

# Agenda of the Stated Session Meeting

Bayside Presbyterian Church  
21 March 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 RoseAnn Wehr

### **REQUESTS FOR SESSION APPROVAL**

1. New Member Requests: None
1. Baptism Requests: Kaia Porciuncula, Daughter of Jennifer and Jon Porciuncula
2. Reaffirmation of Faith Requests: None
3. Church Wedding Requests: None

### **Motion needed.**

### **SESSIONAL RECORDS**

Clerk of Session

1. Minutes from the last Stated Session Meeting
2. Minutes from the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting
3. 2022 Statistical Report
4. Today's Agenda

**Motion:** It is moved by the Clerk that the Session approve the minutes from February's Session meeting, Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, Annual Statistical Report and the agenda for today's Stated Meeting.

### **STATISTICS**

1. Reception of New Members: None
2. Baptisms: 1/22 Mary Covington
3. Church Weddings: None
4. Member Transfers: None
5. Member Deaths: 1/15 Anne Coffey, 1/28 Doris Brignola, 2/2 Morris Bell, 2/11 Janice Staub, 2/20 Barbara Franklin
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	Special	Total	Comments
Feb	5-Feb		121		121	Combined Worship - annual Meeting
	12-Feb	34	128		162	Scout Sunday
	19-Feb	49	54		103	
	22-Feb			49	49	Ash Wednesday
	26-Feb	30	60		90	
Total		113	363	49	525	
	AVG	38	91	49	105	

## Christian Education Statistics

Dates	Nursery Attn	Nursery Help	Kid SS Attn	Kid SS Help	Youth Group Attn	Youth Group Help	(Verse by Verse)	Present Word	Dates	Wednesday JAM	JAM Help
5-Feb	3	1	9	2		0	9		1-Feb	9	2
12-Feb	1	1	12	2		3	8	6	8-Feb	8	2
19-Feb		1	6	2	1	2	7	8	15-Feb	8	4
26-Feb		1	8	2	6	2	4	8	22-Feb	7	2

## **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**

### 1. Treasurer Election

A motion will be presented by Stewardship to elect Tom and Sheryl as co-treasurers. Please see the following bios.

Sheryl Winter recently retired after 34 years with Norfolk Southern's corporate office, with the last 15 of those as Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer. A native of Indiana,

she has lived in the area for almost 40 years now. She enjoys reading, hiking and bike riding. She has 2 grown children.

Tom Winter is also retired from Norfolk Southern, following 24 years in the paper industry. With an undergraduate and MBA degree from William and Mary, his career included roles in systems, finance and human resources. He has 3 grown sons and enjoys playing golf, soccer, tennis and cycling.

Tom and Sheryl met at work and have been happily married over 10 years and reside in the Haygood Point area of Virginia Beach.

2. Stewardship Motion – an update to Feb 2022 Motion (prior motion shown below)

***Motion:*** *In order to have the General Fund better operate as the Church's checking account and the Operations Reserve Fund better operate as the Church's savings account, Stewardship moves that, as of each January 1, the balance in the General Fund be set at \$170,000 plus any pre-paid pledges that have been received, and that any excess above that amount in the General Fund be transferred to (or any shortfall in the General Fund be transferred from) the Operations Reserve Fund. The annual adjusting transfer shall be reported to the Session by the Treasurer at the January Session meeting. Any other funds transfers during the year between the General Fund and the Operations Reserve Fund must have the prior approval of the Session. **The Motion Passed.***

3. **Motion:** Elder Ben Hubbard moves to establish a 2023 Session retreat to address Session, staff and congregation actions that have been taken over the past year to act upon the *strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats* identified in Session Retreat "SWOT" Analysis – March 2022.

A copy of the SWOT Analysis is posted on the website.

4. Book Discussion – *Think Again* by Adam Grant – Chapters 1 and 2

## **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

1. Report: Ad Hoc for Phase One of membership update Elder Paula Jesberg
2. Congregant Letter

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Director of Music Ministries**

**Chi-Yi Chen Wolbrink**

\*The Childrens Choir (4-5 singers) did a great job leading the Mr. Rogers' songs at the 11am service on March 19. The next time they will sing is the Combined Service on April 2 (Palm Sunday).

\*We are delighted to have Bob Liebu join the Sanctuary Choir, and in this month's *Binnacle* there is a short essay to introduce Demetrius Rollack.

\*The Handbell Choir presented wonderful music on March 12. Nancy Walker is going to play a bell tree solo on Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> at the 11am service .

\* VSO violist Matt Umlauf will be playing at the Maundy Thursday service.

\*The Brass Quintet from the faculty of the School of Music and our beloved percussionist Sarah Williams will play Timpani on Easter Sunday at the 11am service.

\*I am in the midst of planning music for the Sundays after Easter, Pentecost, and for summer worship.

\*I am still working to find a percussionist and guitarist.

**\*Continuing Education:**

March 6-7<sup>th</sup>, PAM Conference Co-Directors training classes at Fredrick Presbyterian Church, MD.  
Monthly Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) and Hymn Society webinars.

**\*Service for the wider church:**

PAM 2024: Co-director and planning team, Zoom meeting every other Monday.  
PAM 2023: Planning team Zoom meeting, monthly  
Serve on the PAM Planning Team at Montreat: **June 18-July 1, 2023**

**\*Outside professional connections:**

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Accompanied Western Branch High School Choir for the Choral District Assessment

**\*Vacation coming up**

None

**Director of Faith Formation**

**Summer Moore**

This month I have enjoyed deepening relationships with families and kids through Sunday school, JAM, and youth group. We had our first off campus youth group gathering at the Garrison's house on 2/26, which yielded our highest turnout in several weeks. Cherokee and I have been trying out several kinds of off campus hang outs with the youth to engage them in not purely church related relationship. Along with normal programming, I designed and implemented two family ministry volunteer interest meetings at the end of February. The goal was to engage people at Bayside with current volunteer opportunities, and to help them see further training as an on ramp to volunteering in the future. Between the two meetings, 20 people attended and contributed enthusiasm and ideas towards family ministry efforts at Bayside. I have started the process of onboarding several volunteers in the children's Sunday school, VBS, and adult education. I have continued to seek out Christian education voices from the Presbytery and from neighboring congregations to increase my CE resource banks. Finally, I have participated in organizing the Lenten dinners and Mr. Roger's Sunday.

**Associate Pastor**

**Rev. Emma Ouellette**

Over the past month, we entered into the season of Lent, and I have enjoyed walking this journey thus far. I also had the opportunity to take some vacation time at the end of February to refresh before that deep dive into Lent.

Here are some other highlights from the past few weeks:

- Pastoral visits
- Preached twice

- Teaching the Lenten book study with David
- Attended Circle 10 meeting
- Did chapel for the preschool
- Continued my work with the Presbytery for the CPM. This month included a couple of added meetings because Ordination Exams were graded and there was attention needed from a couple of our candidates.
- Continued conversation with Paula about the membership project
- Day-to-day office work

Easter is quickly coming and I hope that we continue to be mindful in our journey through these last days of lent.

Looking forward I am getting very excited about my upcoming trip to Scotland in April. I will be gone from April 19-May 5<sup>th</sup>. I am very appreciative of this opportunity and your support while I attend the Iona Pilgrimage. I can't wait to share stories and what I've learned when I return.

**Pastor / Head of Staff**

**Rev. Dr. David Rollins**

Over the past month I have spent a great amount of time doing grief work. I have been making visits and attending to those who have lost loved ones, and others where it appears their days physically present with us are narrowing quickly. I have planned and led one funeral, planned another and will be leading that service on April 1. While it is spiritually and emotionally draining it is one of the most important ways, I am humbled to share my gifts in ministry.

I continue to meet with staff one on one and lead staff meetings. Together we have worked to make Wednesday nights a success and Emma and I are sharing a book study during Lent, "Jesus Revealed" by Matt Rawle for adults. The study has been very well received with many in attendance stating it is the most meaningful we have done in years. We have had 18-20 in attendance each week, which is more than we were getting prior to COVID.

I enjoyed a little more than a week away with Libby & Mac for vacation. I returned refreshed, renewed, and ready to re-engage in ministry here at Bayside. I have been re-reading Think Again in preparation for session's continuing education. I continue to be actively involved in P.E.V.A. serving on the Commission on Ministry and as a trained coach. While I have been coaching 3 people outside of our presbytery, I just began working with one of the clergy in our presbytery. I continue to meet with my coach on a monthly basis. I continue to be inspired by and enjoy working with wonderful colleagues here at Bayside.

**SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTRY REPORTS**

(Items/issues not included in Ministry Minutes)

**CLOSING WITH PRAYER**

Next Meeting – April 18, 2023 7pm

Devotion Elder Amanda Long