

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
15 December 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, Kay Niman Meyers, Bob Orcutt, Michele Parker, Chris Pascuzzi, Brenda Reid, Di Ricks, Thom Sare, Ed Spillman, and Rose Ann Wehr

Session Members not in attendance: Butch Brenton, Ashley McLeod, Mike Raymer, and Matthew Wicks

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

Visitors to the meeting Incoming Elders Ben Hubbard, Connie Schreiber, Caroline Tetschner, and Tom Weeks.

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SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS – OPENING PRAYER

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

DEVOTION was shared by Elder Amanda Long.

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REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL

1. New Member Requests: None
2. Baptism Requests: Dana Sizemore and Kailyn Sizemore
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

Motion: Elder Wehr moved that we accept Dana Sizemore and Kailyn Sizemore's request for baptism. **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: Dawson Cook, Sam Purcell
2. Baptisms: 7/19 - Tristan Wallace, 8/23 Dawson Cook
3. Church Weddings: None
4. Member Transfers: 03/09/2020 - Thomas Amblad
5. Member Deaths: 04/06 - Carlos Fletcher, 7/26 Charleen Albertoli,
9/15 - Alice Wicks, 10/1 - Anne Barnes;
10/20 - Irene Muhler ; 10/25 - Jim Reid

INVITATION CELEBRATION:

Sharing of invitations to Bayside services, events and programs.
Upcoming opportunities?

Rev, Ouellette – shared the Charlie Tenney advised her that his grandson is watching from WV.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report

Nov Balance Sheet –

- General Fund is well above the desired \$130K at \$223K

Nov Treasurer Report –

- We are at 88% of expected pledges collected at the end of Nov – 88% last month and 87% last year.

PPP – Applied for Grant – 11 Dec -Goes through bank review first, then forwarded to SBA for final review. No status yet.

Motion: It was moved by Elder Albertoli that we accept the treasurers report with thanksgiving. **The motion passed.**

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. 2020 Vision Update

Rev. Rollins shared that there are always surprises – minor delay with electricians. Working with contractor. There were 12-15 pews to finish – piano is coming Friday – but we are closing in.

2. COVID 19 Updates

Case in the preschool – office is closed until Monday – Preschool is closed that week due to the case. Closed the following week anyway so only one-week impact to students
More cases in Westminster Canterbury – encouraging calls to our residents there.

Lacy shared the following Zoom account information. Any church meeting. Please contact Lacy if you need to use it – only one meeting at a time. It is a paid account so no time limit.

- Church Zoom Account
- Sign-in Email- lschimmel@baysidepresby.org
- Sign-in Password- Bayside20!

3. Budget Update

2021 campaign update –

88 units for \$443,494 – As compared to \$564K for 2020

2021 Budget –

All ministry inputs received. Close to last year's inputs.

+ \$11,391 or 1.5% higher.

We hope to approve the budget in January.

Funding – We need to come close to last year G/F rollover –

We are \$120K short in pledges – assumed to be communications and logistics issues (we are not meeting in person). We prefer to wait additional time (the rest of Dec) to see if pledges come in and make additional communications if required in order to achieve them. Note - (There are about \$90K in 2020 pledges from approximately 20 people not yet pledged in 2021 who are still currently giving and most have been seen around the church in the last few months.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Need Volunteer for Devotion in January – Michele Parker.
2. Annual Year End Reports – Due to Linda Vogl and Amanda Long by January 5th.
3. Ordination and Installation of New Elders – January 10, 2021

Will record the ordination/installation on Zoom and then include in the worship service.

4. Terms of Call – Housing Allowance

Motion: Admin Support Ministry moves that the housing allowance for Rev. Dr. David Rollins (\$35,700) and Rev. Emma Ouellette (\$15,000) remain the same for 2021 with no changes. **The Motion Passed.**

5. Nominating Committee – 2 Outgoing Elders in the class of 2021 are need to serve on the Nominating Committee

Motion: Elder Albertoli moved that we approve Elders Di Ricks and Rose Ann Wehr to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. **The Motion Passed**

6. Scout Request – Pinewood Derby

- a. What they want to do is set up everything in the church on Jan 31st and just have 4-5 adult leaders run the race. They would live stream the races and scouts can watch from home on their device.
- b. They asking if it is acceptable for the church to allow 4-5 adult scout leaders to set up and run the derby race on Jan 31st so that the scouts can watch virtually?

Motion: Elder Reid moved that we allow the scouts to use the fellowship hall as requested. **The motion passed.**

7. Blood Drive

- a. Wednesday, February 3rd – 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- b. Martha Rudell asked if we would allow the American Red Cross to hold a blood dive here in conjunction with Thoroughgood Elementary school – together they have a program called Pint Sized Hero’s Blood Drive. The ARC uses this time to education the elementary school kids on the importance of blood donation and they in turn try to get their adult family members to donate blood. They are just looking to use the facility – that is the extent that Bayside would be involved.

Motion: Elder Orcutt moved that we allow the Red Cross to use fellowship hall for a blood drive on February 23, 2021. **The motion passed.**

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Thanked everyone for the prayers and working to record parts and putting together virtual choir this coming Sunday. 3 young singers participating as well. Also thankful for handbell choir. Also shared thanks for section leaders and Cherokee Adams.

Director of Youth and Family Outreach

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

- Finishing up JAM and youth group for the year this week. Having a mini-Christmas party with the youth group kids outside.
- Have been working with Emma on the 4 pm Family Christmas Eve service. Have most of the recording done, just waiting on one family to send the last recording.
- Have been helping with recordings when Sperry is not available to run the camera.
- Will be attaining the training on the new A/V system in the sanctuary.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

This has been such a bizarre year, but God’s blessings have been many! Over the past month, we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Living nativity, and while this was disappointing and not what the team wanted, we know we were following in the responsible way.

I’ve spent most of the month working on all the December worship services, longest night, Christmas eve, Sundays, and Christmas eve family service. It’s been a joy to work with Lacy in

getting the Family service together and I think we will have a wonderful worship. I've also enjoyed helping David lead the Wednesday night book study on Incarnation. The conversations we've had in the group have been fruitful during this holiday season. I've also been working on liturgy and scheduling for services in January and February. With prerecording our services, we have to work several weeks in advance.

The holidays are difficult for many, and this year with Covid19 it can be even more difficult. I've been doing my best to reach out to people who are in need of a little extra care this time of year.

I've continued my work with the Presbytery as Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and find great joy in working in that capacity.

Just like everyone else, I am bummed that we can't be together on Christmas this year, but I hold you all and the congregation in my heart, wishing you all a safe and Merry Christmas. Please stay safe and I look forward to how God will use us and grow us in the new year.

Joyfully,
Emma

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

Over the past month I have made phone calls and sent messages via email to members. I moderated staff meetings, and regularly met with staff one on one. Did my part to help lead a Wednesday evening Advent study. I offered vespers on Sunday nights and hosted coffee and conversation gatherings on Thursday mornings. It is often left unspoken but important to note that I pray daily for the church and the staff. I help to plan, prepare, and deliver multiple worship services. Most importantly I continue to encourage the staff in their ministries.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

Motion: Stewardship is over our approved budget by almost \$1,600 so far. Not sure where it will end for the year – but, the cause is COVID driving up on line contributions and thus incurring credit card fees. We propose Session approve this over expenditure. The motion passed. **The motion passed.**

OUTGOING ELDERS: Sharing of thoughts about their time on session.

Elder Furedy shared that he was standing on the shoulders of those that came before him. Thanks to all that have served on Property. The team is great. Tom Weeks will be taking over for 2021.

Elder Pascuzzi share that she had a wonderful team and we have a wonderful staff. Unique year with worship with COVID. We managed to pull through.

Elder Long shared her thanks to all that serve and how we have managed the pandemic. Good leadership is hard and I am honored to serve alongside this amazing group of people.

CLOSING WITH PRAYER Rev. Ouellette closed the meeting with prayer._

Next Meeting – January 19, 2021 7pm
Elder Michele Parker Devotion