

## CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 2021

9:00am

Attendees: Roger Coady, Pat Frey, Brenda Davidson, Dave Rohrer, Barb Simonton, Kim Zeigler, Pastor Chris

- I. Meeting opened at 9:04am with a prayer by Dave Rohrer.
- II. Motion to approve October 2021 meeting minutes by Brenda Davidson, seconded by Barb Simonton. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business:
  - A. Broadcast equipment update: Pastor Chris reported he has two plans, depending on what equipment is working, to use for Sunday morning's service broadcast – (1) camera & mic or (2) two iphones. Still not sure why the equipment works sometimes and not always. Suspect it might be the soundboard. Consistory has not received the cost quote for new broadcast equipment, soundboard, or screens.
  - B. Advent/church decorations: The Christmas tree has been purchased and will be delivered to the church on November 22. The wreaths on the front of the church are scheduled to be put up on November 20. Pat Frey suggested that we consider adding a line-item to the Chancel Guild budget in 2023 to include a donation to the local fire department for placing the wreaths in front of the church. Council members were in agreement to this suggestion. Advent paraments and banners will be in place for the November 28 service.
  - C. Advent Devotionals: Pat Frey reported that 15 copies of Advent Devotionals have been ordered.
  - D. Christmas Ornaments: A decision is forthcoming on what ornament to include in the Christmas Cards mailed to congregants.
  - E. Christmas Eve Service: Sharon Mauer and Dave Rohrer are working on special music inclusions for this service.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Fine Arts Committee: Dave Rohrer reported that St. Paul's Brass will be the special music at the service on December 5.
  - B. Return of congregational singing/choir singing: Council discussed the possibility of the return of congregational hymn singing and choir participation during Sunday services. Several members of Council met with Greg Lewis and Pastor Chris on October 26 to discuss this possibility. Considerations included local COVID positivity rate, remaining masked and distanced, limiting the amount of singing, and when singing would occur during the service. Participants in the October 26 meeting felt singing could start providing the above safety considerations remain. Council was presented with this information, followed by discussion.

Pat Frey motioned: *congregational singing (masked and distanced) be returned to our services during Advent on a trial basis, with singing occurring at the end of the service to allow congregants to leave the sanctuary within a 15 minute time frame from the start of singing. Hymn inserts will be included in the Sunday bulletin. The choir can also resume rehearsals and Sunday performances with safety protocols in place. Motion was seconded by Roger Coady.* **Motion passed.** This recommendation will be brought to Consistory for final approval.

Next council meeting will be **Monday December 6, 2021 at 9:00am** in the Upper Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kim Zeigler, seconded by Pat Frey. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:37am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Rohrer, Council Chair