

# Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church  
17 August 2021 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**

David called the meeting to order at 7:04 with prayer after the sharing of joys and concerns.

**DEVOTION** - was shared by Elder Cherokee Adams.

## **REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL**

1. New Member Requests: None
2. Baptism Requests: Oliver Hansen, Son of Elizabeth Ficarra, September 26  
Joanne Williams, Date TBD
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

**Motion:** Elder Spillman moved that we accept these requests with joy and celebration.

**The motion passed.**

## **SESSIONAL RECORDS**

Clerk of Session

1. Minutes from the last Stated Session Meeting – June
2. Minutes from the Called Session Meeting – July
3. Tonight's Agenda

**Motion:** It was moved by the Clerk that the Session approve the minutes from April'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
6. Roll Removal Request: None

## **INVITATION CELEBRATION:**

Sharing of invitations to Bayside services, events and programs.

Upcoming opportunities?

No invitations were shared.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:**

### Balance Sheet & Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet – General Fund is \$241K – quite healthy for now. The COVID Fund Balance is \$39K. At the current pace of collections, we will likely utilize nearly all of it to maintain budget (and adjust for determined COVID impacts).

TR – Pledge Offering continues to track well as a percentage to expected pledges for the year – 109% for July as compared to 111% for May. Non-pledge percentage slipped just a bit this past month – at 91% vs 97% in May

Visitor Offering, Loose Cash, Tenant Donations and Preschool DoMM Donation are way behind and will not likely make budget – which will trigger COVID Funds to help make up the balances.

While some individual lines are a bit skewed – every Ministry's overall operating budget seems to be safely within goal – for now.

Nothing has really changed from our last report in June. The COVID fund continues to keep our heads above water – but, we will likely use almost all of it before the year is out and 2022 will need to subsist on our collections.

Elder Hubbard had a question regarding % of budget year to date 95% - asked for explanation  
The % of budget to date is the amount of collections we expected by this time of year.

For this year we are using the year to date averages from the last 3 years due to not having the same income in 2020 and 2021.

**Motion:** Elder Guy moved that we accept this report with joy and thanks.  
**The motion passed.**

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

PEVA Prayer Walk: Racial Dialogue team, an ad hoc team under PEVA's Compassion, Peace & Justice ministry umbrella. We are excited to invite you and your congregations to "Save the Date" for a Prayer Walk at Ft. Monroe, Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:00am. Our walk will be a time for PEVA members to pray for racial justice, equity, and healing on the site of so many important events, including the first arrival of enslaved Africans in English North America, and a safe haven for freedom seekers during the American Civil War.

### **PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION**

1. October PEVA Meeting – Commissioner's Needed – Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>,  
First Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach.

Elder Wicks is a possibility. A vote will be taken at the next meeting.

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

1. 2022 Asking Budgets – due by the September Session Meeting. Only 2 received so far.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion:** The nominating committee moves that we hold a called congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the incoming elder class on September 12, 2021. **The motion passed.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Director of Music Ministries**

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

### **Weekly Schedule**

- Sunday: 8 am Preparation  
8:30-9:45 am, Praise team & Section leader's rehearsal  
10-11am, In-person service  
11-12:30pm, Rehearsal for upcoming Sunday service
- Monday: 9am-4pm, in office
- Tuesday: 9am-5pm, in office
- Wednesday: 9am-4pm
- Thursday: 9am-4pm, in office  
10:30am, Worship recording
- Friday: 4-5:15pm- Zoom rehearsal with Section Leaders & Praise Team

### **Extra/New Activities:**

1. Many thanks to Sperry, Betsy, and Steve Baker to start livestreaming the service on July 18. It has saved 5-7 hours for the musical recording time per-week. We welcome Robert Marchand to help livestream our Sunday services.
2. Children Choir, The Joyful Singers and Cantate Domino are starting rehearsal on Wednesdays at 5:45pm, beginning September 15 and Sunday 9:20am September 22.
3. The Sanctuary Choir will start preparing fall repertoire with Wednesday night meetings beginning August 25<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Handbell Choir had its last summer rehearsal and Polishing Party on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with 12 ringers attending. We welcomed new ringer-Rita Dunning. The fall schedule will be two small groups, Wednesdays, 1-2pm, Sundays, 12:10-1:10
5. Our old Chickering baby grand piano sold for \$500 on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Martha Berryman, Chris Pascuzzi, Karyn Simonelli and Andrew James's help. Because of the wonderful flyer sent out to communities, we quickly found a new home for the piano within two days!
6. Thank you to our wonderful youth, Andrew James, Jordan and Megan Simonelli, Sydney and Cassidy Garrison. They are helping with church projects such as maintaining musical instruments, Music Library updates, cleaning the kitchen refrigerator and freezer, cleaning the Sanctuary chairs, returning the Hymnals & Bibles back the pews, etc. They have worked every Tuesday for 2-3 hours since May 13<sup>th</sup>.

7. Working on the Hymn/ Anthem suggestions with the pastors on the upcoming renovation celebration service September 12<sup>th</sup>.
8. The Christmas Cantata is planned for Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Handbell Choir will be a part of Advent service on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Serving the Wider Church:**

1. I am on the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) 2023 conference planning team. This meeting is going to be at the PC(USA) central office in Louisville, KY on October 10-13<sup>th</sup>. The virtual monthly meeting is on the last Thursday of every month.
2. Recording 10 hymn selections for Presbyterian Men's virtual retreat on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Continuing Education:**

1. Hymn Society and Congregational Songs of North America annual conference, July 11-15
2. Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford University 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference on Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives. Online event July 26-September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Vacation:**

August 17-19, September 17-24 (depending on any new Covid -19 restrictions)

#### **Director of Youth and Family Outreach**

Ms. Lacy Schimmel

- Montreat was the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July 2 youth, Aaron Long and Sydney Garrison, and 2 adults Michele Parker and myself went and had a fabulous time.
- VBS was the last week of July we had 30 kids attend, and 14 youth that helps. It seemed to go well and I think everyone had a great time.
- Sunday School will start Sept. 19 @ 10am. We are still looking for a few more teacher so that no one has to teach every Sunday.
- JAM and Wed. @ the Well will start on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 pm. The first 3 weeks will be a brown bag dinner, then transition to prepared dinners.
- **We are looking for someone to coordinate the dinner and clean up schedule.**
- Youth Fun afternoon, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45 am @ APEX.
- Youth Group will start Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm.
- Fall PEVA Youth Retreat Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> @ Great Wolf Lodge

#### **Associate Pastor**

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Rev. Ouellette gave a verbal report.

#### **Pastor / Head of Staff**

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

Over the past month I have led weekly staff meetings, studied, prepared and preached five sermons. Had multiple one on one meetings with individual staff members. I also began fall planning with the staff. In addition to the day to day ministry at Bayside I am part of an administrative commission working with Great Bridge Presbyterian Church in Chesapeake. This has required a great deal of time and energy, for instance the past few weeks I have had lengthy meetings most every night Monday – Thursday. The administrative commission is doing its best to try to facilitate healing with a congregation that is in deep conflict. I request that you add to your prayer list the work of the administrative commission and Great Bridge Presbyterian Church. Finally I will be taking a week of continuing education at the end of this month where I plan to work on some upcoming sermons.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS**

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

Elder Schreiber reported that her ministry did not meet. She did share that the school supply drive is in progress.

Elder Wicks asked about the service on the 12<sup>th</sup> and W@W – can those be added to Facebook – David shared that we will get it posted to social media. Elder Wicks encouraged us to have more there as many are using social media as a way to stay in contact and to organize calendars. As well as the school supply drive.

Elder Wicks also asked if there will be any further discussion about a preschool board. David has shared that we are in discussion and Admin will be in discussion with Christian Ed.

Elder Schreiber asked about the requirements for the budget – the financials are posted on the website for reference. That can be used as a reference for determining next year's asking budget.

**CLOSING WITH PRAYER – David closed the meeting with prayer at 7:33pm.**

Next Meeting – September 21, 2021

Elder Will Albertoli Devotion