

Agenda for the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
18 August 2020 7:00 PM Via Zoom

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

DEVOTION

Elder Ashley McLeod

REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL / Motions and Votes Required

1. New Member Requests: Christee Curran-Bauer
2. Baptism Requests: Dawson Cook
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.

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.
Upcoming opportunities?

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report (posted to website)

Motion needed.

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. 2020 Vision Update
2. COVID 19 Updates
 - In person and virtual worship update
3. Asking budgets are due.
4. Election of Elders - Update

Unexpired Term of Herb Gordon (class of 2021) - Mike Raymer
Unexpired Term of Morgan Rechkemmer (class of 2022) – Tom Weeks
Class of 2023: Russ Brown, Ben Hubbard, Mindy Liebau, Connie Schrieber,
Karyn Simoneli, Caroline Tetschner, and Braden Wicks.

5. Letter from Congregant

NEW BUSINESS

1. Confirmation and Baptism

Following are the two statements of faith from our confirmands this past year: Sam Purcell and Dawson Cook.

We need to approve them for confirmation and we also need to approve Dawson Cook's Baptism (done by Mark Cook). Confirmation and the Baptism will take place on August 23. **Motion Needed.**

2. Presbyterian Week of Action – <https://www.pcusa.org/weekofaction/>

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Director of Youth and Family Outreach

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

CLOSING WITH PRAYER

Next Meeting – September 15, 2020 7pm

Elder Richard Guy Devotion

Who or what is God to you?

God is the father of Jesus. God is sovereign. He created heaven and earth. When I die I will be with him in heaven.

Why is Jesus Christ important to you?

Jesus saves me and allows me to go to heaven. Jesus forgave all my sins and all the sins I will ever do by dying on the cross.

Explain your understanding of ONE of the following: Trinity, Lord's Supper, Baptism, or **Polity**.

Polity is the structure of the church and gives us clear ways to organize our communities of faith and denomination. Polity is a group of people working together for a common purpose. The Polity of PCUSA consists of many levels. The bottom level includes the congregation and session. Then is the Presbytery, which for us is the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. Next is the Synod, and we are in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. Then lastly there is the General Assembly.

What has been the most important moment or time in your faith life?

I don't know, but it could be this class. By not being baptized yet, this is certainly one of my first milestones on my journey.

If you could ask God one question, what would it be and what might God's answer be?

I would ask God why the world had a pandemic. He might say that it is to prepare us or that he had no part in it or that it just had to happen and it is part of a plan that only God can comprehend.

What gifts do you have that you can share with Bayside Presbyterian Church or in the PCUSA?

I could share some technology skills with the church possibly, I can volunteer at JAM like I have done, or I can do some percussion. My opportunities to share my gifts with Bayside are limited because we are going to move to Japan.

What is the most comforting, interesting, or annoying thing that you learned about Presbyterians during Confirmation?

I learned that Presbyterians are still learning and reacting to modern times and events as shown by the fact that they/we are "reformed and always reforming." This is comforting because no one understands it all and it is important to admit that we are still trying to figure the world out.

How will your faith affect your daily life for the next few years?

Faith will help me overcome many obstacles including the Coronavirus pandemic as well as moving to Japan and adjusting to life there.

Statement of Faith - Sam Purcell

I Believe that God is our creator and our father almighty. God created all and is in charge of everything and he brought Jesus Christ on Earth to be a symbol for him on Earth. God to me is the creator of everything and a partner in life. He will always be there through the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is important to me because he sacrificed his own life to repay for our sins. He saved us so that we don't have to worry about the Devil or worry about going to Hell. Baptism is a process that Christians go through to show that we belong to God and that God will free us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ. In most churches, including ours, the Pastor will sprinkle or pour water over the person's head, starting the person's faith journey. In my faith journey, I have learned a lot and forgotten a lot. I was enrolled here for preschool, meaning that I had chapel one or two times a week, then had children's church on Sunday. After that, in Elementary School, I went to JAM on Wednesdays after Wednesday at the Well. Finally, in Middle School, I went to Youth Group on Sundays. In all of those I learned how and why God does the things he does. My parents have been important contributors to my faith because my mom would always remind me about church and she would always be the person to talk to me about my faith. If I were to be a member at Bayside, I would bring my knowledge not only of biblical concepts, but also of the church, since I have been around the church for over 10 years. I could bring the younger perspective since I'm not an adult yet. One of the most interesting things about the Presbyterian Religion is that it takes a more modern take on traditional religion. The Presbyterian Religion is also more accepting of all people, which is a good representation of God, who accepts all. Also in the history of Presbyterians, there is a lot of conflict that results in a lot of the things we have today. Most of the issues are not even relating to God or religion, instead they have to do with politics and rights. With everything that I've learned throughout the many years, I will be able to make better decisions because I will know what Jesus would have done and I can also teach people the ways of the Lord and teach them the lessons taught in the Bible. With the church changing so much in the last ten years, I've seen many different methods of teaching and religion. And lastly, I believe in the words of the Apostles Creed, as that is the Creed we say every Sunday during worship. Thank you and God bless.