

**Minutes**  
**Bayside Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting**  
**18 October 2016 7:00 PM Room 508**

The Session of Bayside Presbyterian Church met in a Stated Meeting on 18 October 2016 at 7:00 pm in Room 508. Members present, constituting a quorum, were Moderator Rev. Dr. David Rollins and Elders Bob Baker, Bobbi Brenton, Terri Dannemann, Sperry Davis, Betsy Kennedy, Gregor McLeod, Doug Mitchell, Bob Orcutt, Beth Parker, Jean Reid, Martha Rudell, Thom Sare, Pam Spillman, Hugh Vaughan, Thomas Weeks, Terri Wilkins, and George Wong.

Elders Russ Brown, Nancy Guy, Beth Montoya, and Youth Elder Anthony Peters were not in attendance.

Staff Member Present: Chi-Yi Chen, Director of Music Ministries; Kim Coyle, Director of Christian Education

Visitors to the meeting included Treasurer Luanne Wong; Elders elect Clancy Holland and Bonita Gilchrist; Mark Schreiber.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who asked Session Members to share their joys and concerns, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The devotion was provided by Bobbie Brenton

**WEDDING REQUEST.** A wedding request was received from Stephanie Fernandini and Brandon Ricker. It was noted that neither Stephanie nor Brandon are members of the church nor do they have any family connections. They are requesting the use of the sanctuary as they found it to be a welcoming place for their wedding. Since Stephanie is Catholic and Brandon is Protestant, the Stephanie's home church would not let them be married in a Catholic church.

Motion: It was moved by Bob Orcutt that the request from Stephanie Fernandini and Brandon Ricker for their marriage to be held in Bayside Sanctuary be approved. The motion passed.

The Sacrament of Communion was offered to all in attendance.

**SESSIONAL RECORDS APPROVAL**

The minutes from last month's stated Session meeting and the agenda for tonight's Session meeting were provided in the read ahead package for all Session members.

Motion: It was moved by Clerk Doug Mitchell that the minutes from the last stated Session meeting and the agenda, as amended, for tonight's Session meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**STATISTICS REVIEW**

1. Attendance statistics for the Month of September was provided for review.
2. Reception of New Members: Charlene Albertoli was received by letter of transfer (10/16)
3. Baptisms: Zoe Rain Sizemore (9/23)
4. Church Weddings: None
5. Member Transfers: Joe and Theresa Cipriano transferred to Weaverville United Methodist Church, Weaverville, NC, on 2 October 2016 Member
6. Deaths: Bonnie Forrest on 8 October 2016
7. Membership Requests: None
8. Baptism Requests: None
9. Church Wedding Requests: Stephanie Fernandini & Brandon Ricker to be married on 5 Aug 2017 by Fr. Tony Hash

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report were made available to the Session on the website for review prior to tonight's meeting. Treasurer Luanne Wong reviewed the documents and facilitated discussion with the Session. Luanne noted that we are over \$56,000 in the red but that pledges are at 81% through the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Motion: It was moved by Bob Baker that the Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report be accepted with thanks. The motion passed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Columbia Theological Seminary was included in the Agenda thanking Bayside for its support of Keith Phillips.
2. The pre-school budget was provided to the agenda as an attachment for information

### **PEVA / BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ISSUES.**

1. The next meeting of PEVA is scheduled for Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Kings Grant Presbyterian Church. Nancy Guy and Martha are serving as commissioners from Bayside.
2. The Pre-school budget was provided as an enclosure to the agenda for information
3. Mark Schreiber was present to provide an overview of Bayside's relationships with the churches in the Congo and recapping our years of involvement and mission work. Specifically Kinshasa Hospital which was originally planned to be a clinic but due to the Presbyterian Church support, it is a full running hospital. Mark provided pictures for Session members to look at. Bayside started supporting the Congo church mission over 35 years ago working with PEVA. Mark will be requesting/proposing a fundraising effort through the Global Mission Ministry in an effort to raise over \$75,000 for the continuing efforts in the Congo. He will be contacting PEVA for their thoughts prior to submitting the application to Session.
4. There will be a PEVA workshop on 4-5 November – "Managing Conflict in the Church". The registration deadline is tomorrow and those who may be able to attend are encouraged to do so.

### **PASTOR TRAINING**

David noted that the time permitted to Mark Schreiber for the Congo mission discussion will take the place of pastor training this evening.

**YOUTH ELDER REPORT** – Anthony Peters was not present

### **CONTINUING ISSUES**

1. Communications & Information Flow to the Congregation. It was noted that the Helmsman and Binnacle have both been announcing the Etheridge Speaker series for this weekend featuring Jill Duffey. Jill will be preaching Sunday as well. There are only 22 people signed up so far for the Saturday dinner and talk. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
2. Extending communion to the home bound. Tom Weeks reported that 4 people were served communion on the first Sunday. There were plenty of volunteer elders. Of those who are homebound, it is calculated that about 20% of them desire communion at some point. Tom says they have not interacted with our members at Westminster Canterbury yet, as they have an established form of worship at the facility. But Tom plans to contact them anyway.
3. Church Policy and Procedures Reviews. The current status of policy reviews was provided as an attachment to the agenda. It was noted that almost all of the policies in existence are up to date with only a few outstanding for update. Two policies are pending update.
4. Status of Church Renovations (Capital Campaign Funds): Sperry Davis had no report on recent improvements. It was noted that the VBPD officers who are helping with the church security plan development were swamped in recent weeks with the severe storm damage, so their work is behind a bit.
5. Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. George Wong noted that they have been meeting for 6 months now, and while that duration was advertised as "normal" at the outset, everyone is surprised that it has taken this long to go through the process. The committee has had one face-to-face interview and is considering making an offer thinking that we may have a 50-50 chance of success with this candidate. They are anticipating that the candidate is considering multiple churches. The committee has received 5 more resumes that they will be reviewing tomorrow evening and determining where they will go from there.
6. Filling the Role of Youth Elder. Rev. Rollins reported that he and Kim are continuing to work the issue.

### **NEW ISSUES**

1. None.

## STAFF REPORTS

Director of Educational Ministries. Kim provided the following report:

Since my last report:

- Fall programming is in full swing!
  - PW Moderators meets the first Wednesday at 10; we love the study!
  - I installed the new PW Moderators and discussed the new studies for the year.
  - JAM is rocking! We have about 20 kids, most from the community attending.
  - Wednesday at the Well is running smoothly!
  - First Friday, October 7, had 40 kids here!
  - LOL: Live Out Loud (Middle School Fellowship) has up to 10 kids coming.
  - We have 6 adult Sunday school classes
  - The kids are using the Whirl curriculum again this year. They like the animation!
  - Senior High Fellowship is very slow this year. We do not have a confirmation class this year. All of the kids who are engaged have been confirmed.
  - The BFF Book Club meets on Monday!
- I am working on the Etheridge Speaker Series that is happening this Saturday and Sunday.
- The first meeting of the theology pub went well! There were 11 present including me. We had a great discussion about faith. Next month we meet on November 7 from 7 to 9pm. We'll talk about the Bible and ask, "Is it really the Word of God?"
- The 2020 Vision brochure has been printed and distributed.
- I've been working on the liturgy for worship since September. I hope you like it.
- We are in need of childcare workers. Do you know of anyone?
- Advent preparation is complete. We are looking forward to another wonderful season.
  - We'd like to distribute an Advent booklet in church on November 20; the first Sunday in Advent is November 27. If you have something for the booklet, the deadline is November 7!
  - Rather than having Advent vespers this year, I'm installing Advent worship stations. Please take part. They will be open on Wednesday nights in Advent.
  - The Longest Night Service in December 21.
- On a personal note, I visited with my mom and sister last month in Massanutten; we had breakfast with Kate! Also, my car spontaneously combusted last night! There was a press release in September announcing that the Nissan Maxima was at risk for fire and that the drivers would be notified in early November. I didn't see the press release, and the recall hadn't been issued!
- I traveled to Chicago to take part in the WhyChristian2016 conference, hosted by Nadia Bolz-Weber and Rachel Held Evans. Listening to two deeply faithful, Jesus-loving, deeply insightful women of God is both inspiring and motivating. As one author said, "(Nadia Bolz-Weber) gets grace—our dire need for grace. She understands that God meets our messed-up-ness with his mercy over and over and over again."
- As always, thank you for your support of me and the programs at Bayside!

Director of Music Ministries. Chi-Yi provided the following:

- Trying to introduce new hymns from the Glory to God hymnal. So far we have sung more new songs during worship. The goal is to enliven singing in worship.
- Blending with contemporary music on the first Sunday service.
- Working with Kim Coyle on having younger worshipers (children's choir) sing during the service. Rehearsal started this past Sunday, Oct. 16, from 9:30 to 9:50. We had 6 children. We'll also rehearse on Wednesdays during JAM-6:00-6:20pm.
- Thank you for supporting my "Service to the Wider Church" Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. I was one of the DisGrace conference worship planners and leaders in Montreat, NC. It was a great conference.
- Working with Nancy Guy and worship committee on the 2020 Vision
- Reorganizing the music rooms, thank you Pam Spillman and Paula Garrison for your help!\*
- Paula Garrison, is helping by filing music; Pam Spillman is working on the three music rooms re-organizing project.

Pastor / Head of Staff. David provided a verbal report.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS**

Community Service. Pam Spillman noted that a busy season is coming: Angel Tags 13 Nov – 4 Dec, Thanksgiving Baskets collections and distribution, winter shelter 16-23 Nov, Food Pantry collection of canned fruits.

Evangelism – Terri Dannemann noted that living nativity is in the planning stages and sign-ups will start soon. Scheduled for 10-11 December from 5-8 pm.

Global Missions – Bob Orcutt noted that in addition to the hospital mission work that was addressed by Mark earlier, that we also are involved in a small school in Kinshasa. Bob has pictures of the school and activities.

Congregational Care. Bobbie noted that there was no meeting in October thus she posted no minutes. Next Monday there is a meeting of Bayside BFF where they will have a speaker addressing the resources in Virginia Beach for providing assisted living in the home. Not necessarily for “old folks”, but also for those who may become involved in providing that type of care for older family..

Stewardship – Consecration Sunday is 23 November. Remind all of your “friends” to pledge. There is a workshop to reconcile the budget vs the pledges on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 am.

Property – Fall Cleanup is November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 until completion before noon.

**CLOSING WITH PRAYER.** With no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer at 8:08 pm.

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These minutes approved by the Session on November 15, 2016  
WDM / Doug Mitchell  
Clerk of Session