeks remain for Mission Market. To date, we have received over \$6,000, which is low, but we expect more activity in the next two weeks. Cards are available on Sunday, as well as in the front office during the week. The Mission Market table will be open through Sunday, December 22nd. Please urge committee members to sign up to help volunteer on Sundays to staff the table.
2. Saudi Arabia – Kelsi shared an update from her recent trip with Frontier Fellowship to S.A. They traveled to several cities and met with several high impact people serving there. Inspirational to hear about the movement and how God is working there. Kelsi will be staying in touch with the people she met for future partnership opportunities.
3. Camino de Santiago – The planned trip for March 2025 has a registration deadline in the next week. There are a couple of open spots, so feel free to share among your circles.
4. Living Water – Woman’s Ministry trip to Honduras is planned for May 2025

- Other

- Pars Formation Conference in Turkey – Amy shared about the November Formation Conference trip with 11 participants from across the U.S.

VI. Elder Appreciation – a big thank you to everyone on the committee for their dedication and service to Outreach this past year with a special mention to Mariel and Tom as our third-year elders, and to Tom for his leadership as our Moderator.

Closing Prayer

Amy Delgado

Young Adult Committee Minutes:

November 10- 12:15pm - Edneia opened the session with a prayer, blessing our time.

PARTICIPANTS

Matthew Adair, Sally Henien, Lacey Dusek, Georgia Drager, Edneia Moreira, Argentina Barrios, Nicholas Okal

Icebreaker: Edneia led the group in an engaging icebreaker activity, allowing members to share if they would rather be inside the boat with Jesus or onshore watching the miracle happen.

Devotional: Edneia shared a devotional based on Colossians 3:12, encouraging the team to reflect on virtues that are essential for fostering positive relationships and personal growth. As we embody these virtues, we can improve our interactions with others and create a more compassionate and harmonious society.

Items Discussed:

1. Young Adults Fall Retreat Feedback + Thoughts- All

- YAs enjoyed having the daily schedule for the retreat quickly accessible on the back of the printed name tag; worship moments were great during the sessions; building in free time was good to build connection with one another and it was enough time. Small group discussions during the weekend were fruitful. Overall, a great retreat!
- Using the MDPC van was helpful! It also contributed towards building community during the road trip, before the retreat even started
- Food was spot on! People really enjoyed the food, and it was not too challenging to make it happen.
 - Nicholas cooked Ghanaian food for one meal during the retreat. His food was amazing, and the overall experience added good value around connection. We would like to encourage incorporating cultural meals/aspects into future events so we can learn more about other cultures and keep building connections.
- The overall agenda, schedule, and dates of the retreat was good. The weekend ran smoothly!
- Great location: Being in a house/smaller space rather than a camp helped people feel more connected. We were able to easily find one another while seeing the whole property quickly. The space allowed YAs to feel like this is really a retreat - felt more restful. It was a welcoming and warm environment.
- Keep having “alter call” moments factored in during the retreats; maybe add a private option for those who are introverts. Another idea is to have staff available to chat + pray with YAs after the worship gatherings.
- Adding a fun + relevant topical discussion is great. This retreat was focused on dating relationships. The discussion was powerful and overall, the group liked it and engaged with it after the session. It is evident that there is a need to keep these types of open conversations going. It stirred up reflections and thoughts among people, mostly young adults.
- Having other “adults” present during the retreat really helps with logistics + connecting relationally.
 - Having a few volunteers able to arrive at the retreat location early really helps us get settled + ready for YAs to arrive organize groceries, do a final touch at the venue, and prep the first meal. Dinner was served between 6-7:45pm and this worked well on Friday night. The end time of retreat was after lunch on Sunday. YAs liked that Sunday did not feel rushed. It was a good schedule overall.
- Having devotional time as optional was appreciated for the mornings.
- Wrapping up the retreat on Sunday was smooth.

Opportunities:

- Around transportation, make sure we have a second departure time available for those who can't leave work early.
- In the future, it would be good to have moments of people praying together in the same room often, maybe 5-10 times.
- During the relationship sessions, it would be helpful to have both a male and female on the panel so we can address both perspectives. Overall, the girls did not feel their part was covered. Be careful about

how we engage the audience to share their thoughts. It was suggested to have a big session and right after offer a drop-in session with small groups so people can be more open and ask personal questions.

- The group suggested subjects like Finances and Dating be added to the retreat agenda as extra offers.
- We ran out of still water and juice. We provided detailed feedback to Megan so we can adjust the quantity for next events.
- Picking up food early, as we did, will give us more time to accommodate unexpected situations.
- Engage people who are not in the YA demographic to be part of the organization team so they can add their experience to YA.
- Georgia to share some questions she heard around relationships so that they can be used for the next worship night around Valentine's.

✚ **2. YA guys night – December 6th 5:30 – 8:00 - MDPC Pickleball Courts:** Sally informed that Miah is leading the event, and it's confirmed. Sally will post it on the MDPC page and YA sites. She asked the group to share it with friends. Information will also be available on the Thanksgiving flyer.

✚ **3. Connect with other YA through sports. Luke and Georgia to provide an update:** Georgia provided an update on ideas for it. The plan is to start meeting once a month and expand as we go. Georgia will run a survey with the NEXT group to decide the best day/time to start. She will also create a group chat so the group can keep communicating and add new members as they join. The end goal is to provide an opportunity for YA to have a connection point, relax, and meet weekly. Initial time suggested: Sunday afternoon 4-5:30pm or Saturday 4-5:30pm - 11-12:30pm.

- **BPC Connection:** Argentina suggested that the sporting events could be a good opportunity to start building connections with the BPC community. Argentina will share the dates BPC service meets and how our YAs can volunteer at their dinners. BPC told Argentina there are needs. This is an opportunity for to meet them where they are at, serve their congregation, and connections with them relationally.

✚ **4. Pickleball courts:** Sally informed us that they will be officially open on November 18th. There is an open question about whether YA wants to have a time slot booked so they can hang out as personal agendas permit.

✚ **5. Upcoming Events planning (Nov/Dec):** Sally asked the group to check the email she sent with all the details and support needed for YA Friendsgiving. They can let her know if they have questions. For the YA Christmas party, the group decided to host it at MDPC. Sally will follow up with Megan to see which area is available. Sally will share the event details with the group when the time comes. The group also decided that the event will be held on December 14th at 6pm – 9pm – Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

✚ **6. Financial Peace class with Dan Aikins:** Sally shared with the group a new opportunity that MDPC will make available and encouraged the group to attend and share it with others who can benefit from it. The goal is to provide financial knowledge to YA from a biblical perspective.

The details of the class are as follows:

Meeting at Corner Bakery at I-10 and Blalock - Tuesdays, beginning January 7 for nine weeks - 6:30-8:30pm | Registration and payment is made through the Financial Peace website: <https://www.fpu.com/3BCD5C>

Edneia informed the group that she will be in Brazil from **Dec 13th to Jan 3rd** visiting her family. Sally to check who can take notes during next YA lead team meeting.

✚ The group decided that the next meeting date is **December 15th.**

✚ Sally informed the group that Children's ministry is accepting volunteers to help with outdoor MDPC Family Christmas festival. It's 1h:45m commitment. Sally will share the link on Discord and the group can sign up to volunteer. YA Lead Team is asked to spread the word to others who might be interested.

Closing Prayer: Matthew concluded the meeting with a heartfelt prayer, asking for blessings upon the team for the upcoming week and season.