

CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2022

9:00am

Attendees: Shirley Ahlers, Roger Coady, Pat Frey, Dave Rohrer, Barb Simonton, Pastor Chris

- I. Meeting opened at 9:02am with a prayer by Pastor Chris.
- II. Motion to approve December 2021 meeting minutes by Pat Frey, seconded by Shirley Ahlers. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Broadcast equipment update: A new broadcast camera is in place and mounted on the balcony front wall. Reports from viewers indicate an improved picture and larger viewing area of the sanctuary. We are waiting for the arrival of the new soundboard.
 - B. Christmas Eve Service: Council members attending the Christmas Eve Service thought all went well and the service was lovely. The singing of Silent Night on the Plaza, with lighted candles, was a positive experience and made the service special. Council recommends we do this again next year, weather permitting. It was suggested for next year to look at getting additional lighting on the pathway from the church to the Plaza, and for ushers to dismiss congregants starting from the back of the Sanctuary to help control movement and to avoid a back-up of people in line to move to the Plaza.
 - C. Holiday decorations removal: Kim Zeigler will have the Christmas tree removed from the Sanctuary the week of January 3 and all other decorations down the week of January 10.
 - D. Sunset Vespers, Messy Church, and Reach: Pastor Chris indicated no date has been established to re-start Sunset Vespers or Messy Church programs and for now, they will remain on hold. There has been no communications from the REACH leadership about a date to re-start this program.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Fine Arts Committee: Dave Rohrer reported that William Hume served as the organist/pianist for the December 26 service. Dave is checking with St. Paul's Brass on their availability to perform for Reformation Sunday, February 27.
 - B. Congregational Singing: Council is recommending to Consistory that we continue having congregational singing at the end of Sunday services as we are currently doing.
 - C. Celebration of Life: This recognition will be held on Sunday, January 9. Pat Frey shared a list of people to be recognized and Pastor Chris indicated family notifications have been made and everything is ready for this service. A table will be placed on the right side of the alter area.
 - D. January Communion: January's communion will occur on Sunday January 16.
 - E. Community Baptism: Pastor Chris indicated there is a possibility of a community baptism on February 6, although this has not been confirmed.
 - F. Council member: Shirley Ahlers announced she will be leaving the Church & Ministry Council. She felt, after serving for many years, it was time for someone new to serve. Dave Rohrer thanked Shirley for her many years of faithful service and for her valuable input to the Council. Her participation on this Council has been greatly appreciated and she will be missed!

Next council meeting will be **Monday February 7, 2022 at 9:00am** in the Upper Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Frey, seconded by Barb Simonton. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rohrer
Council Chair