

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
18 August 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, Clif Furedy, Richard Guy, Ashley McLeod, Kay Niman Meyers, Bob Orcutt, Michele Parker, Chris Pascuzzi, Mike Raymer, Di Ricks, Thom Sare, Ed Spillman, Rose Ann Wehr and Matthew Wicks.

Session Members not in attendance: Butch Brenton, Ed Gluckowski, Morgan Rechkemmer, and Brenda Reid.

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 Paula Jesberg (for part of the meeting), Treasurer LuAnn 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

Sharing of joys and concerns and Rev. Rollins opened the meeting with prayer.

DEVOTION was shared by Elder Ashley McLeod.

REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL

1. New Member Requests: Christee Curran-Bauer
2. Baptism Requests: Dawson Cook
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

Motion: Elder Albertoli moved that the new member request for Christee Curran-Bauer request be approved with joy and thanksgiving. **The Motion Passed.**

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.
Upcoming opportunities?

None shared.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

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

Treasurer Wong shared that we are in a good place. General fund is in a healthy place. We used the last of the PPP funds in July. Those funds are now exhausted.

There is a possibility that we will have to pay the PPP funds back. Elder and Treasurer Spillman will stay on top of the process and information.

Congregants remain faithful.

Treasurer Wong, as this is her last meeting, thanked all and states that it has been a great pleasure to serve Bayside.

Elder McLeod as about where we were in the budget and if in a good place overall. Lu said yes, we were overall in a very good place.

Motion: Elder Sare moved that the report be accepted as presented. **The motion passed.**

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. 2020 Vision Update

George shared that we have been under construction – Chancel is gone. When doing construction in older building we have found termite damage, We had it looked at and the exterminator has been called and will be addressed.

We had hoped there would be a slab under the former chancel, but there was not so a slab had to be poured. That was an additional \$3000 – it was covered in the budget.

There was asbestos in the glue under the tile – we had asbestos abatement – removed tile and glue. We are now all clean - \$5700. This will come out of the contingency fund.

The space is empty. The new construction of the chancel started today – metal structure to start.

We will be purchasing a new Steinway piano. 2 week leeway – fully funded by specific donations.

The AV is fully funded come in at \$48,000 more than 100% funded

Pipe organ \$142,000 – only 95% funded. Effort to reach 100%

Total ET Gresham \$328,000

Wethersby (pews) \$42000

We need \$377K and we have \$325K

Most of the demolition is done so most of the surprises have been found.

Leak in the roof and the contractor believes that the flashing needs to be adjusted. We may have funds for the termites and leak from the regular property fund.

We have dispersed some funds to the contractors. Spent about 100K

ET Gresham will bill us monthly.

We continue to “market” for pledges – pictures on the website, Binnacle, emails, videos, etc. We are asking for another \$100K – so we meet the full cost and have a contingency.

George challenged the Session to reach out to those we know to encourage them to share good news and encourage them to support.

2. **COVID 19 Updates** (In person and virtual worship update)

200 online, YouTube about 50, before live streaming it was higher.

Technical issues after lighting strike – we have a plan in place to address in a more timely way going forward. Elder Furedy encouraged all to share that the FaceBook is live and functioning better – share that it was technical issue.

Elder McLeod – asking if there is more value in recorded – vs Live –Elder Pascuzzi ask from a Worship Ministry at what point do we go back to recorded vs live.

Elder Furedy – suggest that going back is too late and we need to prepare. We need to “practice” now for later when we will continue to offer this type of service.

Elder Spillman – this is a time to do lessons learned.

We agreed – to keep it as is through August.

3. **Asking budgets**

Budgets are due. Only 2 received. Asking for them by the next Ministry meeting at the latest.

4. Election of Elders

Update – election is completed

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

The clerk confirmed motion passed – response was sent to congregant.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Confirmation and Baptism

Confirmation started in person but moved virtual – moved through the process. The Cooks are moving to Japan in September, so now is the time.

No confirmation for the coming year, but many the following year.

Written statements of faith were shared by the 2 confirmands, Sam Purcell and Dawson Cook.
With approval - Confirmation and the Baptism will take place on August 23.

Motion: Elder McLeod moved that with joy and celebration we confirm Dawson Cook and Sam Purcell and the Baptism of Dawson Cook, by Rev. Mark Cook.

The motion passed.

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

Rev. Rollins encouraged us to review the link and to engage in the process. The staff is looking at a book study for the coming year.

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Current Office hours

- Monday through Thursday, in office 9am-4pm.
- Wednesdays:
 - 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 to continue learning music.
- Saturday: Zoom rehearsal with Choir Section Singers
- Sunday: 8:30am-1pm
 - In Person worship
 - Recording the next Sunday music

- Section leader's music rehearsal for the next Sundays

Extra/New Activities:

1. Discuss with colleagues and the Adult Choir how the new structure of the music program this coming Fall:
 - a. Pre-School: In person? Maybe outside? The suggestion of a tent classroom is still under discussion.
 - b. The Handbell Choir: it will be divided into two small groups, with 5 people in each rehearsal.
 - c. The Sanctuary Choir will not have full choir rehearsal; the section leaders are taking most of the pre-recording singing roles and they sing while wearing masks.
 - d. The Children's Choir will be incorporated with JAM on Zoom. The Children's Choir will sing and rehearse on Zoom. We will also record on Zoom for any additional singing for Sunday worship.
2. I have been collaborating with ecumenical Church Musicians Nationwide to determine what is best for our church to continue to nurture our spiritual life through music.
3. Outreach and support to Virginia Symphony Orchestra musician friends as well as the Associate Concert Master Violinist Yun Zhang and International competition Winner Flutist Ya- Ching Chen are both going to participate in our Sunday services.
4. Thank you to Benton Maldonado as the summer subbing percussionist. Benton is a graduate student of Percussion & Music Education at O.D.U. Sarah Williams will be back for our August 30th Sunday service.
5. Thank you to Clint Damuth, Katie Wesley, Lee Smith, Mike Belote and Saul for sharing the gift of music every service. Sarah Williams is taking the summer off. We welcomed Benton Maldonado to join our music worship team until the end of August. Sperry's offered a huge contribution in time and IT talent.
6. Please feel free to put your favorite Songs and Hymns in the Music Box or email your suggestions to me.

I am keeping in constant communication with Organ builder Josh Dove as well as Steinway& Sons Piano Education Representative Gary Girouard for the date and details on our renovation process

Director of Youth and Family Outreach

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

Lacy shared that VBS was held the last week in July – 10 kids registered – 50-60 watched the videos.

Lacy is starting to work on the youth groups for the fall. Youth will be doing a mix of virtual and outside in person gatherings.

Elder Ashley McLeod will do a Zoom session on Sunday mornings. Lacy is looking for Elementary sessions via Zoom in the Fall.

Lacy is working with the other youth leaders about the combined Youth meetings that started this past year.

Elder McLeod suggested an outside youth activity – making road signs of encouragement.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Looking at book studies and Advent. Continue pastoral care and phone calls. Continued work with CPM – rewriting handbook.

Congregational care will have a joyful parade on August 30th. A parade by the homes of some of our congregation.

Liturgy and brainstorming on how to connect the congregation during Advent. Emma is nervous about Advent and how to make it hopeful and meaningful to help bring Joy and why we do this thing called Church.

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

- Touched base regularly with George Wong and the 2020 Vision Implementation team
- Planned and prepared for weekly worship
- Planned and prepared for elder training
- Planned and prepared for virtual fall programming
- Touched base regularly with staff members
- Finished reading “God, Improve, and the art of Living”, started reading “Waking up White”.
- Received a grant of \$500 for my work following my participation in “Thriving Clergy Group.”
- Prayed daily for the members of Bayside
- Planned for some vacation time Sept. 24--28

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

CLOSING WITH PRAYER

Next Meeting – September 15, 2020 7pm

Elder Richard Guy Devotion