PEVA MEETING 7/25/23 REPORT TO SESSION – August 15, 2023

What I/We learned about PEVA meetings…

* The Packet is cumbersome and revisions not page sensitive
* Day of arrival has parking lot assistants which is helpful
* Registration seamless for Elders
* Churches can send visitors – to observe without vote
* Coffee and breakfast snacks set up is user-friendly/networking available
* Payment for lunch $5.00 taken at entrance to Breakfast area
* Non-perishable food items should be brought by each attendee
* Emphasis at beginning of future meetings should honor indigenous

History of the land on which the meeting is being held

* Agenda difficult to follow – moderator rather subdued
* Recognition of Indigenous peoples of meeting site recognized quarterly

A candidate for ordination gave a lengthy statement and he was examined and approved for ordination as a Chaplain at Legacy Hospice, Norfolk.

Noted that Kim Coyle has been dismissed to the Presbytery of the James (Richmond) as an Ordained Hospital Chaplain

Side-note: Patrick Long from Bayside Presbytery has been ordained as a Hospital Chaplain in Louisville, Ky.

There was a lengthy retirement celebration for Dr. Helen Byrd introduced by the

Reverend Veronica Thomas.

There are three churches under the jurisdiction of the Administrative Commission: Ocean View Presbyterian in Norfolk pending sale for $525,000;

Squires Memorial, Norfolk under contract to Zion Community Church $725,000; La Crosse Church in Hampton dissolved on 6/11/23 – PEVA currently in

negotiation with a religious organization for sale of the property.

Knox Presbyterian Church Congregation will vote on dissolution due to urgent financial matters. Suffolk Presbyterian is working on “Project Regeneration” for ways to continue as a viable Presbyterian Congregation.

One new pastor has been installed at 1st Presbyterian in Hampton

Wycliffe Presbyterian Virginia Beach has just received an associate pastor

Chris Carrasco spoke about the quarterly ZOOM meeting coming up on 8/15/23 at 10 a.m. She mentioned technology grants being available and that CVT is working with one church (not named but might be Bayside Presbyterian).

Bayside Presbyterian received a $1,000 outdoor ministry grant for Montreat.

At Speak-Out Session Emma spoke about Raleigh Ringers coming to Bayside. In the packet it was noted that Emma serves as a liaison to 3 Seminary Students: two at Princeton and one at Regent.

David introduced Elder Paul Verburg as a first time Commissioner to a Peva meeting.

There were no breakout workshops which was disappointing therefore the meeting ended at 1:30 with no other business being conducted.

Going forward Paula recommends that our Church appoint a permanent PEVA meeting Commissioner per Elder Class in order to create a continuous flow of information to our Session concerning PEVA action during a given year. Other Elders wishing to observe a PEVA meeting could attend as a guest. It is likely once our number of Active Members is updated that Bayside will be allowed ONE PEVA Commissioner with a vote. In the event the permanent Commissioner is unable to attend the practice of sending a guest attendee with no vote could help fill that temporary gap.

The next PEVA Quarterly meeting will be hosted by Bayside Presbyterian Church on October 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Emma will gather details needed for setup from PEVA and instruct us in Hosting requirements. Since we are in transition it will require EVERY elder to have “hands-on” as well as other congregant help. This meeting will be the last for the retiring Presbyter Liza Hendricks, therefore a larger crowd is expected.

Respectfully Submitted

Elder Paula Jesberg

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