

CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2021

9:00am

Attendees: Shirley Ahlers, Pat Frey, Brenda Davidson, Dave Rohrer, Barb Simonton, Pastor Chris

- I. Meeting opened at 9:06am with a prayer by Pat Frey.
- II. Motion to approve November 2021 meeting minutes by Pat Frey, seconded by Barb Simonton. Motion passed.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Broadcast equipment update: A Proposal for new broadcast equipment and a new Sound Board was approved by Consistory in November. Measurements for the new camera system has been done. Components for the new Sound Board have not arrived. Pastor Chris reported that YouTube has “dinged” us two times in November for the hymns used. We interpret this as a notification that the music cannot be monetized, which we don’t do anyway.
 - B. Christmas Eve Service: Dave Rohrer reported that there will be a brass group playing prior to the 6:pm Christmas Eve Service, starting around 5:45pm. Members will be notified of the music beginning prior to 6:pm. Weather permitting, we would like to have the congregation sing Silent Night, with lighted candles, at the end of this Service on the Plaza. If inclement weather, we will stay inside and sing this carol. Pat Frey suggested to have extra ushers on duty to help seat people with overflow going to the Balcony.
 - C. Return of Congregational/Choir Singing: No major issues have occurred. Dave Rohrer reported that everyone has been out of the Sanctuary in the desired fifteen minute timeframe after the start of singing.
 - D. Sunday Service December 26: While this has traditionally been a Service of Carols, we will only include two or three carols at the end of the Service, singing only 1 verse of each. Dave reported that William Hume may be the guest pianist for the 26th, not yet confirmed.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Fine Arts Committee: Dave Rohrer reported that we will have a brass group play at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Service
 - B. 8:00am Service: Council members reviewed the survey results from members who have attended the 8:00am service in the past. After much discussion, Council members felt there were not enough people to sustain two church services at this time and that we should continue with one service at 10:00am.
Motion by Pat Frey to recommend to Consistory to stay with one Sunday Service at 10:00am and re-evaluate this issue in the future. Motion seconded by Shirley Ahlers. Motion passed.
 - C. Rose Exchange Ceremony: Pastor Chris reported that St. Patrick’s Catholic Church contacted him and does not want to do the rose exchange this year.

Next council meeting will be **Monday January 3 2021 at 9:00am** in the Upper Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Frey, seconded by Barb Simonton. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Rohrer, Council Chair