

Minutes

Church and Community Connections

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Fellowship Hall

Members present: Mike Coulson, Suzy Coulson, Don Mowery, Denny Minnich, Sharon Shellenberger, Greg Lewis, Pastor Chris Schwab

Members unable to attend: Tanis Munroy, Chaplain Donna Hale, Shelby Holley, Jeff Noble

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Opening Prayer—Greg Lewis
2. Approval of March minutes—motion by Don Mowery and second by Denny Minnich
3. Informational Items
 - a. Pastor Chris described a new Church activity which includes the collection of toiletry items for distribution to those in need at the end of this month. Volunteers are needed to package those items and a sign-up sheet will be made available.
 - b. Marcello's is accepting monetary donations for meals prepared for My Brothers Table. Individual donations are encouraged.
4. Old Business
 - a. **Match Madness** was completed, and our Council donated \$1250 to Partners for Better Health for matching funds to be donated to Project Share.
 - b. **One Great Hour of Sharing** fund raising was completed and approximately \$500.00 was raised.
5. New Business
 - a. Community Aid Collection—Suzy Coulson reviewed our Church's participation in collecting clothes for Community Aid. A bin will be placed in our Church for clothing donations. These clothes will be sent to Community Aid and will be weighed—with a percentage of the weight converted to dollars for donation to Project Share.
 - b. We discussed possible future CCC activities in safe outdoor settings such as our plaza. These functions might include a barbecue or other food preparations-- to be boxed and given out to our parishioners. It was pointed out that because of Covid concerns and safety practices as recommended by the CDC, that socialization with other Church members would be minimal. It was felt that no new activities such as these would be planned within the next month but would be further pursued when more vaccinations have been given in our community and Covid numbers have declined.
6. Covid update—
 - a. Greg reviewed 24 remaining surveys from our parishioners related to Covid and vaccinations. Results:

On questions about mental health-- 15 stated they had good mental health and 3 said "OK". 15 received the Moderna vaccine and 7 the Pfizer vaccine and 1 the J and J vaccine. Several had only the first shot but were awaiting the 2nd. 15 said they would attend Church service, and

several said “maybe” and 1 said “no”. Stipulations mentioned for returning to Church service included: awaiting vaccination, awaiting to see about “variant” viruses, only returning 20 days after being vaccinated, and returning no earlier than April 5.

- b. Cumberland County Covid numbers for these past 2 days—40 cases on April 11 and 16 cases on April 12. 20% of cases were positive. 7-day average was 50.43 cases per 100,000 population. (50% and under is considered good). 42 patients were hospitalized (down from April 10) and 6 in the ICU and 4 on ventilators.
 - c. Our recent Church opening of April 11—28 attended. Everyone that attended was recorded and had their temperature taken. Everyone wore a mask. Many, but not all, had at least 1 vaccination. Parishioners were seated in a safely distanced manner. There were no noted problems.
- 7. Next meeting—May 11 at 7 pm.
 - 8. Adjourn at 7:55 pm

Submitted by Greg Lewis