

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
15 September 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, Ed Gluckowski, Richard Guy, Ashley McLeod, Kay Niman Meyers, Bob Orcutt, Michele Parker, Chris Pascuzzi, Mike Raymer, Di Ricks, Brenda Reid, Thom Sare, Ed Spillman, and Rose Ann Wehr.

Session Members not in attendance: Butch Brenton 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 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

Joys and concerns were shared and Rev. Rollins opened with prayer.

DEVOTION was shared by Elder Richard Guy.

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.
Upcoming opportunities?

We are having over 200 views each week – that is device not number of people so there could be more. About 20-25 in worship.

Neil Bonney is having a Sunday School class that is going well.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

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

Elder and Treasurer Spillman stated the semi-annual audit was done and we passed. Kudos to LuAnn Wong – very satisfied with our tracking – they did suggest that we have better reporting.

Grant application process for the PPP to be a grant and not a loan – is in progress. More to come

General fund is in a good place – \$264,000.

Offerings continue to be in a good place – running about 90% Year to Date

Expenses are running at about 80% Year to Date

Elder McLeod – asked about 88% - Elder Spillman advised it is Year to Date % not annual %. She also shared that she feels we should not take the PPP as we didn't really have a drop in the income and revenue. Elder Spillman did share that the ministry is having a discussion around that and we have had some impact. More to come.

Motion: Elder Guy moved that we accept the treasurer's report as presented.
The Motion Passed.

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

None.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. 2020 Vision Update

George Wong – shared that he is grateful for Elder Furedy and his expertise.

8 weeks in – new chancel is incredibly large – but makes the sanctuary more “cozy”

Electricians are going in so they have not laid the floor.

A huge lift is now in the sanctuary for construction on the ceiling, lighting, painting, speakers, etc.

We have found some problems but good we found them now – termites, roof leak – this must be fixed before we do all the renovations to only have a leak.

Ceiling needs repair.

Numbers – will keep changing – things keep changing – the cost and the general contractor cost goes up too

328,000 initial cost

48,000 for pews

additional work right is all electrical 4,000 to cover conduits on the columns

additional 8,000 for AV work and organ

additional 3,400 for dimming control for the lights.

376,000 to 392,000 increase

Big question now is ceiling – drywall 3600, painting high ceiling 12k to 17k

With these are now 409,000 total cost.

Pledges – are currently at 392,000.

Session is at 70% participation

2020 committee is at 90% participation

Congregation is at 60% participation

Fund raising will stop as we approach stewardship season. It will restart after stewardship...we will continue on until we retire it. Working to not “saddle” future congregations with any debt.

2. COVID 19 Updates

In person and virtual worship update:

Rev. Rollins shared what we are doing is going well, with the necessary protocols. There are many people that are needed to make it happen. Many, many pieces. Music is recorded ahead of time. But all is going well.

Rev. Ouellette has been asking herself what else could we do given the guidelines – keeping it safe but welcoming. She reiterated that we are in the minority and we are one of very few PEVA churches that are meeting in person. We are doing something new and others are looking at us and how we are doing the worship.

Rev. Rollins states article stated 15 more times likely to catch COVID at worship. The length of time we are together, etc. play a part. We will continue to follow the recommended guidelines.

Elder Ricks shared appreciation for what is being done – and asked if it would be better to go back to online only given the extra work that is needed. Rev. Rollins shared that Worship will continue that conversation.

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink shared that we are making sure that we have a safe space for the musicians. She is participating in seminars on how to make it work in person and online. Thanks to Sperry Davis for his work on the service. She does feel that we could have more preparation if we were just online. From a music perspective – it is easier to record it all in advance.

3. Asking budgets are in.

We are lacking one or two. Please turn it in ASAP. They are needed by the end of the week so that we can begin to plan stewardship.

Elder Guy shared that in preparation for stewardship a letter will be out later this week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PEVA Stated Meeting, Tuesday, October 20 at 10 via Zoom – Commissioners Needed

The meeting will be via Zoom – we need 2 commissioners. Volunteers – Elders Ricks and Orcutt.

Motion: Elder Pascuzzi moved that Elders Di Ricks and Bob Orcutt are appointed as commissioners to the October PEVA Stated Meeting. **The Motion Passed.**

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Praying everyday for more wisdom and patience with COVID – we will have children's choir check in tomorrow. Handbells will be divided into small groups – for social distancing purposes. Sanctuary choir will not have rehearsals. Section leaders continue to lead worship. They are having a Zoom meeting on Wednesdays. She is working on World Communion Sunday and Reformation Sunday – Advent and Christmas.

Keeping connections with ecumenical colleagues

Favorite hymns to be emailed or dropped into the box at church

Vision 2020 with organ builder and piano representative on dates when we are ready for the deliveries.

Big thank you for Mitchells and Garrisons on cleaning the music and organizing music.

Continuing Education scheduled for Oct 22nd and Nov 12th.

Director of Youth and Family Outreach

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

Started Youth before Labor Day – 5 or so. This past Sunday was a going away for the Cooks. Keep meeting outside until the weather drives them back to Zoom.
Starting JAM on the 16th at 4pm – time maybe changing as kids go back to school. Still working on elementary Sunday school. More to come in October. Elder McLeod is starting Sunday School for middle and high school.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Taking vacation days at the end of this week.
Started cohort with Pastors from PEVA and the James
Starting a new project calling “Hold Still” Photos of how we have spend the “lockdown”. She is working on a Bayside edition and will ask for photos to be used for Worship, Facebook – coming together in a unique way and a way to see each other.
Book studies coming. Waking Up White and an Adam Hamilton study for Advent. Elder McLeod will donate a photo album to keep the photos in for the future.

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

Begin elder training tomorrow evening via Zoom. One of the Elders had to step down. The Nominating Committee will be looking for a replacement.

Etheridge speaker is being worked on.

Looking forward to the upcoming studies.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

Elder Sare wanted to share that Thanksgiving baskets November 21st – Scouts will assist – no turkeys to give gift cards instead
Winter Shelter will be in February – big changes will be coming.

Rev. Rollins shared thanks for Elder Sare who built a cabinet for the safe in the treasures’ office.

CLOSING WITH PRAYER

Rev. Rollins and Rev. Ouellette closed the meeting with prayer at 8:05pm.

Next Meeting – October 20, 2020 7pm Elder Cherokee Adams Devotion