



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, Mar 25, 2024

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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Session Meeting Agenda

March 25, 2024



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Beth Case)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Bob Holloway)
3. **Easter Meditation: Reflections on The Splendors of Turkey** (Alf Halvorson and Beth Case)
4. **Clerk's Report** (Bob Holloway)
5. **ECO Ordination Candidate-** Blake Swoboda
Motion to receive Blake Swoboda as an Inquirer for ECO Ordination Candidacy
6. **Finance Report** (Bob Davis and Marcus Vajdos)
7. **Capital Maintenance Projects** (Marcus Vajdos)
8. **Omnibus Agenda**
 - a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2024, Session Meeting.
 - b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in March 2024:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Brooke Williams Guerre	Infant	Nina Williams and Matthew Aubert Guere	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	3/03/2024
Bennett Caroline Harris	Infant	Virginia Skinner and Russell Glen Harris	Mom-Yes; Dad-No	3/03/2024
Lottie Louise May	Infant	Libby Burgher and Mattison Paul May	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	3/03/2024

c. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for March as follows:

**Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding
Recommendations
March 2024**

Consent Agenda items:

**1. Partner Funding
Recommendations**

Designated

The Antioch Partners	\$16,500	Designated: Adair	Global Missionary
Frontier Fellowship	\$11,000	Designated: Biru	Global Missionary
Frontiers	\$11,000	Missionary #004554	Global Missionary
Frontier Fellowship	\$2,750	Designated: Huffman	Global Missionary
YWAM	\$11,000	Designated: Personal Support (Johnson)	Global Missionary
The Antioch Partners	\$11,000	Designated: Leina & Salam	Global Missionary
Frontier Fellowship	\$11,000	Designated: McNerney	Global Missionary
Totaling:		\$74,250	

9. Calendar Reminders

March 25	The Spoken Word (Chapel) and The Silent Word (Parlor) Begin
March 28	Maundy Thursday Sanctuary 7 pm Beth Case Preaching
March 29	Good Friday 12 pm in Sanctuary; Spanish Language Service 7 pm in Chapel
March 30	Easter Village 10-12
March 31	Easter Sunday 7 am Sunrise in Courtyard; 8:30 Contemporary, 9:45 Family and 11:15 Traditional all in Sanctuary 11:15 Spanish Language Service and 6 pm BPC Service both in Chapel
April 7	Alf Halvorson Preaching

April 14
April 21

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Remaining 2024 Session Meeting Dates

April 22
May 20
June 24
July -No Meeting
August 26
September 23
October 28
November- No Meeting
December 16

10. Announcements and Additional Business

11. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (Rachel Poysky)
Motion *to adjourn the March 2024 Session Meeting.*

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 2 - February
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2024
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2024

Description	Feb-24	2024 Actual	2024 Budget YTD	Over (Under)	% Variance	2024 Actual YTD	Budget 2024 Full
		YTD		Budget	YTD		Year
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 1,141,691	\$ 2,053,640	\$ 1,609,811	\$ 443,829	0.28%	\$ 1,591,423	\$ 13,719,797
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 269,705	\$ 596,827	\$ 566,214	\$ 30,613	0.05%	\$ 549,393	\$ 3,061,907
Other Operating Income	\$ 14,110	\$ 26,140	\$ 16,667	\$ 9,474	0.57%	\$ 511	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,425,506	\$ 2,676,607	\$ 2,192,691	\$ 483,916	0.22%	\$ 2,141,327	\$ 16,881,704
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 33,137	\$ 67,200	\$ 73,216	\$ (6,016)	-0.08%	\$ 68,064	\$ 448,929
Fuente	\$ 13,303	\$ 27,337	\$ 23,359	\$ 3,978	0.17%	\$ 8,488	\$ 144,565
Children's Ministry	\$ 59,824	\$ 119,033	\$ 148,012	\$ (28,979)	-0.20%	\$ 116,646	\$ 885,876
Youth Ministry	\$ 37,625	\$ 74,469	\$ 86,340	\$ (11,871)	-0.14%	\$ 92,603	\$ 567,216
Relationships	\$ 43,491	\$ 71,512	\$ 78,045	\$ (6,533)	-0.08%	\$ 75,886	\$ 393,813
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 7,232	\$ 24,005	\$ 25,589	\$ (1,584)	-0.06%	\$ 23,642	\$ 417,441
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 54,132	\$ 107,915	\$ 102,820	\$ 5,095	0.05%	\$ 95,033	\$ 607,660
Adult Discipleship	\$ 34,100	\$ 65,736	\$ 67,242	\$ (1,506)	-0.02%	\$ 51,537	\$ 403,494
Young Adult	\$ 9,327	\$ 18,850	\$ 33,493	\$ (14,643)	-0.44%	\$ 74,795	\$ 213,538
Worship	\$ 41,507	\$ 74,393	\$ 89,364	\$ (14,971)	-0.17%	\$ 63,979	\$ 529,786
Traditional Music	\$ 33,760	\$ 71,414	\$ 67,344	\$ 4,070	0.06%	\$ 69,486	\$ 426,904
Contemporary Music	\$ 28,569	\$ 57,321	\$ 56,399	\$ 922	0.02%	\$ 51,536	\$ 337,296
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 13,029	\$ 31,777	\$ 32,938	\$ (1,161)	-0.04%	\$ 23,907	\$ 197,624
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 409,035	\$ 810,964	\$ 884,162	\$ (73,198)	-0.08%	\$ 815,602	\$ 5,574,142
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 74,279	\$ 150,859	\$ 150,883	\$ (24)	0.00%	\$ 156,997	\$ 905,300
Administration	\$ 65,864	\$ 136,709	\$ 135,216	\$ 1,494	0.01%	\$ 137,310	\$ 820,741
Food Service	\$ 13,366	\$ 25,751	\$ 25,833	\$ (82)	0.00%	\$ 16,217	\$ 155,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 206,431	\$ 436,972	\$ 382,537	\$ 54,435	0.14%	\$ 361,787	\$ 2,380,816
The Little School	\$ 109,545	\$ 209,914	\$ 210,141	\$ (227)	0.00%	\$ 202,514	\$ 1,255,145
The Yellow School	\$ 62,657	\$ 124,610	\$ 127,996	\$ (3,386)	-0.03%	\$ 142,595	\$ 758,233
Total Support Ministry	\$ 532,144	\$ 1,084,816	\$ 1,032,606	\$ 52,210	0.05%	\$ 1,017,420	\$ 6,275,235
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,652	\$ (41,652)	-1.00%	\$ -	\$ 41,652
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 941,178	\$ 1,895,780	\$ 1,916,768	\$ (20,988)	-0.01%	\$ 1,833,021	\$ 11,849,377
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 60,141	\$ 116,827	\$ 205,781	\$ (88,953.95)	-0.43%	\$ 162,895	\$ 1,330,707
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 531	\$ 1,488	\$ 165,000	\$ (163,511.53)	-0.99%	\$ 51,767	\$ 3,106,620
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 60,672	\$ 118,315	\$ 370,781	\$ (252,465.48)	-0.68%	\$ 214,662	\$ 4,437,327
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 44,221	\$ 87,812	\$ 90,833	\$ (3,022)	-0.03%	\$ 60,812	\$ 545,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,333	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 8,333	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 48,387	\$ 96,145	\$ 99,167	\$ (3,022)	-0.03%	\$ 69,146	\$ 595,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,050,238	\$ 2,110,240	\$ 2,386,715	\$ (276,475)	-0.12%	\$ 2,116,829	\$ 16,881,704
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 375,268	\$ 566,367	\$ (194,024)	\$ 760,391	-3.92%	\$ 24,498	\$ 0
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ 8,261	\$ 192,914	\$ -	\$ 192,914	0%	\$ (70,072)	\$ -

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru February
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2024

Name	Month to Month			
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Difference	Feb 2023
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	5,328,120.99	4,728,837.35	599,283.64	6,121,562.79
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	2,116,820.40	2,235,275.42	(118,455.02)	1,777,739.11
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	7,444,941.39	6,964,112.77	480,828.62	7,899,301.90
Current Investments (Restricted)	2,421,233.84	2,421,233.84	-	2,108,438.76
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	4,371,872.47	4,371,872.47	-	4,026,996.12
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	6,793,106.31	6,793,106.31	-	6,135,434.88
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	442,257.86	437,603.04	4,654.82	202,747.88
Miscellaneous Receivables	12,963.81	15,349.81	(2,386.00)	359,535.46
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	22,736,657.61	22,253,560.17	483,097.44	22,895,136.00
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	906,409.79	830,256.25	76,153.54	1,376,016.85
Other Payables	87,523.57	90,479.82	(2,956.25)	60,599.93
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	101,495.00	78,189.00	23,306.00	296,293.53
Custodial Accounts	37,424.90	34,360.01	3,064.89	48,092.76
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,132,853.26	1,033,285.08	99,568.18	1,781,003.07
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	13,083,595.90	12,708,327.51	375,268.39	14,036,072.54
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	2,860,295.98	2,892,395.38	(32,099.40)	2,276,426.48
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	5,226,054.88	5,185,694.61	40,360.27	4,367,776.32
TOTAL NET ASSETS	21,603,804.35	21,220,275.09	383,529.26	21,114,132.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	22,736,657.61	22,253,560.17	483,097.44	22,895,136.00

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
February 26, 2024

Elders Present: Chris Arend, Sandy Ballard, Tom Braschayko, Ellen Davidson, Bob Davis, Stephanie Espinoza, Ginny French, Bob Holloway, Alex Knoop, Sara Kuhn, Marc Laney, Stefano Lugo-Doval, , Laura Miller, Rafael Moreira, Christina Morse, Mike Pelton, Kathy Redden, Sharon Roark, , Dillon Shindler, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylor, Mandy Todd, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Rick Bradford, Mariel Braun, Jennifer Fernelius, Sarah Kilgore, Michael Kringel, Tarryn Lankford, Madison Limbacher, Michael McCormack, David Shelfer, Leslie Sloan, Nathan Stedham, Bill Swenson, Jeff Taylor, Ellie Torres, Kyle Wienert, Mat Yelvington

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Brett Hurst, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Other Staff Present: Carter Bliss, Amy Delgado, Christina Densmore, Christian Diaz, Beverly Fluke, Ginny Glass, Sally Henien, Julie LaRue, Amy Layman, Sergio Scheveloff, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos

Call to Order: Pastor Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:31 pm in the Chapel. She opened us with Psalm 63 and prayer.

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

New Members: *Bruce Connery, Lynne Connery, Susan Cornett, Allison Dotson, Zachary Dotson, Allison Farrell, Austin Freitas, Paige Graf, Robert Graf, Carter Grinstead, Laura Grinstead, Joan Lotz, Kari Malloy, Keith Malloy, Claire Nielsen, Regan Nielsen, Lauren Peyton, Catherine Reedy, Collin Reedy, Leigh Schaub, Blake Swoboda, Julie Swoboda, Jackie Vicars.*

Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*

Dan invited the candidates to introduce themselves, starting with those online and then in the chapel, telling Session why they were attracted to MDPC and one place they want to serve. Beth then asked the candidates to affirm their belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, that they would be disciples and commit themselves to active membership here at MDPC. Beth then asked for the motion listed above, which was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously and with great joy. Stephanie Espinoza, our New Members Elder, prayed a blessing over our newest members and Dan dismissed them with the invitation to remain for the duration of the meeting or to be excused.

Debrief Staff /Officer Retreat and Ongoing Succession Planning Ideas: (Alf Halvorson)

You received a survey from Jennifer allowing you to give your thoughts on the retreat in January. You still have time to respond to her over the next few days. Tonight, we will break out into small groups for five minutes to discuss 1) best or biggest takeaway from our discussion on leadership succession and 2) in your area where you are serving, is there a next step in leadership succession process? Alf's thoughts after break outs: We don't go on these retreats to then be done. We want to keep Leadership Succession Planning on our radar for this next year as an emphasis and then keep on the radar as a continued emphasis for the next 7-8 years.

Clerk's Report: (Bob Holloway)

Bob gave us a thorough report of ECO National Gathering in Greenville. (Slides presented were posted to Officer Resources following the meeting)

Finance Report: (Bob Davis and Marcus Vajdos)

- Offerings through the first 7 weeks of 2024 are off to a tremendous start, totaling \$1.92 million versus the budget of \$1.39 million. This is an encouraging start, but it is too early to tell if this is a carry-over effect from the year end shortfall.
- Bob Davis presented a flowchart detailing the three sources of funds for MDPC:
 - o Generosity (Operational) Giving
 - o Legacy Giving
 - o Capital Campaigns

Church in the City God-Sightings and Immediate Impressions: (Rachel Poysky and Amy Delgado)

Communications Report on Analytics and Social Media: (Ginny Glass and Christina Densmore)
(Slides posted to Officer Resources following the meeting)

Security Update: (Carter Bliss and Christian Diaz)

Omnibus Agenda:

Beth introduced the very small Omnibus Motion for February! She 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 January 26, 2024, Session Meeting at Stoney Creek Ranch.

Calendar Reminders

March 3	Alf Halvorson Preaching
March 3	Annual Congregational Meeting 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
March 10	Dan Aikins Preaching
March 17	Rachel Poysky Preaching
March 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching Palm Sunday
March 25	Session Meeting in Amphitheater , 6:30 p.m.

Remaining 2024 Session Meeting Dates

March 25 in Amphitheater
 April 22
 May 20
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 December 16

Additional Business and Announcements:

Brett-MDPC Dads are Camping this Saturday on the ballfields; Dan- announced the Welcome Team for ushering and greeting! March 3rd we will begin *Life Shared*, a 3- week class training non-experts in how to share their faith; Alpha begins 4/2 launch night at White Elm; Marcus- We need TSW Table Hosts

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 8:03 and circled up in prayer together.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Bob Holloway, Clerk.

Jennifer Vajdos, February 2024

**Outreach Ministries
Funding Recommendations
March 2024**

Global Missionaries

Missionary Partner: The Adair Family

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: Adair

2023 Funding: \$16,500

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$16,500

Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least-reached people groups throughout the world.

Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru

Funding made out to: Frontier Fellowship, Designated: Biru

2023 Funding: \$11,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME). The vision of LOHME is to bring the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and in North America. LOHME carries out their mission through building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns

Funding made out to: Common Ground Consultants, Designated: Burns

2023 Funding: \$5,500

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$0 - Dismissal

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live near Wilmington, North Carolina, where Jeff teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

Missionary Partner: Chris and Jaime

Funding made out to: Frontiers, Designated: Missionary #004554

2023 Funding: \$11,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jaime have lived in the Middle East for 10 years where their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities that they live and work. Pray for Chris, Jaime, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to

share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those placed in their path.

Missionary Partner: Kristin Huffman

Funding made out to: Frontier Fellowship, Designated: Huffman

2023 Funding: \$2,750

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$2,750

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, engaging in ministry to reach the unreached. She focuses on mobilizing congregations in mission, exploring diaspora ministry opportunities, working with global and local partners, and serving with the Frontier Fellowship communications team.

Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family

Funding made out to: YWAM, Designated: Personal Support (Johnson)

2023 Funding: \$11,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They also lead a discipleship training school and have formed a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with people that are homeless and refugee families.

Missionary Partner: Couple Serving in Middle East

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: Leina & Salam Personal Support

2023 Funding: \$5,500

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

This MDPC missionary couple supports communities of Arab, Persian and Turkish believers from a Muslim background. Through their Christian center in Tbilisi, Georgia, they disciple and equip maturing believers to be a light in their community of origin and shepherd Christ-centered, biblically based, multiplying churches.

Missionary Partner: Dan McNerney

Funding made out to: Frontier Fellowship, Designated: McNerney

2023 Funding: \$11,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. His ministry includes teaching, preaching, and mobilizing local churches on the principles of frontier mission. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, gathering Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees March 2024

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes: March 19, 2024

Attendees: Karen Austin, Penny Bryant, Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Christine Gentil, Judy Gordon, Jim Newlin, Kathy Redden, Christine Roskamp, Lisa Shelfer, Suzanne Tobin, Sue Warren, Paul Whelchel

Not in Attendance: Beth Case, Judy Stockton

Opening Prayer & Devotional: Kathy Redden

Ministry Reports:

Card-writing:

- The Branches group held its monthly meeting in February to send handwritten notes to MDPC members who had been in the hospital/rehab, lost a loved one, or just needed encouragement. They also sent care cards to those who are staying in the MDPC-sponsored apartments in the Medical Center.
- The five dedicated Prayer Chain writers took turns writing to those on the Prayer Chain list.

Community Relations:

- **Community Relations has begun looking into how to make MDPC a more dementia-friendly environment by working with other groups that deal with dementia.**

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- **The Gathering Place:** The Gathering Place, which met on Wednesday, March 6th, had many care partners, caregivers, and volunteers this month. Nancy Blurton led the group in exercise again, this month with balloons. We had an excellent singer who sang wonderful old favorites as our entertainment. Lunch was served, and we played Bingo.
- **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 spring series of the Transforming Grief program is scheduled for April 3 – May 22, on Wednesdays at 4:30-6:00pm. (It's being offered later in the spring than usual due to Holy Week and other events in March.) Registration is open at grief.mdpc.org. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.
- **The Widows Connection:** **The Widows Connection met last month at La Madeline for lunch. Twelve ladies joined the group. It was decided that the group will now meet once a month on the third Tuesday at 11:30 for lunch at MDPC.**
- **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:

- Our friends at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center reported that we had 16 donors and 23 products at the MDPC-hosted Blood Drive on February 11, 2024. The goal GCRBC had for us that day was 15 donors and 18 products; it was good to surpass that!

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 Beth Case or Beverly Fluke or online at homecommunion.mdpc.org.

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team, comprised of 12 volunteers, visits 32 homebound church members every month. This is our chance to lift up and brighten their days and reduce feelings of loneliness. 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 jlnewlin@comcast.net or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.

Memorial Services:

- February – 2 memorial services with receptions at MDPC.

Prayer Ministry:

- A Prayer Room, entitled “The Silent Word” is being prepared for Holy Week. On March 24, Deacons and Staff will set up the Parlor to host all who desire to walk through. The hours will be:

Mon-Wed, Mar 25-27 • Open 24 Hours

Thu, Mar 28 • Open until 9:00pm

Fri, Mar 29 • Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Sat, Mar 30 • Open 10:00am-1:00pm

Easter Sun, Mar 31 • Open 7:00am-1:00pm

All generations welcome at all times!

Second Family:

- Second Family volunteers expended 115 hours to support their care partners during February.
- We currently have 12 care partners and have been busy attending to each care partner’s special needs. Sadly, Second Family lost one of its members this past month, but we will continue to visit and support his wife. We also had one care partner who moved out of his home into an assisted living facility, so we are working on the needs and visitation plan for him at this time. We assisted one care partner with the renting of a recumbent bike and she is enjoying this safe, but much needed exercise. We take several of our care partners to medical appointments, hair appointments, grocery stores and other errands with which they need assistance. Our care partners are very thankful and that makes it very rewarding for “Second Family”.
- Mobile meals are delivered on Mondays and Thursdays and we now have 4 deliveries with 4 stops.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- **Venturers:** 49 Venturers met and had dinner at Fratelli’s on March 4 and heard Russ Arnold of the Houston Livestock & Rodeo. He gave a history of the rodeo, many statistics, and elaborated on the rules of judging of several events.
- **Encore Fellowship:** On February 24, they had planned to go to Houston Botanical Garden to see the Radiant Light Show, but it was cancelled due to inclement weather. On March 23, they plan to have dinner at Demeris BBQ.
- **Prime Timers:** On February 21, ten Prime Timers went to Galveston to visit the Railroad Museum. On March 20, they plan to go on a shopping trip to charity thrift stores in Montrose and to have lunch at Niko Niko’s.
- **Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch:** The monthly Senior Adult Lunch is held at MDPC to eat, meet new friends, and learn more about existing friends. The last lunch was on February 26 with 15 attending. Beginning in March, the lunches will be on the third Monday of each month through August.
- **Special Event:** We are planning to have Lt. Guinn of Precinct 5 make another presentation on August 8. He made a presentation last year on Active Shooter Response. Planning for the next event is ongoing.

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met for Supervisory meetings on February 13 and February 27. On February 27, Continuing Education speaker Katie Adams spoke on trauma causes and effects with great discussion on handling these issues in relationships.

- The Stephen Ministry leadership team invites referrals for potential care receivers who could benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship as well as MDPC members whose giftedness may make them good candidates as future Stephen Ministers.
- There are currently 10 MDPC members going through training to become Stephen Ministers. They will complete their training at the end of May and be commissioned on June 11.

Closing Prayer: Kathy Redden

Next CM Meeting: April 16

Children's Ministries Committee Minutes:

March 5, 2024

Committee Members Present:

Keri Mosk, Mayra Escamilla, Mimi Well, Heather Tackett, Laura Tingleaf, Micheal Kringel, Ellen Davidson, Ginny French, Kristin Anderson, Sarah Kilgore, Brenda Vega, and Guillermo Yela.

- Myra Escamilla provided the devotional.
- **Elementary Update** – Mayra will be moving into the Elementary Director position. Her first day will be March 17th. Leonora Olivera has accepted the position of Preschool Ministry Director. Her first day will be March 20th. Mayra will work on training Leonora. Registration for Summer Celebration opened yesterday and was capped at 675 kids. The waitlist started at 9:15am. 59 Preschool kids were registered and are the children of the adult volunteers. 80 teen volunteers have registered. There were no major issues with registration. Mission Extreme will be a little different this year. We will bring the mission partners to MDPC, and the kids will do mission projects here at the church. This will allow us to increase the number of kids we can take from 20 to possibly 50 or 60. Easter Village will be held on March 30th from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- **Preschool Update**- Mayra has been working on Summer Celebration. She will help Leonora lead Summer Celebration. Preschool Serve Day was last Sunday. The children helped set up lunch in the fellowship hall.
- **Childcare Plus Update**- Spring break is next week, so we will be keeping children of the MDPC staff. We are preparing our staff for Easter Village and the Easter services. Childcare will be available on Easter Sunday for children 5 years old and younger.
- **Kaleidoscope/Safe Haven Update** – Teen employee, Michael Gibbs, resigned from his position working in the Kaleidoscope on Sunday mornings.
- **The Little School/ Yellow School Update** – Book fair will be held March 19th-22nd. Summer school registration starts soon. We are redesigning the preschool hallway. The ark will stay, and vinyl animal scenes will be added.
- **Fuente Update** – Children's class started on Sunday and Wednesday. The class started with a few kids but is growing in number. We are continuing with background checks and safety training of volunteers. We will be hosting a booth at Easter Village. We will get a list of children that would like to attend Summer Celebration. 20 spots will be made available. A separate link will be sent to the parents who are interested. We are working on the website to put more of the information in Spanish.
- **BPC Update** – We are working on getting volunteers for our booth at Easter Village. We are preparing for a special Easter event that will be held at 6:00pm on March 31st in the Galaxy.

Next Meeting – April 2nd, 2024

Finance Committee Minutes:

February 2024 Finance Committee Agenda & Draft Minutes

Transparency, Check & Balance, Mitigate Risk

Call to Order

A meeting of the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Finance Committee was convened in prayer on February 19, 2024, at 5:15 PM in the Pastor's Conference Room.

The meeting was video recorded on MDPC's TEAMS System.

Attendance

Member	Office	Attending	Absent
Marcus Vajdos	Chief Operating Officer	x	
Dena Bankett	Finance Director		x
Bob Holloway	Clerk of Session	x	
Mandy Todd	Personnel Elder	online	
Oliver Aldrich,	2023 Retiring Treasurer		x
Bob Davis	Treasurer	x	
Chris Arend	Treasurer Elect	x	
Kyle Wienert	Treasurer Elect-Elect	x	
Bill Swenson	Generosity Elder	x	
Tom Braschayko	Outreach Elder	online	
Rosy Pereira	At Large		x
Karin Tyson	At Large	online	
Matt Fleming	At Large		x

Quorum Present? Yes

Approval of Minutes – Bob Davis will send out January meeting notes for review and approval.

Reports

Budget Reports – Vajdos

- January 2024 financial reports are not yet available as the accounting books have not been closed for January yet.
- Marcus reported that MDPC is implementing a new payroll system starting May 1, 2024
- Marcus briefed us on Ava's new weekly financial contributions email and how she is breaking out the contributions between online, stock gifts, mail, and offering
 - Chris Arend asked how people are donating and there were various discussions and comments about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD's), and appreciated stocks
 - Bob H mentioned getting National Charitable Foundation to come and talk about various giving options and opportunities for MDPC members.
 - Several others suggested potentially adding educational tools to the MDPC website and/or having presentations to Sunday school classes.

- Questions were asked about Ava's backup in case she was not able to perform her job. Ava doesn't have a trained backup and it was agreed that this needs to be addressed. Potentially we need to have 2 or more people possibly trained for this duty.
- MV reported that the credit card usage and accounting for these charges are improving.
- MV reported that Venmo is not set up yet, but it is currently planned on implementing later.

Generosity – Swenson

- Bill explained that the goal of Generosity is to plan out the coming year's pledge campaign.
- Bill explained how Generosity starts their campaign in November, with the busy time of year being January – March as pledges are received
- Bill gave us 2023 (550ish pledges and \$9+ mil) vs 2024 (609 pledges and \$10+ mil)
- A few ideas about how Generosity could reach more people about pledging and donating included educating people about what the Bible says about gifting. Generosity could attend new member meetings.

Legacy – Vajdos

- MV updated us on 4 projects currently being discussed and reviewed under Legacy giving
 - Pickleball court – approx. \$500k
 - Monuments signs (3 big LED type signs) - approx. \$250k
 - Downstairs restrooms – approx. \$1 million
 - CLC roof – approx. \$400k
- MV explained that we currently have \$5 million in legacy funds, and all of which are general use funds.

AFE Status – Vajdos

- MV mentioned that there is currently one open AFE (required for expenditures over \$20,000)

Unfinished Business

- The Committee desires to and will work to provide guidance to accounting regarding simplification and clarification of MDPC's chart of accounts.
 - Should we have a sub-committee set a proposed Chart of Accounts?
 - If yes, who should chair such a sub-committee?
 - What is an appropriate time frame expectation for completion?
- The Committee is obligated and will provide guidance and direction to the Investment Committee and Legacy Committee to help them establish short- and long-term goals for fund raising. The Committee recognizes their obligation to provide said guidance in a manner consistent with direction received from Alf, the Lead Team, and the Program Team
 - What guidance does the Finance Committee receive from Alf, Lead, and Program?
 - How does the FC reasonably impact the decisions of the XXXX
- The Committee desires to assist Marcus Vajdos in his goal to be able to produce MDPC internal monthly statement within the first two weeks of each month.
- Does FC need to address the ignored 2022 Contribution Reserve (increasing the reserve to be 5% of the Contribution Budget?

Motion

New Business

- AFE Procedures –
 - Do we have written procedures?
 - Which Expenses are Subject to AFE approval?
 - Who has the authority to initiate an AFE?
 - Which budgets are available for AFE expenditures?
- Capital Maintenance Project Bid Procedures -
 - Do we need to see Bids before approval and initiation of work?

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer at approximately

Generosity Committee Minutes:

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Prepared by Ginny Glass

In attendance: Bill Swenson, Michael McCormack, Jeannie Able, Ava Caliendo, Colby Mueck Joe Stockdale, Nathan Stedham, Alf Halvorson, Hunter Smith, Marcus Vajdos, Ginny Glass, Bob Davis, and Kate Brock

Absent: Chris Arend

Joe Stockdale opened the meeting in prayer.

Marcus discussed the giving report that he and Ava pulled from Ministry Platform. He doubts the validity of the data that was created and doesn't believe that it accurately represents the source of the 2024 increases. He will continue to work with the data to try and achieve more accurate results. Michael McCormack has some software that he thinks might help bring that information together.

Ava announced that we had increased pledging from the Fuente and Brazilian congregations.

Bill led a lengthy discussion about the goals for 2024. Should we simply use the 5% annual increase, or should we base it on other criteria? In the end, the committee landed on a 5% per annum increase, plus establishing one (or more) long-term goals once additional data is available.

Confirmed last month's decision to keep the Team MPDC logo and colors for another year. Discussed a few different "baseball" themes that might be used in conjunction with this year's campaign:

- Spring Training (grapefruit vs. cactus)
- Free Agents (is it time to commit?)
- Team Chemistry
- Practice and Preparation
- Time Outs

Alf suggested that Spring Spirit might make a good Generosity Video for this season.

Ava gave an updated financial report: 612 pledgers for \$10.185M. Giving is \$505K ahead as of Mar 3, 2024.

The committee affirmed that we would snail mail the covenant packages to every member this year in lieu of emailing those with emails in the database.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10.

Jeannie Able closed the meeting in prayer.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Monday, March 11th

Members Present: Tom Braschayko, Amy Delgado, Jennifer Fernelius, Marc Laney, Julie LaRue, Kelsi McCormack, Joe Stockdale, Kyle Wienert

Members not present: Mariel Braun, Mike Pelton, Sharon Roark

- I. Tom Braschayko provided a devotional on “Common Grace,” and dinner.
- II. Following individual member introductions, Tom Braschayko gave a general overview of MDPC Outreach Meetings, as follows:
 - Frequency: *Monthly (excl July), 2nd or 3rd Monday; ahead of Session meeting*
 - Dates: *11 Mar, 15 Apr, 13 May, 10 June, 12 Aug, 16 Sep, 21 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec*
 - Time: *6:00 PM start (typically 1 and ½ to 2 hours duration)*
 - Location: *MDPC Parlor*
 - Agenda: *Devotional and Dinner, Funding Proposals, Reports, Closing Prayer*
 - Preparation:
 - Individual Committee Funding Proposals due by end of day Friday prior
 - Agenda distributed by afternoon Saturday prior
 - Monthly Focus:

MARCH	<i>Introductions</i>
APRIL – JUNE, AUGUST - OCTOBER	<i>Funding Proposals</i>
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER	<i>Mission Market Christmas Eve elections Partner Descriptions</i>
NOVEMBER	<i>Over and Above projects</i>
DECEMBER	<i>Meet As necessary</i>
 - Meeting Minutes: Tom Braschayko took responsibility for the March meeting. Future responsibility to be determined.
 - Devotional and Dinner sign-ups were selected as follows:
 - April 15- Joe Stockdale
 - May 13- Marc Laney
 - June 10- Jennifer Fernelius
 - August 12- Julie LaRue
 - September to December – Sign-ups to be determined.

- III. 2023 “Over and Above”: Amy Delgado reported that 49 of the these prioritized one-time projects, totaling \$450,593, were able to be funded

- IV. 2024 Outreach Budget: Amy Delgado described the establishment of the individual committee budgets that were reported to Outreach Elders prior to the meeting, as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Budget, \$</i>
Children Families and Housing (CFH)	415,000
Discipleship and Education (DE)	446,000
Health and Special Needs (HSN)	416,000
Spring Branch and Hunger (SBH)	412,000
Global	525,000 and 130,000 for missionaries

A separate budgeted amount (~\$580,000) has been set aside, including repayment to MDPC reserve fund for allocations to the 2023 Outreach budget, and potential funding of one-time projects from partners and any new partners invited to submit funding requests.

V. Discussion: focus was mainly on committee feedback from the January Session Retreat

VI. Committee Reports: Funding Recommendations & Meeting Debriefs

- Global Committee: Funding Recommendations were approved as follows (see details attached below):
 1. Missionary Partner: The Adair Family - \$16,500
 2. Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru - \$11,000
 3. Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns - \$0 - Dismissal
 4. Missionary Partner: Chris and Jaime - \$11,000
 5. Missionary Partner: Kristin Huffman - \$2,750
 6. Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family - \$11,000
 7. Missionary Partner: Couple Serving in Middle East - \$11,000
 8. Missionary Partner: Dan McNerney - \$11,000

These proposals reflect increases in the missionary partner general funding levels that were agreed in 2023. Kelsi McCormack reported that any future increase in these levels would be recommended by the Outreach Committee

- Local Committees: All have held initial meetings and made assignments to members for 2024 site visits. Both HSN and SBH are leveraging veteran members' report of an initial site visit as a vehicle to provide training for new members in each committee

VII. Staff reports

- A. Global: Registration is open for the Mexico Vision Trip to Faith Ministry and Berea Bible Institute Partners, April 17-20.
- B. General: Outreach Staff continues to evaluate partners for any that may be invited to request funding in the future

VIII. Closing Prayer was delivered by Joe Stockdale

Worship and Music Committee Minutes:

March 25, 2023

Present: Alf Halvorson, Beth Case, Dan Aikins, Rachel Poysky, Charlie Giesler, Michael Middleton, Kathryn White, David Shelfer, Nancy Blurton, Dillon Shindler, Ginny Glass and Tracy Stidam in person; Steffanie Dean and Meliza Gomez by zoom

NEW MEMBERS (March 10)

- Some confusion about who can stand and extend a hand in prayer after the new members are received; will state it differently in the future to include everyone.
- It was suggested that Dan mention a little anecdote about each person to help connect the congregation with the new members

REVIEW of PALM SUNDAY (March 24)

- Children's Choir participation at the 9:45 & 11:15 services went well; good screen coverage of the children; could hear them well at 11:15
- Living Water International video was well-received, beautiful poem.
- The LWI envelopes were not mentioned at all services; need to make sure people know if there is a special offering.
- Attendance was much better now that spring break is over.
- Great enthusiasm at Fuente; it has been a good transition with Guillermo.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (March 28)

- Anointing and communion; plenty of pastors available
- Beth will address the issue of healing.
- Will mention check-in online or sign the clipboards; will include giving moment at the end.

GOOD FRIDAY (March 29)

- Choir with cello/organ/piano for service.
- Will mention check-in online or sign the clipboards; will not include a giving moment as is our custom for Good Friday
- Alf to talk about substitutionary atonement, which refers to Jesus Christ dying as a substitute for sinners; Barabbas was the first person to receive this blessing.
- Need volunteers to stay and set up Easter lilies following the service.
- Fuente service at 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY (April 9th)

- Sunrise service @ 7am in the Courtyard with new extension added to the platform over the fountain; if rain, will move to the breezeway.
- Fellowship in the Courtyard after the 7 am service with snacks and drinks; will keep the extension up in the courtyard and decorate it.
- Contemporary service @ 8:30 / Family friendly service @ 9:45 / 11:15 Traditional service with brass/timpani - all in the Sanctuary; chairs in the lobby will face TVs; will be prepared for overflow at 9:45 in the Chapel.
- Staff parking from 8 to 1 at the Second Baptist School (formerly Memorial Drive Christian Church) with shuttles; elders encouraged to park near the Scout Hut.

Young Adult Ministries Minutes:

March 10th, 2024 | 12:15 -2pm | MDPC Room 122

YA- LEAD meeting notes.

YA FRAMEWORK Connect | Grow | Engage

PARTICIPANTS
Connor Smith, Sally Henien,
Lacey Dusek, Georgia Drager,
Edneia Moreira, Sara Kuhn,
Argentina Barrios, Luke Tucker,
Stefano Lugo, Miah Collins,
Nicholas Okai, Rachel Poysky,
Yvonne Ramirez

Icebreaker:

The group engaged in a lighthearted icebreaker sharing moments that brought laughter during the week, fostering a positive and enjoyable atmosphere.

Opening Prayer by Edneia:

Edneia led the group in prayer, setting a spiritual tone for the meeting.

Devotional:

Sara shared insights from "The Other Half of Church," emphasizing creating growth-oriented environments akin to nurturing healthy soil for personal development. The team reflected on fostering connections, attachments, demonstrating love, and embracing vulnerability for deeper relationships.

Follow-up on BELLS Exercise:

Sally checked progress on the BELLS exercise, noting experiences of blessing and challenges in mindful conversations.

- Bless
- Eat
- Listen
- Learn
- Sent

Sally reminded the team about our next month challenge, which will be E- EAT. The team should invite someone to have an intentional connection over meals. The group should eat a meal with 3 people — a) nonbeliever, b) believer within MDPC YA community c) a person of your choice – family, friend, neighbor, co-worker. Since we have the crawfish event coming, Luke suggested to the team to use this event to invite people and eat with them.

One lead team member learned this past month that her typical circle of friends is almost all believers. She was challenged to think about how to meet non-believers and include them in her day-to-day life. Another YA shared that it is easier for her to bless a believer within her circle but challenging to go outside of that familiar group. On the other hand, another YA shared the opposite. He feels comfortable sharing with those he does not know rather than friends due to past situations with friends that seem uncomfortable in the moment. Overall, we are all going to step out again this month and trust that God will use us to reach those in our lives!

Event Planning:

Team brainstormed and showed support for various event ideas, emphasizing collaboration.

Upcoming events outlined:

April 11: YA Worship Night

April 13: Confirmed Crawfish Boil event at BB's Tex-Orleans (Westheimer), with additional dishes; clarification on alcohol provision – not open bar. (afternoon at 3pm)

April 14: YA Lead Team meeting in Room 122.

April 26-27: YA Spring Retreat in Houston. (Friday night at Palazzos, Sat. at MDPC – speaker Doug Meikle, founder of TrueWorks)

May 19: Onsite Sports YA event; planning to celebrate graduation. Georgia to share suggested plan on Discord.

TBD: Explore Your Bible and Space Cowboys Game, with details to be shared by Sally.

Feedback and Future Themes for Worship Night:

For the worship night, Sally asked the group for feedback and new theme ideas. The group shared that they really enjoyed the event and suggested future topics such as: how to manage anxiety and fear conversation; finance around theological aspects and how our money can be part of our faith walk; and people sharing their testimony and journey of faith. Another piece of feedback was to have childcare available to accommodate couples with kids.

Additionally, we agreed that Thursdays are better than Tuesdays for hosting this event, and the high school area is preferable.

Finally, it's also important to have a welcome team ready to greet attendees. Sally re-emphasized the right mindset the group should have once they arrive at the church, encouraging them to connect with people and support them as they arrive.

Logistics and Next Steps:

Edneia and Megan tasked with booking Room 122 for the next YA meeting on April 14th.

Luke – looking into details for Crawfish Boil and a possible river tubing event

Georgia – sending ideas/plan for a sports social

Sally – coordinate details and share with team needs – worship nights, easter extravaganza, retreat.

Everyone – personally invite YAs to events listed above.

Closing Prayer:

Georgia concluded the meeting with a prayer, reinforcing spiritual unity within the team.

Overall Review:

The meeting went well, covering various aspects of the YA beliefs. There's a good balance between spiritual reflection, practical discussions, and planning for future events. It encourages active participation, feedback, and collaboration within the team. Clear action items and responsibilities are assigned for follow-up. It has been really great to see the group developing their connection.