

Church council, 8-25-2020, on Zoom

Present: Linda Wakefield, Amy Simper, Sally Brown, Doug Muschett, Kevin Clarke, Catheryn Carlson, Ben Little, Julie Cope, Christy Reinking, Bruce Buehner, Lea Dreux, Leslie Walker (on phone).

Absent: No one.

- 1) Opening reflection on how we know God is listening and that we are paying attention to being guided by faith.
- 2) Discussion on council decision making. We will be presented with serious questions in the next few months. Once council has made a decision, all council members must adhere to that decision and present a united front. Anything less is confusing for the congregation and unhealthy for the church.
- 3) The July minutes are approved.
- 4) Council had a detailed discussion on the use of our building. More groups are asking to use our building. With the virus, we need to be careful. It was suggested this could be a question proposed to the congregation during our data gathering process. We have 3 groups using the building now. Protocols for cleaning, use, and areas of the building used by groups are oral, not in writing. Kevin and Lea will put these oral protocols into writing with other rules as they see necessary. For now, an additional AA group will be put on hold. Keystone Science School is also asking for use. Ben, Lea, and Christy will be in touch with the school to get more info on what they need/want.
- 5) Discussion on overnight use of the church, that is, people living in the church. General council attitude is that this should not happen. Doug, Sally, and Lea will formulate policy defining what constitutes allowable overnight use of our premises. Skiing church groups for an overnight or snow storm emergencies when highways are closed, for examples.
- 6) The worship and music committee has decided on Covid protocols. Masks must be worn at all times except when speaking from the altar or performing, both well distanced from people. Communion will be done by individual packets, not by going to the altar. Only one person at a time is allowed on the altar. Six feet of distance must be maintained.
- 7) It has been decided that some electric work will be done in the building. This allows for an additional washing machine (donated). This was voted on previously by council and the funds are approved. No electric work will be done in the downstairs kitchen for now. A remodel for that space is a topic for another time.
- 8) Discussion about gathering data from the congregation. This could be accomplished by phone call or by something like survey monkey. Amy, Catheryn, Doug, and Christy will form a statement as to why we are doing this and will form the questions to be asked. Leslie will help with survey monkey.
- 9) We have a guest, Ferol Menzel. She is discussing Pastor Liliana's return from her personal leave.
- 10) Closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Wakefield