

CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2021

10:00am

Attendees: Shirley Ahlers, Roger Coady, Pat Frey, Kate Poe, Dave Rohrer, Kim Zeigler, Pastor Chris

- I. Meeting opened at 10:05am with a prayer by Shirley Ahlers
- II. Motion to approve January 2021 meeting minutes by Pat Frey, seconded by Shirley Ahlers.
Motion passed.
- III. Old Business:
 - A. Broadcast equipment update: Pastor Chris reported that Scott from SDK of Lebanon installed a new decoder to address the issue with our camera/sound. While a test run on Tuesday February 2 with the upgrade was successful with camera and audio, it did not work on Sunday February 7 and Uber did not work as well. Pastor Chris will contact SDK to seek answers for the issues. A problem with the church's sound board was discovered by Scott when he was installing the decoder. Council discussed the sound board issue and based on the age of the equipment, thought it would be prudent to begin to discuss/plan to replace the aging unit. Council thought it would be appropriate to stay with the SDK Company when replacing the unit so our broadcast equipment could be compatible/ programmed with the new sound board.
 - B. February 14 "Mardi gras" Sunday special music- St. Paul's Brass will not be available this year as they have not been together for several months and one of their members is in the COVID high risk category. There will be a mardi gras virtual toast Tuesday February 16 at noon and a Zoom gathering at 5:pm
 - C. Ash Wednesday February 17 – there will be a drive-through procedure in our parking lot from 12noon until 2pm with Pastors Rachel and Chris imposing the ashes. There will also be a virtual service that evening.
 - D. February Black History Month special music – Dave Rohrer reported that the guest vocalist is out of town for the month of February but would be interested in performing with us in March or later. Dave will follow up on this possibility.
 - E. Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday – Kim Zeigler reported that she can purchase palms from Whimsical Poppy of Mt. Holly for Palm Sunday (March 28) for an alter display and for distribution to congregational members if we are in-person at that time. Palms will be placed on a table in the back of the Sanctuary for members to pick up as they enter. For Easter Sunday, we will use artificial flowers and artificial lilies. Kim will take care of getting the necessary Easter lilies from Whimsical Poppy as well as putting up the Easter banner and Cross. The "Star" and Advent banners will be taken down the week of February 15.
 - F. Pulpit Supply - Pastor Chris spoke with Lewis Burgett about the technical issues of the live Sunday broadcast and he is willing to take a look at it to understand the process. Pastor Chris will also share this needed information with other possible substitute pastors

IV. New Business

- A. Council member resignation – Dave Rohrer received the verbal resignation from Sylvia Havens. Sylvia has been a member of this Council for many years. She feels it is time for her to step aside and allow for a new person to be part of the decision making for the church. Council discussed finding a replacement and felt looking for a younger member of the church to learn about the traditions and needs of this Council would be appropriate and help to pass this important information to other generations. Members will give thought to new member possibilities – offer an invitation to someone if possible – and report back at our March meeting.
- B. COVID issue/Sharon Mauer – Council was made aware that Sharon’s husband is hospitalized with COVID and that Sharon is isolating at this time and presumed positive. Sue Fry Wickard was the substitute organist on February 7 and will be asked to substitute on February 14 and 21 while Sharon is out. Dave will also contact Edward Wilson to make sure he is still willing to be a substitute organist if needed.
- C. Organ/piano keyboard cleaning – a brief discussion took place about cleaning the keyboards of the organ and piano. Council recommends using sanitized wipes and not a spray at this time.
- D. Meeting time – Council decided to move the meeting time to **9:00am** for future meetings.

Next council meeting will be **Monday March 1 at 9:00am** in the Upper Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Frey seconded by Shirley Ahlers. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rohrer, Council Co-Chair