

Minutes
Bayside Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting
18 April 2017 7:00 PM Room 508

The Session of Bayside Presbyterian Church met in a Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm in Room 508. Members present, constituting a quorum, were Moderator Rev. Dr. David Rollins and Elders Russ Brown, Gary Crossman, Sperry Davis, Nancy Guy, Clancy Holland, John Jeffcoat, Gregor McLeod, Walter Martin, Doug Mitchell, Beth Parker, Sandy Ronan, Emily Rudiger, Pam Spillman, Hugh Vaughan, Thomas Weeks, and George Wong.

Elders Bonita Gilchrist, Betsy Kennedy, Beth Montoya, Martha Rudell, and Debbie Sparks, were not in attendance.

Staff Member Present: Rev. Emma Oullette, Associate Pastor; Chi-Yi Chen, Director of Music Ministries; Kim Coyle, Director of Christian Education

Visitors to the meeting included: none. Note that Treasurer Luanne Wong was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

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 George Wong

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 February were provided for review and amendment
2. Reception of New Members: None.
3. Baptisms: None.
4. Church Weddings: None.
5. Member Transfers: None.
6. Deaths: None.
7. Membership Requests: None.
8. Baptism Requests: None.
9. Church Wedding Requests: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. The Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report were made available to the Session on the website for review prior to tonight's meeting..

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

2. Budget Inputs. Hugh Vaughan noted that 2018 budget inputs are requested by mid-July. There will be no Session meeting that month but he would like to use the extra time to be ready for the August meeting.
3. Additionally, please review the "we will" statements and add dates for your target goals for publishing in the 2020 Vision.

COMMUNICATIONS: (Members, PCUSA, PEVA, Other):

1. Request for Bayside to host 2018 PEVA Meeting - Enclosure 1 was a request from PEVA to hold one of their quarterly meetings in the church. The option of various dates was discussed.

Motion: It was moved by Walter Martin that the church host the 24 April 2018 meeting on Tuesday. The motion passed

2. Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event Tues April 25 – It was noted that this event will be held in conjunction with the April PEVA meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Hampton and that delegates elected this evening will be asked to participate in this event.
3. Churchwide Nominating Committee. The committee reported that they have developed a slate of Session nominees for the class of 2020. The proposed slate of new Elders was read to the Session and the committee is requesting that a congregational meeting be advertised and conducted on June 4th to approve the slate.

Motion: It was moved by the Churchwide Nominating Committee and seconded by Emily Rudiger that a congregational meeting be held on June 4th for the purpose of nominating and electing the new Elders of the class of 2020. The motion passed.

PEVA / CHURCH ISSUES:

1. Election of PEVA Commissioners for April 25th - Enclosure 2 to the agenda outlined the agenda and issues to be discussed at the PEVA meeting. Commissioners for the meeting are required. Volunteers were solicited

Motion: It was moved by Clancy Holland that John Jeffcoat and Doug Mitchell be approved as Commissioners for the 25 April PEVA meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Hampton. The motion passed.

2. PEVA/Commissioners Vote on Changes to the Book of Order. The Commissioners will be required to vote on changes to the Book of Order. PEVA is required to provide a Presbytery vote based on its membership. The list of changes was provided to the Session for review and charge to the Commissioners. It was noted by Rev. Rollins that there were no contentious changes, and that PCUSA had already received sufficient inputs from enough Presbyteries in the country so that the changes to the Book of Order were already positioned to be approved.

PASTOR TRAINING – David addressed an article blog in the Presbyterian Outlook addressing the “Four S’s”: No Secrets, Surprises, Subversion and lots of Support. After providing a copy of the article he provided a verbal overview of the content and facilitated some discussion.

CONTINUING ISSUES

1. Communications & information flow to the Congregation . Mary Hubbard (webmaster) provided a written request for website support from the Session. A copy of her letter was included in the agenda. Doug Mitchell noted that he had already sent approximately 10 recommended updates and recommended that Session members submit updates where you are responsible for or even just involved. If someone is a Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram User – you need to start posting. Start Tweeting or Snapping or posting photos and hashtagging #baysidepresbyterian
2. Extending communion to the home bound – Tom Weeks noted that 2 members had participated this past month. Emma is getting involved in the program. Additional visits should be anticipated in the future.
3. Church policy and procedures review updates – the current status of policies was attached to the agenda – It was noted that in accordance with mandatory Book of Order changes, that we need to establish a Child and Youth Protection Policy.
4. Church renovations update – Sperry Davis reported that carpet has been replaced in the youth wing. Also, we have exceeded our budget for the year – significant termite damage has been found in the youth wing.

NEW ISSUES

1. Request from Mary Hubbard. Enclosure 4 to the agenda was discussed earlier, where inputs for updates to the website would be extremely helpful.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Educational Ministries – Kim was on vacation and did not provide a report.

Director of Music Ministries – Chi-yi provided a verbal report noting that she was making many preparations for Pentecost as well as for the remainder of the Easter season. She provided a handout to all members for the Children and Youth Sunday service.

Associate Pastor Report – Emma provided a verbal report adding to the Children’s Sunday program. Regarding evangelism and outreach, be sure to attend the Children’s service and look for “strangers”/parents of visiting youth to extend a greeting. Also for her installation, Emma has arranged for her friend and mentor from Michigan to come and offer the message at the service.

Pastor / Head of Staff – David provided a verbal report and commended the book “Sailboat Church” for everyone’s reading.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

Walter Martin offered a request from the Synod’s Men’s Council A request to PEVA is pending requesting their support from their churches to have a special collection on Father’s Day in June for an apportionment to the Synod Men for mission work

CLOSING WITH PRAYER

With no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer at 8:35 pm.

These minutes approved by the Session on May 16th, 2017
WDM / Doug Mitchell
Clerk of Session