



MDPC
Memorial Drive
Presbyterian Church

Combined Documents

Session Meeting:
Mon, Sep 26, 2022

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.

Session Meeting Agenda

September 26, 2022

Priority	Goal Detail	
Loving God	1. <i>Worship</i> 2. <i>Bible Study</i> 3. <i>Partner In Prayer</i>	<i>Increase worship participation by 10% annually for five years</i> <i>Add 5 strategic, deep Bible study opps for under-represented groups</i> <i>Increase PIP participation to 1000+</i>
Proclaiming Christ	1. <i>Mentor</i> 2. <i>Small Groups</i> 3. <i>Speakers</i>	<i>Intentionally mentor 25 new key servant-leaders annually</i> <i>Double small groups meaningfully connected in fellowship</i> <i>3 High-profile speakers annually</i>
Living Generously	1. <i>Mission Emphasis</i> 2. <i>Generosity</i> 3. <i>Sunday Serve</i>	<i>Highlight 1-2 mission themes or emphases annually to "rally" engagement</i> <i>Increase the number of financial pledges to 1000 annually and annual income by 5%</i> <i>One Sunday annually, worship by serving in our community</i>
Engaging All	1. <i>Hospitality</i> 2. <i>Young Adults</i> 3. <i>Technology</i>	<i>Create a Hospitality Department. 5 believer baptisms annually</i> <i>Increase young adult and inter-cultural connections by 2% annually</i> <i>Launch 5+ new technology/media initiatives</i>

Above priorities/goals have been completed and awaiting next iteration for 2022-2027

1. Call to Order and Prayer (Beth Case)

2. Establishment of Quorum (David Nelson)

3. New Members (Dan Aikins and Almir Dias)

Hilton F. Oliveira, Lenora G. Oliveira, Eline Rolim, Melissa Rolim, Tiago Rolim, Deborah F. Santos, Alane Kaline Tavares, Helder Tavares

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

4. Senior Pastor's Report (Alf Halvorson)

MDPC Strategic Goals Second Reading and Possible Approval

5. Time of anticipation regarding how to live out the goals over the next 5 years—in smaller groupings

6. Clerk's Report (David Nelson & Kelly Handel)

a. Recap of ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting- September 16-17, 2022

b. Nominating Committee Update

- c. October 23rd Congregational Meeting
- d. Generosity / Pledge report

7. Treasurer’s Report (Sandy Smith)

- 7b.** Legacy Giving Report (Katie Cooper)
- 7c.** Insurance Update (Bob Davis & Bob Holloway)

8. Omnibus Motion

- a. Motion** to approve the minutes of the August 2022, Session Meeting.
- b. Motion** to call a Congregational Meeting for October 23, 2022, following the 9:45 am service and at the conclusion of the Fuente and Brazilian Presbyterian Church services, for the purpose of electing Officers (Elders & Deacons) and the 2023 Nominating Committee.
- c. Motion** to approve Outreach Partner funding for September 2022 as follows:

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations		Designated	
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$7,500		CFH
Bridges to Life	\$15,000		DE
Loving Houston	\$15,000		DE
Mission Increase	\$10,000	Mission Increase - Houston	DE
Scripture Awakening	\$20,000	Bible in 90 Days	DE
Young Life	\$30,000	Greater Houston – Developing Emerging Leaders & YL College	DE
Young Life	\$20,000	West Houston – Multiethnic Ministry	DE
Easter Seals	\$20,000	Adult Day Program	HSN
ECHOS	\$25,000		HSN
Hope & Healing Center	\$7,500		HSN
Mission of Yahweh	\$15,000		SBH
Free Wheelchair Mission	\$35,000		Global
BICF Global Foundation	\$5,000	Indonesia Aid	Global
Nueva Vida	\$25,000		Global
Totaling:	\$250,000		

d. Motion to approve the following baptisms performed in September 2022:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Grant James Wood	infant	Elizabeth & William Wood	Yes	9/11

9. Additional Business and Announcements

10. Calendar Reminders

October 2	World Communion Sunday/ First Communion
October 9	Alf Halvorson Preaching
October 16	Alf Halvorson Preaching/ Third Grade Bibles
October 23	Alf Halvorson Preaching
October 24	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater
October 30	Alf Halvorson Preaching
November 6	Alf Halvorson Preaching/ Covenant Sunday
November	No Session Meeting in November
December 15	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the September 2022 Session Meeting.

12. Closing Prayer Time (Beth Case)

MDPC Strategic Goals through 2027

Rough Draft by Pastor Alf (revised 09/26/22)

In addition to the dashboard items of growing in worship attendance, Bible Studies and Small Group Participation, prayer, mentoring, generosity in number of pledges and amount, as well as online presence and participation, we affirm four central Strategic Guiding Priorities (all bathed in prayer) that fuel the advancement of the Great Commandments (Matt. 22:34-40) and The Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) with our head, heart, and hands.



EVANGELISM

Know God's story through Jesus personally

- A) Grow Alpha participants, testimonies of transformation in worship and online, and believer baptisms by 5% annually.
- B) Take 75 staff and members through "The Witnessing Disciple" or equivalent annually, so we can put the Great Commission principles into greater practice.
- C) Partner with Steiger International to attend, practice, and mature in large & small Gospel sharing events & spiritual conversations in Houston and beyond.
- D) Continue to lean into and incorporate Next Generation (Children with Parents, Youth, & Young Adult) as well as Multi-cultural congregations more fully and vibrantly.



CONNECTION/COMMUNITY

Show after the example of Jesus that people matter more than programs

- E) Koinonia and Team Building (Train, align, release laity and staff)
 - i. Offer and live into appropriate vulnerability/sharing opportunities, making time for the ones Christ came to save. Belonging often happens before believing in the 21st Century.
 - ii. Focus our Leadership and Staff Annual Retreat in 2023 (like we did on Volunteerism in 2022) on healthy teams, with ongoing teaching and training to enhance alignment and fruitfulness through 2027.
 - iii. Onboard new and existing staff and lay leaders in our articulated culture, DNA, and being an ideal teammate for our programs and mission.
- F) Leadership Succession (of laity and staff)
 - i. Provide off ramps and on ramps to our servant leaders so that all the areas of MDPC's life facilitate leadership development, appropriately honor sacrificial service, and replenish new blood into our ecosystem for sustainable and faithful ministry.



FORMATION/DISCIPLESHIP

Grow in Jesus and His story intimately and corporately

- G) Align and coordinate intentional Christian Formation Pathways (especially relying on the wisdom and commitment of our senior generation):
 - i. For all ages and stages thru stair-stepped classes
 - ii. Small groups
 - iii. MDPC Institute
 - iv. Events
 - v. Speakers
- H) Take a leadership role in pioneering and sustaining a Teaching Church Internship Program with ECO Seminary (and/or others) by equipping emerging leaders from and for the wider church and MDPC's own pipeline needs.



SERVICE/OUTREACH

Go together to love generously onsite, partners, and beyond

- I) Equipping the Saints/Priesthood of All Believers/Volunteerism
 - i. Remake our P & P so that our committees have 'At Large' members; offer a Spiritual Gifts Class annually to expand engagement of mutually life-giving & life-changing placements; and re-size Session to collaborate with Deacons in expanding our Eph. 4 '5-fold ministry' balance & effectiveness.
 - ii. Have 75 staff & lay go through The Equipped Disciple or equivalent annually.
 - iii. Put 100+ fresh (new or re-engaged) volunteers yearly in the 'field of play'.

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru August
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2022

Name	Month to Month			Aug 2021
	Aug 2022	July 2022	Difference	
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,972,397.40	3,513,315.54	(540,918.14)	2,575,855.53
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,759,625.58	1,770,327.84	(10,702.26)	2,060,624.81
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,732,022.98	5,283,643.38	(551,620.40)	4,636,480.34
Current Investments (Restricted)	2,083,563.55	2,083,563.55	-	2,466,715.56
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	3,969,279.60	3,969,279.60	-	3,601,380.45
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	6,052,843.15	6,052,843.15	-	6,068,096.01
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	324,706.63	251,968.97	72,737.66	206,626.84
Miscellaneous Receivables	17,989.35	25,809.90	(7,820.55)	90,876.49
Property & Equipment	54,024,426.17	54,024,426.17	-	53,467,972.61
Accumulated Depreciation	(44,098,172.16)	(44,098,172.16)	-	(42,386,399.75)
Note Receivable	-	2,999.31	(2,999.31)	69,136.84
TOTAL ASSETS	21,053,816.12	21,543,518.72	(489,702.60)	22,152,789.38
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	557,621.81	190,428.88	367,192.93	930,832.76
Other Payables	59,193.44	62,608.15	(3,414.71)	50,465.48
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	189,839.75	273,812.25	(83,972.50)	269,410.14
Custodial Accounts	47,493.02	46,762.02	731.00	197,279.41
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	854,148.02	573,611.30	280,536.72	1,447,987.79
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	13,340,490.79	13,869,600.08	(529,109.29)	15,152,522.14
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	1,632,645.10	1,652,643.60	(19,998.50)	1,911,092.98
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,792,674.62	5,013,806.15	(221,131.53)	3,207,328.88
TOTAL NET ASSETS	20,199,668.10	20,969,907.42	(770,239.32)	20,704,801.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	21,053,816.12	21,543,518.72	(489,702.60)	22,152,789.38

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 8- August
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2022
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2022

Description	Aug-22	2022 Actual		Over (Under)		% Variance		Budget 2022	
		YTD	2022 Budget YTD	Budget	YTD	2021 Actual YTD	Full Year		
OPERATING INCOME									
Contributions	\$ 731,447	\$ 6,919,536	\$ 6,317,470	\$ 602,066	-9.53%	\$ 6,512,363	\$ 12,300,000		
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 166,468	\$ 1,752,101	\$ 1,431,554	\$ 320,548	-22.39%	\$ 1,396,925	\$ 2,143,019		
Other Operating Income	\$ (157)	\$ (359,033)	\$ 87,500	\$ (446,533)	510.32%	\$ 95,920	\$ 225,000		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 897,759	\$ 8,312,604	\$ 7,836,523	\$ 476,080	-6.08%	\$ 8,005,209	\$ 14,668,019		
Ministry Operating Expense									
Pastoral Ministry									
Caring Ministry	\$ 48,050	\$ 279,846	\$ 274,062	\$ 5,784	2.11%	\$ 223,289	\$ 413,868		
Fuente	\$ 8,906	\$ 94,846	\$ 96,032	\$ (1,186)	-1.24%	\$ 75,409	\$ 147,453		
Children's Ministry	\$ 95,287	\$ 586,409	\$ 538,815	\$ 47,594	8.83%	\$ 508,428	\$ 764,297		
Youth Ministry	\$ 46,553	\$ 311,993	\$ 317,523	\$ (5,530)	-1.74%	\$ 278,846	\$ 473,150		
Relationships	\$ 42,033	\$ 240,156	\$ 225,845	\$ 14,312	6.34%	\$ 207,820	\$ 338,926		
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 19,110	\$ 219,114	\$ 160,981	\$ 58,133	36.11%	\$ 142,155	\$ 251,235		
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 60,464	\$ 380,674	\$ 368,100	\$ 12,574	3.42%	\$ 298,310	\$ 549,236		
Equipping	\$ 34,282	\$ 194,964	\$ 187,451	\$ 7,513	4.01%	\$ 164,445	\$ 281,176		
Young Adult	\$ 23,150	\$ 102,519	\$ 137,765	\$ (35,246)	-25.58%	\$ 85,187	\$ 228,644		
Worship	\$ 39,403	\$ 281,628	\$ 295,979	\$ (14,352)	-4.85%	\$ 267,315	\$ 445,989		
Traditional Music	\$ 34,121	\$ 233,681	\$ 245,700	\$ (12,019)	-4.89%	\$ 198,007	\$ 368,985		
Contemporary Music	\$ 31,708	\$ 217,210	\$ 222,137	\$ (4,928)	-2.22%	\$ 199,968	\$ 329,420		
Office of Executive Pastor	\$ 621	\$ 154,987	\$ 144,074	\$ 10,913	7.57%	\$ 138,304	\$ 215,572		
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 15,276	\$ 99,697	\$ 98,589	\$ 1,108	1.12%	\$ 86,614	\$ 168,833		
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 498,965	\$ 3,397,723	\$ 3,313,054	\$ 84,669	2.56%	\$ 2,874,097	\$ 4,976,783		
Support Ministry									
Communications & Media	\$ 109,190	\$ 592,950	\$ 590,382	\$ 2,568	0.43%	\$ 507,228	\$ 880,402		
Administration	\$ 55,894	\$ 342,499	\$ 391,858	\$ (49,359)	-12.60%	\$ 354,644	\$ 569,660		
Food Service	\$ 704	\$ 89,896	\$ 103,900	\$ (14,004)	-13.48%	\$ 11,651	\$ 154,650		
Facilities & Technology	\$ 215,146	\$ 1,516,356	\$ 1,346,962	\$ 169,394	12.58%	\$ 1,266,174	\$ 2,023,355		
The Little School	\$ 79,707	\$ 758,466	\$ 740,224	\$ 18,243	2.46%	\$ 683,621	\$ 1,091,350		
The Yellow School	\$ 65,573	\$ 490,871	\$ 458,449	\$ 32,423	7.07%	\$ 409,073	\$ 661,543		
Total Support Ministry	\$ 526,214	\$ 3,791,038	\$ 3,631,774	\$ 159,263	4.39%	\$ 3,232,390	\$ 5,380,960		
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (42,000)	\$ 42,000	-100.00%	\$ -	\$ (63,000)		
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 1,025,179	\$ 7,188,761	\$ 6,902,829	\$ 285,932	4.14%	\$ 6,106,487	\$ 10,294,743		
Outreach Expense									
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 97,956	\$ 742,875	\$ 884,102	\$ (141,228)	-15.97%	\$ 560,403	\$ 1,317,298		
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 279,000	\$ 1,910,311	\$ 1,473,575	\$ 436,736	29.64%	\$ 1,830,102	\$ 2,720,564		
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 376,956	\$ 2,653,186	\$ 2,357,677	\$ 295,509	12.53%	\$ 2,390,504	\$ 4,037,862		
Other Operating Expense									
Insurance & Legal	\$ 19,684	\$ 148,863	\$ 181,609	\$ (32,746)	-18.03%	\$ 135,759	\$ 272,414		
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 33,333	\$ 33,333	\$ (0)	0.00%	\$ 66,667	\$ 50,000		
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 23,851	\$ 182,197	\$ 214,943	\$ (32,746)	-15.23%	\$ 202,426	\$ 322,414		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,425,986	\$ 10,024,144	\$ 9,475,449	\$ 548,695	5.79%	\$ 8,699,417	\$ 14,655,019		
Other Income(Loss)									
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (528,227)	\$ (1,711,540)	\$ (1,638,925)	\$ (72,615)	4.43%	\$ (694,208)	\$ 13,000		
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (242,842)	\$ (333,216)	\$ -	\$ (333,216)	0.00%	\$ 923,239	\$ -		

Outreach Ministries Funding Recommendations September 2022

Children, Families and Housing

Outreach Center of West Houston

2021 Funding: \$7,500

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500

The Outreach Center of West Houston is a low- to no cost facility for local non-profit organizations. They serve a vital role in the community by providing an affordable home and gathering space to partners that provide life-changing and life-saving programs in west Houston. Current MDPC partners implementing programming here include Family Point Resources and Young Life Westside.

www.oc-wh.org

Discipleship and Education

Bridges to Life

2021 Funding: \$15,000

2022 Funding Recommendations: \$15,000

Bridges To Life (BTL) is a faith-based restorative justice program for incarcerated men and women that provides a platform for life-changing transformation. Starting in one prison in Richmond, Texas, with 41 inmate graduates in 1999, the BTL program has graduated over 53,000 men and women in 169 prisons and alternative facilities. *bridgestolife.org*

Loving Houston

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Loving Houston is advancing community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. Its equipping sessions help churches connect with schools and form church school partnerships. *lovinghouston.net*

Mission Increase

2021 Funding: None

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Designation of Funds: Mission Increase - Houston

Mission Increase (MI) exists to equip givers and Christian nonprofits to transform their communities together. MI's program teaches nonprofits to embrace and deploy a biblical approach to fundraising ... so that they are more fully achieving their God-given missions and engaging more of God's people in the work ... so that more lives are transformed for Christ. www.missionincrease.org

Scripture Awakening

2021 Funding: \$20,000, Designation of Funds: App Development

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 * Final Gift**

Designation of Funds: Bible in 90 Days

Scripture Awakening provides resources to encourage and equip individuals to READ, STUDY, and LIVE God's Word, awakening people to its transformative power. scriptureawakening.com

Young Life

2021 Funding: \$50,000

Designation of Funds: \$30,000 Greater Houston – Developing Emerging Leaders

\$20,000 West Houston – Multiethnic Ministry

+Over & Above Funding: \$10,000 – Greater Houston – Developing Emerging Leaders

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$50,000

Designation of Funds: \$30,000 Greater Houston – Developing Emerging Leaders & YL College

\$20,000 West Houston – Multiethnic Ministry

Young Life operates on middle and high school campuses, introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Young Life's Urban Program has expanded to include chapters that minister specifically to unwed mothers (Young Lives), junior high students (Wyldlife), and urban Latinos. houstonregion.younglife.org

Health and Special Needs

Easter Seals

2021 Funding: \$20,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000

Designation: Adult Day Program

Easter Seals ministers to adults with physical and cognitive disabilities, most of whom are low to extremely low income with few, if any, opportunities for activities or social engagement. They meet weekly at MDPC for yoga, ceramics, speakers, and lunch. The needs of mentally and physically disabled adults in Houston far exceeds the available resources. <https://www.eastersealshouston.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/EasterSealsGreaterHouston>
<https://www.instagram.com/eastersealshouston/>

ECHOS

2021 Funding: \$30,000 (plus \$10,000 O&A)

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services, or ECHOS, an outreach of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, is a faith-based organization serving the vulnerable and at-risk. It educates and provides support to clients assisting them with access to healthcare, education, and job training. Collaborating with providers, ECHOS offers health screenings, a food pantry, and more for families in their community. <https://echos-houston.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/EchosHouston/>

Hope & Healing

2021 Funding: \$15,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500

Hope and Healing Center is an outreach ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, a comprehensive mental health resource offering education and awareness programs. It seeks to build and restore lives by providing free mental health support and coaching to clients and continuing education for clergy and medical professionals and the general public. <https://hopeandhealingcenter.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheHopeandHealingCenter>

Spring Branch and Hunger

Mission of Yahweh

2021 Funding: \$15,000 + 17,000 (self-funding O&A) + 2,500 O&A

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Designation of Funds: None

In addition to emergency and transitional shelter, homeless women and children in the Houston area are provided services to eliminate barriers to clients' self-sufficiency, e.g., support for completion of college certifications, dental and transportation programs, spiritual development and child care which facilitates children's educational, social and emotional development. "After Care" services aid clients who have made the transition to permanent housing

[Mission of Yahweh \(missionofyahweh.org\)](http://missionofyahweh.org)

Global

Free Wheelchair Mission

2021 Funding: \$35,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to developing nations around the world where people with disabilities do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways.

Indonesia Aid (c/o BICF Global Foundation)

2021 Funding: N/A (New partner)

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$5,000

Indonesia Aid equips and empowers their local staff to be disciple-making-disciples. Through meeting humanitarian and social needs, their staff builds relationships with unreached individuals and communities in order to share the lifesaving Good News. Pray for their project initiatives - clean water, education, sex trafficking outreach, medical care and disaster response – and the relationships that will be formed through them.

Nueva Vida

2021 Funding: \$25,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Nueva Vida is a multifaceted ministry serving children affected by disabilities and their families through comprehensive therapy services, grade school education, and intentional community outreach and collaboration in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala. These children of God are rarely accepted in the public school and public square, but can find a loving home at Nueva Vida, sharing hope, sharing Christ, and supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2022

Elders Present: Oliver Aldrich, Gerald Bennett, Erin Bounds, Tom Braschayko, Mariel Braun, Amber Caver, Katie Cooper, Allison Daughtry, Bob Davis, Joy Dubinski, Bucky Farrow, Kelly Handel, Bob Holloway, Sharon Johnson, Wade Jones, John Kemper, Leigh McLeroy, Barbara Mueller, David Nelson, Eddie Perdomo, Mickey Peters, Hobert Plunkett, Don Poarch, Mario Porras, Kathy Redden, Amanda Seiler, Dillon Shindler, Sandy Smith, Jim Stinson, Bill Swenson, Heather Tackett, Ellie Torres, Xavier Trevino

Elders Absent: Owen Anglum, Jamie Haskins, Mike Reily

Elders Excused: Rick Bradford, Marty Chapman, Barbara James, Kay Lynn Kuper

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky

Other Staff Present: Carter Bliss, Steffanie Dean, Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Ginny Glass, Meliza Gomez, Kelsi McCormack, Melissa Peter, Amanda Shockley, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Kathryn White

Call to Order: Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:30 pm in the Amphitheater and via Zoom video conference. She opened the meeting in prayer and a moment of silence reflecting on John 6.

Roll Call & Quorum: David Nelson affirmed that a quorum was present.

Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Alf led a discussion of MDPC Strategic Goals Through 2027. Ideally, we will present revisions and Second Reading at the September meeting for approval.

Clerk's Report: (Kelly Handel and David Nelson)

- MDPC Hosting ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting- September 16-17, 2022
- Kay Atchison and Jeanmarie Tade -Ordination and Installation Updates
- Final Reading of Committee Restructuring & Motion to approve modifications of P&O-
 - **Motion made to update MDPC's Policy & Operations Manual to reflect the changes presented to Session on committee membership.** Motion was seconded by Gerald Bennett and approved.
- Officer Nominations- due August 31st

Treasurer Report: Sandy Smith

July Financials

1. Balance sheet continues to be strong. Prepays up due to school payments for fall. We did not true up investments in June but will do so in Sept. Hope will continue to recover unrealized loss booked in March. Chacon note forgiven and expensed in payroll.
2. Contributions \$606k ahead of plan and ahead of last year. August started soft but came back in last week so currently we are \$587k ahead of plan
3. Events revenues continue ahead of plan. Other operating income behind due to unrealized loss on investments, see 1 above.
4. Pastoral ministries pretty much on plan, reach expenses higher but offset by some timing differences in staffing in other ministries

5. Support ministries had some cost savings but offset by facilities unbudgeted expenses previously reported.
6. Outreach is timing.

Omnibus Motion: Beth Case introduced the Omnibus Motion and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. There were no requests to remove items and he asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion. It was moved, seconded, and affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

- a. **Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2022, Session Meeting.**
- b. **Motion to approve the minutes of the Congregational Meeting on July 31, 2022.**
- c. **Motion to approve the following elders to serve as Commissioners for the September 17, 2022, Presbytery meeting at MDPC: Bob Davis, Joy Dubinski, Bob Holloway, Sharon Johnson, Leigh McLeroy, David Nelson, (Mario Porras added)**
- d. **Motion to approve Outreach Partner funding for August 2022 as follows:**

Consent Agenda:

Partner Funding Recommendation		Designated	
Child Advocates	\$10,000		CFH
Open Door Mission	\$45,000		CFH
Star of Hope Mission	\$25,000		CFH
Fellowship in Discipleship	\$15,000		DE
Fuller Theological Seminary	\$20,000	Scholarships for TX Students attending Fuller TX	DE
The Get Together	\$7,500		DE
Amazing Place	\$25,000		HSN
Care Partners	\$15,000		HSN
Reach Unlimited	\$17,500	Vehicle Purchase	HSN
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$15,000		SBH
The Salvation Army of Houston	\$20,000	Houston Food Program	SBH
African Enterprise	\$25,000		Global
The Outreach Foundation	\$15,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Global
Faith in Practice	\$30,000		Global
Cru	\$5,000	Missionary #0638840	Global
Totaling:	\$290,000		

- e. **Motion to approve the following baptisms performed in July and August 2022:**

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Henry James Holle	1 yr.	Jordan & David Holle	No	7/24
Jack Lawrence White	< 2 yr.	Kate & Stewart White	Yes	8/14
Boice Hendershot Rice	< 1 yr.	Currie & Tripp Rice	Yes	8/14

- f. **Motion: to approve the following Baptism and Communion dates for 2023 from Worship & Music:**

Communion Dates:

Sunday, January 29	Communion at all three English services
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday/Communion & Imposition of Ashes (noon and 7 pm)
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday / Communion – 7 pm Chapel
Sunday, April 23	Communion at all three English services/ First Communion
Sunday, June 4	Communion at all three English services

Thursday, August 6	Communion at all three English services
Sunday, October 1	World Communion/ First Communion at 9:45/11:15
Sun, Dec 3	Communion at all services/ First Sunday in Advent
Baptism Dates:	
Sunday, January 15	Sunday, July 23
Sunday, February 12	Sunday August 13
Sunday, March 5 (Confirmation)	Sunday, September 10
Sun, March 19	Sunday, October 8
Sun, April 2 (Palm Sunday) Immersion & sprinkling	Sunday, November 12 Immersion & sprinkling
Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day)	Sunday, December 17
Sun, June 18 (Father's Day)	

Hits, Misses & Lessons Learned on Volunteerism (Beth & Rachel) –

Rachel and Beth led us in valuable discussion of hits and misses and we spent time in small groups reflecting on same.

Additional Business and Announcements

John Kemper reported on One time Employee Inflation Bonus given- \$2500 for full time and \$1500 for part time employees

Dan reminded us of the start of Alpha on 9/22 and that 90% of those that attend Alpha come because they are invited!!

Upcoming Calendar Items:

August 22	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater
August 28	Alf Halvorson Preaching
September 4	Unity Service 9:45-11am followed by All-Church Lunch/Cookout
September 11	Alf Halvorson Preaching
September 16-17	ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting – MDPC host church
September 18	Alf Halvorson Preaching
September 25	Alf Halvorson Preaching/ Outreach Sunday
September 26	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater
October 2	World Communion Sunday/ First Communion
October 9	Alf Halvorson Preaching
October 16	Alf Halvorson Preaching/ Third Grade Bibles
October 23	Alf Halvorson Preaching
October 24	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater
October 30	Alf Halvorson Preaching
November 6	Alf Halvorson Preaching/ Covenant Sunday
November	No Session Meeting in November
December 15	Session Meeting/6:30pm/Amphitheater

There being no additional business or announcements, Beth asked for a motion to adjourn which was forthcoming, seconded and approved.

Beth closed the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and led us in prayer time. Respectfully submitted, David Nelson,

Clerk of Session
August 2022

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees September 2022

Caring Ministry Committee Minutes:

September 19, 2022

Attendees: Jo Ballard, Penny Bryant, Beth Case, Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Kathy Redden, Mona Williams, Karen Austin, Christine Gentil, Lisa Shelfer, Harvey Trammell

Not in Attendance: Jane Henson, Marsha Timby, Jan Tomlinson

Opening Prayer & Devotional: Jo Ballard

Ministry Reports-

Card-writing:

- MDPC's Prayer Chain writers wrote notes in August to those who have requested prayer. These writers also joined the other pray-ers to pray for those on the Prayer Chain.
- In August the Branches group sent handwritten notes of connection and encouragement to 27 people in or related to our congregation.

Gathering Place:

- The Gathering Place met twice in August and had excellent attendance at both meetings. Attendees were treated to wonderful musical entertainment both times. Music is very soothing to those with dementia and brings back memories to them.
- Two new Care Partners were received and welcomed to the group. A third new Care Partner will be introduced in September. There are now 12 Care Partners.
- Three volunteers attended a CarePartners, Inc. workshop on August 29, and heard a doctor give an update on the causes of different variants of dementia.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The fall course based on the *Walking the Mourner's Path* curriculum will begin on Sept 21 and last through Nov 16. Christine Gentil and Christine Roskamp will be the facilitators. Contact Beverly Fluke or Christine Gentil for more information.
- **The Widows Connection:** This friendly group meets monthly at different homes or restaurants for social gatherings. All widows are invited. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.
- **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 Ministries:

- **Blood Drives:** The last blood drive of 2022 currently scheduled at MDPC will be on September 25 in the gym. Here's the link to sign up:
https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/342938

Home Communion:

- Beth Case, Beverly Fluke, and a wonderful group of volunteers led communion services in the Assisted Living and Memory Care communities at **The Traditions** on August 14. They were well received, and additional services have been requested.
- 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 has added a new volunteer as well as a couple of new members to visit. Please contact Harvey Trammell, Visitation Deacon, at harveytrammell@yahoo.com or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team &/or recommend a homebound church member who would welcome a monthly visit.

Memorial Services:

- There were 2 memorial services in the month of August – both included receptions.
- There were 2 interments in the month of August.

Prayer Ministry:

- A Pray for Schools prayer event was held on August 15 in the Chapel for the new school year and was well-received. Those present offered prayers for students from preschool through college, as well as for teachers, parents, administrators, and support staff. Prayers were offered for local school districts, various colleges, and our very own Yellow School and Little School. Lisa Shelfer and Beth Case spoke about our Prayer Chain and how to communicate long term prayer requests. Caring Ministries staff will continue to work on this.
- Caring Ministries continues to work with Communications to make sure that our Sunday bulletins carry the news of recent births and deaths of members.
- The Labyrinth walk planned for Summer to Connect and for All Staff prayer had to be postponed. A future date has yet to be determined.
- In conjunction with Women's Ministry, a prayer retreat will be held in Brenham on Saturday, November 12. This will be led by Leigh McLeroy, Amanda Grace Caldwell, and Beth Case.

Second Family:

- CarePartners, Inc presented their Sunderland Volunteer of the Year Award to MDPC's Second Family leadership team (Karen Austin, Judy Ebling, and Elenor Kennedy) at their annual Sweet Charity event on September 6th. The event was well-attended and a lovely tribute.
- Second Family volunteers expended 163.5 hours to support their care partners during August.
- The majority of these hours were spent working with and assessing two new potential care partners to join our Second Family. Other tasks included helping care partners make various appointments and taking them to them, sharing meals and making plans for care partners in need of socializing, celebrating a 101-birthday year with a care partner and her family, calling/texting several care partners to check on them, and providing respite care for family caregivers.
- Mobile meals are being delivered Mondays and Thursdays of every week and we now have 9 deliveries with 6 stops.
- Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Beverly Fluke or Karen Austin, Deacon for Second Family at kaaustin713@gmail.com for information.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- **Venturers:** The Venturers met at Fratelli's on September 12. Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, presented "Without a Vision, the People Perish." He discussed the current state and future goals of MDPC.
- **Encore Fellowship:** went to the Music Box theater on August 13 to see "Feelin' Groovy". The next event is Saturday, October 1, 2022 (date change) for a wine tasting at Memorial Wine Cellar.
- **Prime Timers:** meeting for lunch on September 21 at Los Tios for good food and fellowship.

Stephen Ministry:

- Stephen Ministry welcomed Beth Case to the August continuing education meeting. Beth led us in Visio Divina, using a painting by artist and former member, Keith McNay. The group thoroughly enjoyed this interactive spiritual practice and marveled at the variety of perceptions shared.

- There are currently three Stephen Ministers available to meet with new care receivers. Please contact Beverly Fluke or Marsha Timby to recommend someone experiencing life challenges who would benefit from having a Stephen Minister to walk alongside him/her.

Other Business:

- **Deacon Report:** Deacon meeting agendas and minutes can now be found in the Officer Resources section of the MDPC website. We invite you to review them there.
- **Nominating Season:** The Nominating Committee is prayerfully discerning our next class of elders and deacons.
- **Coffee Hour at The Buckingham:** Alf Halvorson, Beth Case, and the Caring Ministries staff met with residents of The Buckingham at a special coffee hour on August 18. Alf gave an update on church goals and activities which then led to a good Q&A session.
- **Savvy Caregivers course:** MDPC is hosting the Savvy Caregiver course taught by Amazing Place for those caring for family members with dementia. It began Sept 13 and will go for 6 weeks.
- **“Hope for Caregivers”:** a new 7-week book study for family caregivers will begin on Oct 6th. It will be based on “Hope for Caregivers” by Henri Nouwen and will meet over lunch on Thursdays from 11:45am-12:45pm. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.

Closing Prayer/Benediction: Mona Williams

Next CM Meeting: October 17, 2022, at 10:00am

- **Opening Prayer/Devotional:** Lisa Shelfer
- **Closing Prayer/Benediction:** Christine Gentil

Children’s Ministry Committee Minutes:

Lead Team Minutes for August 8, 2022

In attendance: Barbara James, Heather Tackett, Katrina Beltran, Mayra Escamilla, Rosy de Silva, Mimi Wells, Keri Mosk, Joy Dubinski, Maryam, Barbara Mueller, Melissa Goeden

Opening Prayer/ Devo: Heather shared a devotion based on Matthew 11:28-30, reminding us that God is accessible we just need to open to Him.

Recent Events

Summer Celebration – All praise to God for all the volunteers and leaders who make this happen every year. The joy and energy of this event spreads through the surrounding area. The theme this year was May the Faith Be with You and it was amazing to see how they tied stories from the Bible to Star Wars stories. What a creative and effective way to capture the children’s attention and teach them about the power and love of God. Several of our Outreach Partners were blessed with donations from the Mission Projects.

Mission Extreme – The visits to the local outreach partners were so inspiring and they were very well attended as usual.

Preschool Princess Day – Very sweet event, children who attended last year brought new friends. A number of people were from outside MDPC. One little brother came as the Beast from Beauty & the Beast

Preschool Superhero Day – New event, it was a small group which made it easier for little ones to connect. Several Superhero Dads were there too.

Super Place Camp – We had 60 volunteers and 40 children. Such a blessing to have this in-person event after it was closed for several years due to COVID.

Upcoming events:

- Teacher training on 8/14 and Kickoff on 8/21
- Childrens Choir will start soon, Steffanie Dean has joined MDPC as the Children's Music Director

Child Care Plus

- We are searching for few more part-time staff

Preschool

- Need 2 more volunteers at 9:45 and 2 more volunteers at 11:15

Elementary

- Sunday Curriculum is GROW
- Wednesday BLAST-OFF registration is open.
- More volunteers needed for 4th & 5th Grade

Safe Haven/Kaleidoscope

- We have been blessed by several teen volunteers and a new part-time staff member Evan Gibbs
- Upcoming Parents Night Out & Family Camp

Little School

- The teachers went to training July 26-28 and we have another training coming up August 22-25.
- Meet the Teacher is August 24th, 10-11:30am
- Little School Parent Orientation is August 23rd, 6-7pm
- First day of school is August 29th

Yellow School

- The teachers went to training July 26-28 and we have another training coming up August 22-25.
- YS Parent Orientation is August 24th, 6-7pm
- Meet the Teacher is August 25th, 10-11:30am
- First day of school is August 29th

BPC

- Very interested in a Childrens Choir on Sunday nights. Many of the members live in Katy area and cannot attend the choir on Wednesday nights.
- BPC is growing and needs more volunteers on Sunday evening for Children's Sunday School classes. There is an increase of families moving to Houston from Brazil.
- Kids Day Celebration on October 12th

Lead Team Minutes for September 6, 2022

In attendance: Barbara James, Heather Tackett, Katrina Beltran, Mayra Escamilla, Rosy de Silva, Mimi Wells, Brenda Vega, Laura Tingleaf, Melissa Goeden, Keri Mosk, Maryam Varaya, Barbara Mueller

Opening Prayer/ Devo: Barbara shared a devotion from Proverbs 31 Ministry based on 1st Corinthians 8:1-2. Amid the trials in our country and the world we get overwhelmed, and we think there is nothing we can do. But in Corinthians the Macedonians did not let trials or worldly poverty stop them from living generously. Generous does not mean the biggest gift or financial contribution it also means giving encouragement to others, praying for others, and serving others. We shared examples of little moments of love we have seen in the ministry that made a big impact.

Recent Events

- Kickoff Sunday was great. The planning and the decorations and the energy was amazing. It was very busy due to the new children attending and of course children moving up to a new class.
- We need a few more volunteers but we are so blessed that so many have signed up.

Upcoming events:

- Oct 9th, BPC is celebrating **KIDS Day** on Sunday Night during their Sunday School
- Oct 29th Preschool Fall Festival
- **Together at Mikey's Place** is a new program hosted at MDPC Monday-Friday. The non-profit Mikey's Place will be providing vocational training, purposeful employment, and a nurturing environment to create meaningful friendships in a supportive and inclusive environment for young adults with disabilities ages 18 and up. See <https://mikeysplace.net/programs> for more details and where to sign up.

Child Care Plus

- Still need a few more part-time employees on Sunday
- CCP Staff Training completed
- There are 80-90 children between the ages of 3 months – 12 years that have registered for Parents Night Out on 9/10/2020.

Preschool

- Orange Curriculum is being used
- Mayra is teaching Chapel classes
- Preschool Fall Festival Oct 29th from 10-11:30. This is a great time for our families to invite friends.

Little School

- Everyone is very busy with school starting. The teaching positions are fully staffed and registration is 98% full
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Fuente

- Fuente church has 20 children regularly attending Sunday School

BPC

- After six years of dedicated service, Rosymare Silva will be stepping down as the Children's Sunday School director for BPC. Please pray for another person to assume this role in the vibrant BPC church.
- BPC is growing, they now have 20 children attending Sunday School Class while the parents are in church listening to the sermon. They need more volunteers. There is an increase of families moving to Houston from Brazil.
- Kids Day Celebration on October 12th
- Christmas Fest Dec 18th

- BPC will also host a booth at the MDPC Family Advent Festival

Elementary

- On Sunday we are back to classroom model at 9:40 and 11:15 which is working well. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who signed up. Our roster is full.
- GROW curriculum working well
- Sept 14th BLAST-OFF starts we have 31 registered.
- Sept 18th 1st communion retreat from 12:30-2:30. Bread bakers needed.
- Sept 30th Boys Night for K-5th grade, 23 boys are signed up

Safe Haven/Kaleidoscope

- Oct 21st Family Camp weekend, we expect 110 people.
- Nov 12th Parents Night Out
- **Together at Mikey's Place** see note in upcoming events section.

Finance Committee Minutes:

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes August 18 ,2022

Present - Sandy Smith, Oliver Aldrich, Bob Davis, David Nelson, Dena Bankett, Joe Quoyeser, Hobert Plunkett, Tom Caver, Marcus Vajdos, Bert Baker

Absent – John Kemper, Gerald Bennett. Marcus Jonesi, Wade Jones

1. Sandy opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Oliver proposed and Bob seconded approval of June minutes which the committee approved.
3. Dena reported on the July financials. Highlights are as follows:
 - a. Balance sheet continues to be strong. Prepaids up due to school prepayments. We did not true up investments in June will do so in Sept and hope to recover some of unrealized loss booked in March. Chacon note forgiven and included in payroll
 - b. Contributions \$606k ahead of plan and ahead of last year. August started slow but improving.
 - c. Events revenue continues ahead of plan. Other operating income behind due to unrealized loss on investments, see above.
 - d. Pastoral ministries pretty much on plan. Reach higher but offset by some timing differences in staffing in other ministries.
 - e. Support ministries slightly under plan but offset by unbudgeted facilities projects previously reported.
 - f. Outreach overage is timing
4. Bob reported that we have new schedule of values for insurance which at \$84 million shows we are very under insured. Increased cover for storm nearly complete (signed a few days later) most increase will be done at next renewal when it is planned to go for RFP's.
5. Ollie reported on inflation bonuses of up to \$2,500 paid to staff. School received extra \$500 to reach this amount. Total cost \$187k
6. Hobert reported on the excellent progress outreach is making and gave details on volunteer events
7. Generosity will launch its annual program in September
8. We discussed best timing for future meetings to avoid clash with Advisory and agreed each Tues before Session at 4.00pm on Zoom.
9. Ollie reported budget will get started in Sept.
10. Marcus reported that progress is being made on reducing credit card charges and number of cards by handling as much as possible through payables, and possibly requiring small users to use personal cards and then claim expenses.
11. Marcus and Dena will review restricted accounts to determine if some can be closed
12. Next meeting date Tuesday Sept 20th at 4.00pm via zoom.
13. Ollie closed us in prayer

Outreach Committee Minutes:

September 19, 2022

6:00 PM, MDPC Parlor

Attended By: Melissa Peter, Amber Caver, Allison Daughtry, Hobert Plunkett, Kay Lynn Kuper, Mariel Braun, Bob Holloway, Tom Braschayko, Ellie Torres

Absent: Bob Davis, Kelsi McCormick, Amy Delgado

Devotional: Kay Lynn Kuper - 31 Days of Praise by Ruth Myers – Day 5

Funding Approvals:

Discipleship & Education – Amber Caver

- **Young Life**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$50,000
 - Designation of Funds: \$20,000 West Houston – Multiethnic Ministry \$30,000
Greater Houston – Developing Emerging Leaders & YL College
- **Bridges to Life**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendations: \$15,000 Designation of Funds: None
- **Loving Houston**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 Designation of Funds: None
- **Scripture Awakening**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 *** Final Gift
 - Designation of Funds: Bible in 90 Days
- **Mission Increase**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000
 - Designation of Funds: Mission Increase - Houston

Spring Branch & Hunger – Tom Braschayko

- **Mission of Yahweh**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 Designation of Funds: None
- **Spring Branch Community Health Center**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000
 - Designation of Funds: General Operations excluding loan repayment

Global – Ellie Torres

- **Free Wheelchair Mission**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000
- **BICF Global Foundation - Indonesia Aid**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$5,000
- **Nueva Vida**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Children Family & Housing – Mariel Braun

- **Outreach Center of West Houston**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500
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Health & Special Needs – Allison Daughtry

- **ECHOS**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000
- **Hope & Healing**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500
- **Easter Seals**
 - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000
 - Designation of Funds: Adult Day Program

Outreach Business...

- Melissa - Outreach Sunday – September 25, 2022 – 110 Partners and 30 MDPC volunteers are scheduled to attend. Let Melissa know if you would like to attend but have not registered yet.
- Melissa - Mission Market 11/27/2022 – 12/18/2022 Please submit prospective partners for Mission Market and Christmas Eve Offering Candidates at the Next Outreach Meeting on October 17th. Melissa shared a list of prior organizations that have been listed as partners. Be mindful of what organizations would be a good candidate.
- Hobert – Outreach Budget - the O&A funding pool could possibly be in the \$500,000 range based on outreach funds that have not been spent yet in 2022. Nothing official, but please put together a robust over and above list of requests. At the December Outreach meeting (or November) (Clarification of date to submit prospective list requested) we will rank our recommendations for O & A funding.
- Melissa – Please Audit Dropbox to make sure that updated site visit reports have been uploaded. If the newest sit visit report is not uploaded, please send to Melissa.
- Melissa – Please review the most recent Ministry Partner Booklet and send any edits to Melissa prior to 11/15/2022.

Bite Sized Servings and Other Service Opportunities

Start		Event
Thursday	9/29/2022	8:45 AM to 1:00 PM: Bingo and lunch at Mission Centers Houston.
Thursday	10/20/2022	5:00 PM to 7:30 PM: Serve dinner to families at Bo's Place!
Monday	11/21/2022	7:30 AM to 12:00 PM: Distribute Thanksgiving bags at East Spring Branch Food Pantry.
Saturday	12/3/2022	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM: Help us "Deck the Halls" at Amazing Place-- Christmas Decorating

- Link to Bite Sized Servings web site: [Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church | Houston \(mdpc.org\)](http://Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church | Houston (mdpc.org))

Closing Prayer - Hobert

Worship Committee Minutes:

September 12, 2022

Attendees: Alf Halvorson, Kathryn White, Ginny Glass, Charles Hausman, Tracy Stidam, Michael Middleton, Meliza Gomez, Charlie Geisler. (Via Zoom: Jaime Haskins, Steffanie Dean, Xavier Trevino)

Alf opened in prayer.

Items Discussed

1. **Review Sept 4th Unity Svc** - The attendance was very good for a holiday weekend, and the online viewership was up significantly. The overall response was great. The testimony time from attendees took longer than expected, but the entire moment was powerful and moving. The service ran long, and we can cut some music in the future.
2. **Christmas Day:** One service at 11:15 that includes English and Fuente congregations (BPC is also

invited if they want to attend a morning service on that day). Music will be led by Kathryn, Charles, and Choir Interns.

3. **Christmas decorations** – we will use the same decorations around campus that we used last year. Communications and Worship Chair, Jaimie Haskins will manage the decorations.
4. **Flow of announcements/videos for the 9:45 service** – The placement of announcements in the 9:45 service will be decided weekly as needed. We will reduce the number of videos shown in worship services down to one per Sunday (not 2 or more). Too many videos can distract and limit the amount of time for actual worship.
5. **Outdoor services** – Blue Christmas and Easter Sunrise worship services in the Sanctuary Courtyard will be our ongoing outdoor services. – keep outdoor svcs in the Sanctuary Courtyard for now. The soccer field is an option for possible outdoor services in the future.
6. **Children's Choir update** – Steffanie Dean, our new Children's Music Director reported the following: Children's choir began on September 14th for ages Pre-K to 5th grade. (This includes a music program for the Yellow School). Children's choir singing opportunities in the 11:15 service have been scheduled for this Fall. In addition, Children's Choir will participate in the Adult Choir's Christmas concert. Singing opportunities in the 9:45 service will be scheduled for the first and second quarter of 2023.

Young Adult Ministries Minutes:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Members Present: Mariel Braun, Connor Smith, Raphael Aboorvanathan, Ruth Aboorvanathan, Stefano Doval, Sharon Fox, Sharon Johnson, Ben Kelly, Sally Henien, Rachel Poysky

Member Excused: Yvonne Ramirez

Sharon J opened the meeting with prayer.

Sally led the devotional on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

Sally led a sharing time of each member's highs/lows for the past month.

Updates/Follow-up on Old Business

- The team discussed options for greeting before and after the 9:45 service on Sunday morning. Sharon J will follow-up with Tracy and Dan.
- The MDPC website has been updated to reflect current YA vision.
- Swag has arrived! We are selling the t-shirt for \$8 and the hat for \$12.

Each member had taken the Strengthsfinder inventory to discover individual strengths. Each person

shared his/her 5 strengths, and we also discussed the domains. We are a great group with diverse strengths. We discovered that our passions, which were discussed at the previous meeting, align with our strengths.

Ben and Sharon F gave a college ministry update. Ben shared that the ministry had a presence when the freshmen attending HBU moved into their dorms. On August 30, there will be a ministry outreach free lunch at HBU for 100 students. Road trips are planned during September to visit MDPC members at Baylor, Texas A&M, and the University of Texas-Austin. Sharon F shared that the parent prayer group will meet on Sunday, September 11 from 10:45-11:15. A Parent/Empty Nester get together is being planned.

The structure of the YA ministry is evolving. There are now two teams.

- The Social Media Team members are Ruth Aboorvanathan, Emily Smith, and Sally Henien. Ruth shared that the structure of Instagram is to get information out to as many people as

possible. Each day of the week will have a different emphasis: Monday-stories, Tuesday-Bible verse, Wednesday-wisdom, Thursday-testimony, Friday-flash back (events from the past week), and Sunday-sermon highlights.

- Sharon J reported that the Hospitality Team is providing weekly snacks on Sunday mornings. The group discussed having the YAs send a picture postcard to the volunteers. The group had a picture taken recently that can be used.

Upcoming Events were discussed.

- Slip n Slide Kickball at MDPC – Sept 10 5-7pm. Ben, Sally, Connor, and Rachel will set up. Food/snacks were discussed. Connor offered to grill burgers and hot dogs.
- The Steiger Training is at MDPC on Sept 19th. Sally encouraged members to attend.
- Alpha begins Thursday Sept 22 7-8:45pm at MDPC. Members were encouraged to be hosts, if available. Sally shared how Alpha is a perfect opportunity to learn how to share your faith and invite friends to attend who are seeking. She will be attending.
- The Serve + Retreat weekend at Camp Blessing on October 14-16 was discussed. The cost is \$50/person, and everyone must register online. The team discovered that Noche de Sabor is Saturday, October 15. A discussion followed about attending that event, thus being able to connect with the Fuente young adult community. Sally will contact Camp Blessing to determine if an alternative weekend is available.
- Sally discussed having a Friendsgiving Dinner as an MDPC YA Outreach event on November 19 from 6-8pm. Dinner options were discussed.
- Sally proposed having a Christmas Party YA Outreach event on December 17 from 6-8pm. The team was excited to have a party this year.

Additional Business included a discussion about using an option other than email to communicate. The group reached a consensus about using Discord for YA Lead Team communication.

The team shared prayer requests and Sally closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Johnson

Elder for Young Adults