

Agenda of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church
18 April 2023

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 Amanda Long

REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL

1. New Member Requests: None
1. Baptism Requests: None
2. Reaffirmation of Faith Requests: None
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Clerk of Session

1. Minutes from the last Stated Session Meeting
2. Today's Agenda

Motion: It is moved by the Clerk that the Session approve the minutes from March's Session meeting and the agenda for today's Stated Meeting.

STATISTICS

1. Reception of New Members: Julea Glaser, Rosanne Bachman, Jennifer Porciuncula
2. Baptisms: None
3. Church Weddings: None
4. Member Transfers: None
5. Member Deaths: 3/21/23 Robert LeMay
6. Roll Removal Request: None

Worship Attendance

note change in Facebook and we are having issues reporting the online views – research and problem solving is in progress

Month	Date	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Total	Comments
Mar	5-Mar		121	121	
	12-Mar	37	81	118	
	19-Mar	45	107	152	Mr. Rogers Sunday
	26-Mar	40	83	123	
				0	
Total		122	392	514	
	AVG	41	98	128.5	

Christian Education Statistics

Dates	Nursery Attn	Nursery Help	Kid SS Attn	Kid SS Help	Youth Group Attn	Youth Group Help	Adult SS (Verse by Verse)	Present Word	Dates	Wednesday JAM	JAM Help
5-Mar	1	1	7	2	5	2	5	8	8-Mar	7	1
12-Mar	2	1	11	1	1	2	5	8	15-Mar	8	1
19-Mar		1	8	2	4	2	8	8	22-Mar	9	1
26-Mar		1	12	3	5	2	7	8	29-Mar	11	1

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ISSUES:

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

Motion needed.

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

None

PEVA / CHURCH INFORMATION

1. PEVA Meetings 2022

- Tuesday April 25, 2023, 10am – Williamsburg Presbyterian – Williamsburg
 - Elders Hubbard and Guy were elected as commissioners during the February meeting.
- Tuesday July 25, 2023, 10am – Wycliffe Presbyterian – Virginia Beach
- Tuesday October 24, 2023, 10am – Bayside Presbyterian – Virginia Beach
 - Note: Please add to your calendars as many volunteers will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Session Retreat

May 21st – Sunday – 12:30pm

July 16th – Sunday - TBD

1. Book Discussion – *Think Again* by Adam Grant – Chapters 1 to 4

At our April meeting we will spend some more time reflecting on Adam Grant's book *Think Again*. At this point you should have finished the first four chapters in the book. I want to highlight a few things prior to our meeting and pass along a few questions for your reflection.

On page 56, Grant notes, "The goal is not to be wrong more often, It's to recognize that we're all wrong more often than we'd like to admit, and the more we deny it, the deeper hole we dig for ourselves."

And on page 63 he offers this bit of wisdom, "If you don't look back at yourself and think, 'Wow, how stupid I was a year ago.' then you must not have learned much in the last year."

What was something you read in chapters 3 or 4 that can positively impact your service as an elder on session?

What is the most important thing you have learned over the last 12 months?

In chapter 4 Grant spends some time discussing disagreeable people. He makes a point to move beyond people who are naysayers or reject any new ideas, to discussing the benefit of a challenge network.

Do you have a group of people committed to helping you see your blind spots? Who are the people who challenge you because they care and want what is best for you?

STAFF REPORTS

Director of Music Ministries

Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink

Director of Faith Formation

Summer Moore

In the past month, in addition to coordinating youth group on campus and off campus, JAM, Children's messages, and Sunday school, I have been working with Marshall Miller to recruit for, and design a training for, potential adult Sunday school teachers. Our hope is to train teachers for the fall Sunday school season. During this Lent and Easter season, I have collaborated with staff to prepare for Lent dinners and participate in Easter Sunday activities for children. Our egg hunts this year had 39 participants from PreK through middle school. Lindley Fox, and Mary and Robert Covington helped me run the egg hunt on Easter morning for the younger and older groups. Christian education approved the selected curriculum for Vacation Bible School, as well as a request to Endowment to utilize funds for an overhaul of our website. I have worked with Pastor David and Pastor Emma to prepare informational materials for Session's perusal of website resources. I have also started equipping volunteers to run our current children's Sunday school in the next calendar year.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emma Ouellette

Over the past month, we have been deep in Lent and Easter preparation. I really enjoyed co-leading with David our book study on Jesus' I Am statement. We have a wonderful group of people who helped spark meaningful conversations. This year I worked hard to put together a Maundy Thursday service that looked a little different than what we've done in the past. It was fun to play with ideas and come up with the best visuals for the service. I thought it was very meaningful and I pray others felt the same. Some other highlights for the month:

- Pastoral Visits
- Met with new members and a family about baptism.
- Had a successful children's book drive for Mr. Rogers Day
- Continued my work with presbytery's CPM, spending some time to help mentor and coach an individual for Ordination Exams which are at the end of April.
- Participated in Bob LeMay's funeral

- Preached
- Continued meeting with my clergy coach on a monthly basis and my therapist on a weekly basis.
- Worked with Summer and David about ways to improve our website and online presence.

Following our April meeting I will be leaving for the first international trip. This first trip is to Scotland for a Spiritual pilgrimage at the Isle of Iona. I am excited about this opportunity and can't wait to share about the journey when I return.

Pastor / Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. David Rollins

Lent and Easter are always busy seasons in the life of the church. On top of my normal day-to-day ministry over the last month, I have planned and officiated at 2 funerals, and I am currently planning a third for Em Chapman. I have made multiple hospital visits checking on our members who needed medical care. I have also made a few in-home visits, and visited some of our members who are in continuing care facilities. Pastoral care is an important part of my calling and I give thanks to God for being able to offer prayer and a ministry of presence.

Emma and I completed a book study on the "I am" statements Jesus makes in John's gospel. I believe it is one of the best studies we have offered, it was well received and well attended (we had approximately 18 people each week). I helped lead a Maundy Thursday worship service that was especially meaningful. Emma did an excellent job of planning and putting that service together, and Chi made sure the music was appropriate for the occasion. Speaking of worship, Easter was incredible! Our numbers were the best they have been in 3 years, there were several moving parts, but everything came together beautifully, and the music and children's message were excellent. We had a great number of visitors and we have been reaching out and contacting them.

I continue to serve the presbytery through my work on the commission on ministry, and as 1 of the trained coaches for other pastors. I also meet monthly with my coach, and I look forward to sharing with you in the next few months some of the fruit that relationship has brought into my ministry as well as my personal life. I continue to give thanks to God for your dedication and the opportunity to share ministry with you.

SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

CLOSING WITH PRAYER

Next Meeting – May 16, 2023 7pm

Devotion Elder Nancy Guy