



Moorpark Presbyterian Church October Session Report

OCTOBER 20, 2008

BRIEF

Motioned, Seconded and Carried (MSC) to approve the minutes of the Sept. 9 stated Session meeting; the Sept. 28 called meeting with corrections; and the Oct. 12 called congregational meeting as corrected.

Deacons' Report for October was received.

Clerk's Report: The 2007 books were reviewed and audited without exception.

'The Gathering': Dave and Janet reported it was worthwhile information and networking.

Personnel evaluations due Oct. 24.

Year-end Ministry Team Reports due in December.

Lenten devotional pieces due Jan. 12 to Karen Bryan.

Report on Oct. Presbytery meeting: Appropriate Task Force report and recommendations approved.

Presbytery Meeting Tue., Nov. 18 in Santa Ynez; MSC for Richard Harris, Dean May and Jim Stueck to attend as Elder-Delegates.

Janet Loughry's incredible pastoral care over the past year was acknowledged and applauded.

Session was opened in prayer by Dave Wilkinson. In attendance were: SSA Pastor Janet Loughry and 17 elders. Excused: Elders Mark Bailey, Keri Crane, Walt Duchanin and Kim Kelly.

Pastor's Report: Worship attendance is up 17% over 2007 at this time. MSC to host Presbytery meeting September 26, 2009. Six people in current New Members Class. MSC to move presented names to inactive list as of Dec. 31.

Treasurer's Report: Giving to the operating fund as of September 30, 2008 was \$420,769 against a budget of \$450,000, a 6.5% shortfall. Giving to the building fund was \$211,888 against a budget of \$225,000, a 5.8% shortfall.

Proposition 8 Discussion: Discussion on California Proposition 8 which seeks to place into the California Constitution the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. Based on the Biblical and Presbyterian definition of marriage as one man and one woman, MSC for Session to take a 'Yes' position on Proposition 8.

Ministry Team Reports: Integration and Discipleship: Small Group Ministry and Greeter Ministry are going well; also, 80 women are currently signed up for the Women's Retreat; Mobile Resource Cart available between services. Evangelism: running a small ad in The Acorn; will run a full-page ad with other churches for Christmas services and will also have invite cards for people to give out. Mission/Outreach: Mission Fair a success; Mission Philippines now an MPC supported mission; for Project Costa Rica, Buxtons are returning to Costa Rica in January with a new direction; Sarah's House baby bottle campaign raised \$1,470; Disaster Shelter training sign-ups continuing

Fall Stewardship Emphasis: First of three letters being mailed this week. Laity Sunday using video plus Michael Hughes and Keri Crane speaking on behalf of Session on Oct. 26; Stewardship Sunday Nov. 2; and Pledge Sunday and communion Nov. 9.

Other Ministry Team Business: Stewardship: Discussion regarding dropping earthquake insurance due to high cost (\$20,000 per year), high deductible (\$600,000+) and solid construction on bedrock and adherence to strict codes. MSC to no longer carry earthquake insurance.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54pm and was closed with prayer led by Moderator Wilkinson. Next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 at 7:15pm.