

Minutes for the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
19 May 2020 7:00 PM Via Zoom

The Session of Bayside Presbyterian Church met in a Stated Meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom due to the current COVID-19 social distancing restrictions. Members present, constituting a quorum, were Moderator Rev. Dr. David Rollins, Clerk and Elder Amanda Long and Elders Cherokee Adams, Will Albertoli, Butch Brenton, Clif Furedy, Ed Gluckowski, Richard Guy, Ashley McLeod Kay Niman Meyers Bob Orcutt, Michele Parker, Chris Pascuzzi, Mike Raymer, Morgan Rechkemmer, Di Ricks, Brenda Reid, Thom Sare, Ed Spillman, Rose Ann Wehr and Matthew Wicks

Staff Member Present: Associate Pastor Rev. Emma Ouellette, Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink, Director of Music and Lacy Schimmel, Director of Youth and Family Outreach.

Visitors to the meeting Treasurer Lu Wong and George Wong

Mission: Bayside is a covenant community of Christ's people seeking to know and do the will of God.

Vision: Changing lives by growing Christian disciples and living God's Word.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS – OPENING PRAYER

There was a sharing of many joys and concerns – Rev. Rollins opened the meeting with prayer at 7:10.

DEVOTION was shared by Elder Morgan Rechkemmer

REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL

1. New Member Requests: None
2. Baptism Requests: None
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Clerk of Session

1. Minutes from the last Stated Session Meeting
2. Tonight's Agenda

Motion: It is moved by the Clerk that the Session approve the minutes from last month's Session meeting and the agenda for today's Stated Meeting. **The Motion Passed.**

STATISTICS

1. Reception of New Members: None
2. Baptisms: None
3. Church Weddings: None
4. Member Transfers: None
5. Member Deaths: None

INVITATION CELEBRATION:

Sharing of invitations to Bayside services, events and programs. We discussed invitations to virtual services.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report – Posted on Website

Luanne shared that we are doing well despite the social distancing. Lots of mail coming in with donations and online giving is increasing. Kind notes in some that are encouraging. General fund is in great shape. A little less than last year but in good shape. A new fund will be added next month – PPP (CARES Act payroll protection program) – \$90,700 (to cover 8 weeks of payroll expenses)

Luanne advised that we did add the verbiage on the website about the fees around credit card vs bank draft.

It was asked/suggested that we have a way to coach someone how to sign up to give online.

Motion: Elder Albertoli moved that we accept the report as presented.

The Motion Passed.

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

None

CONTINUING ISSUES

1. 2020 Vision Update (Documents posted on Website)

New update to the spreadsheet which is updated on the website. Contractor has been very approachable and working with us to reduce costs.

George reviewed the spreadsheet breaking down the columns.

Discussion around the Steinway and the grant that was not received – suggested to update the spreadsheet to notate the \$50000 is donors.

Discussion around the Audio Visual quote and asking for a less “premium” package.

Question about starting the pews prior to the other construction – taking them out and replenish and then back in and then out again could cost additional moving funds and also potential repairs to moving multiple times.

Discussion around the campaign and a suggest to price out some items that people could “purchase” as only 45-46 having given to date. Might encourage others to give for a specific item or items. Memorials or in honorarium.

Suggestion to get 70-80% to get started.

When do we start fundraising...Minute for mission will begin this Sunday – starting now.

Motion: Elder Pascussi moved that when an additional \$104,510 has been received in pledges – we authorize Stewardship to sign the contract with E.T. Gresham and to begin the work. **The motion passed.**

2. COVID 19 Updates – status of worship and building access (Documents posted on Website)

- Letters from PEVA and supporting documents
- Documents sent by Rev. Rollins
- Social Distance Spatial Plan – Clif Furedy

Rev. Rollins discussed factors around when we physically reopen the church. He reviewed what we would have to do. How would we handle someone that was not masked or not practicing social distancing? We need to ensure that we are caring for everyone and doing the right thing regarding keeping everyone safe.

Take our time to review and to make sure we can meet the requirements – maybe no sooner than July. We should not be in any rush – we should not take risks with our congregation. Maybe get feedback from Bayside Baptist who started back this week. There is a worry about congregants drifting away if we are not having services.

Rev. Rollins requests/suggested that elders call some people as well. Suggestion was made to assign folks to us.

Motion: Elder Furedy made a motion that we delay the evaluation of live in person services until the next session meeting in June. Noting that we will not be in live in person worship prior to July 5th. With an adhoc committee reviewing options in the meantime. **The motion passed.**

Letter will be sent to congregation regarding where we are in the process. With the option of calling the office if they need help with the online technology. Maybe have a team willing to go to visit others to help.

NEW BUSINESS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Office hours during Covid-19 shutdown

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: In office 9am-2pm.
- Wednesdays: work from home.
 - 4:30 pm Zoom “Sing! during happy hour” with Sanctuary Choir & Praise Team
Check-in, select hymns or songs for the week, telling the story about songs and composers. Focus on how songs and hymns are a good resource for personal spiritual discipline.
 - 7:00 pm Zoom Check-in with Handbell choir
Listening & Watching handbell performance on YouTube and discuss creative ways continue learning music,
- Saturday:

9:00 am Music rehearsal
10:00 am Record service
11:00am -12:00 Rehearsal

Extra/New Activities:

1. Participated in webinar with American Choral Director Association. Discussed that Choirs have been decimated by the pandemic and the likelihood that choral and congregational singing will not be possible for the time being. I've been collaborating with ecumenical Church Musicians Nationwide to determine what is best for our church to continue to nurture our spiritual life through music.
2. Thank You to the praise team for participating with Youth Sunday service on May 3rd. Young worshipers led in reading, prayer, musical playing etc.
3. Thank you to Clint Damuth, Sarah Williams, Katie Wesley, Lee Smith and Saul for sharing the gift of music every service. And Sperry's huge contribution in time and IT talent.
4. James Liverman is going to play trumpet for our last two Sunday services of May.

Serve Wider Churches:

1. Participated in PCUSA project: Church Music and Covid-19, a response from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. The statement is scheduled to be released May 21.
2. Serving PAM Montreat Digital Conference from June 19-27, Montreat North Carolina. I will be organizing and leading the one of morning services.

Director of Youth and Family Outreach

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

Working with the Christian ed team on how to best do VBS this year. Maybe looking at doing a shorten version with just art and crafts and bible story outside.

No Massanetta, or Montreat this summer, working on getting our deposits back

Looking at doing mission trip around Virginia Beach later in August, if it is safe to do so.

Only 2 youth group meeting left before end of year, ending with a movie night via Zoom.

Still working with Emma on confirmation with 2 youth.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Life in quarantine has been challenging and surprising. I'm used to the unexpected of each day. This life doesn't have much unexpected in it. However, I have tried to use this time to strengthen my own spiritual habits and stay connected to the congregation.

I've been doing the midday devotion and prayer twice a week and I continue to get liturgy and worship materials together for each week. While things have slowed down a bit, I'm continuing to make phone calls and doing a lot of reading. I look forward to the time when a sense of normalcy

comes back, but until then I continue to do my best to serve the church and the people in a different way.

I've enjoyed over this time at home connecting with other pastors around the country to hear how they are doing and what their churches are doing during this time. It has provided lots of inspiration.

I continue my work as CPM co moderator for the presbytery. We've actually been very busy with several new individuals coming forward to start the journey, including Patrick Long. And a new opportunity that I have been asked to be apart of is a pastor cohort with pastors in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and Presbytery of the James. The cohort is sponsored by the Presbytery of the James and is lead by Gary Charles, pastor of Cove Presbyterian Church in Covesville Virginia, and Jill Duffield, Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook. The cohort starts in September and it will be a year commitment with a meeting once a month. The cohort is designed for pastors who are ordained less than 10 years. It's a chance to come together and talk about ideas for the church and problems. It's about support and learning. This is the first year that they are including PEVA in the cohort, so I'm excited and honored to be asked to be apart of it.

As always It's a joy to work with you all!

Joyfully,

Emma

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

During this crazy season of life and ministry all of us have had to learn on the go, to be more flexible, and find new ways to connect to the Body of Christ. On one hand it has been energizing as it has forced me to use some creative energy I might not otherwise have used. On another hand it has been downright exhausting.

I continue to lead staff meetings via zoom, offer coffee, conversation and fellowship via zoom. Attend several other zoom meetings on a regular basis, and it is a great tool, but it has its limits it is not the same as meeting in person and for me requires more energy and focus. Facebook live has allowed me to offer evening vespers twice a week. We continue to gather film and produce quality worship services for our members and our extended community.

I have been calling several members on the phone. I have also attended zoom meetings to learn more about the coronavirus, how it is spread, and specifically how churches can become hotspots even when practicing as many safety precautions as possible. I long for the time when we can gather again safely. Until then I will continue to serve to the best of my ability using new tools, modern day technology, and abundance of prayer. In the middle of all of this I continue to thank God for the incredible leaders Bayside has on session, the awesome team I get to serve with, and being a part of a compassionate and dedicated family of faith.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

None

CLOSING WITH PRAYER by Rev. Ouellette at 8:50pm

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2020 7pm via Zoom
Elder Rose Anne Wehr - Devotion

