

## CHURCH & MINISTRY MEETING MINUTES

June 7 2021

9:00am

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

- I. Meeting opened at 9:02am with a prayer by Pastor Chris
- II. Welcome Barb Simonton, newest member to the Council!
- III. Motion to approve May 2021 meeting minutes by Pat Frey, seconded by Shirley Ahlers. Motion passed.
- IV. Old Business:
  - A. Broadcast equipment update: Pastor Chris reported a part on the camera tri-pod needs to be replaced. In the future, a sturdier tri-pod may need to be purchased for better camera stability/security. The process to broadcast services has been reviewed with the Property Council and with Pastor Brian Persey, who will be the supply pulpit minister in Pastor Chris's absence on July 11 and possibly August 1 & 8. A question was raised regarding the need for mats to cover the cords/cables of the equipment to avoid people tripping on them. Something to consider as we move forward with service broadcasts.
  - B. Archives update: Nothing new with this
  - C. May 23 Communion follow-up: No issues were reported with the packaged wafer/grape juice. We will continue to have communion helpers offer these to congregants as they enter the sanctuary, like was done on May 23. We are still able to offer gluten free wafers and want to make sure congregational members are aware of this during communion.
- V. New Business
  - A. YouTube: YouTube closely monitors all broadcasts for copyright infringements/issues. 1<sup>st</sup> UCC has been flagged several times during the past year for music that has been included in the service and broadcast on YouTube, but has not received any "strikes". The rule is: three strikes and you are kicked off YouTube. Pastor Chris and Dave Rohrer are looking into this issue. They will be checking with other area churches and will look into any licensing requirements that YouTube may require.
  - B. Council Budget 2022 : We will be preparing this during the next several months based on direction from the Finance Council
  - C. Fall Church service time: Pat Frey brought up the question of whether we will continue to have one 10:00am service in the fall or go back to our normal times of 8:00am and 10:45am. Much discussion took place about the need for two services and if it was the right time to move back to our regular service schedule. The 8:00am service, which offers communion every Sunday, was discussed and how the breaking of the bread is special and personal for those in attendance. Is this safe to do? Pastor Chris made a point that one service provides unity – helps to unify our congregation after living through the pandemic for the past 15 months. Shirley Ahlers motioned that we continue with one 10:00am service into the fall, seconded by Barb Simonton. Motion passed. This is not a motion for a permanent change and can be revisited as more COVID restrictions are lifted, the world moves to a more "normal" way of life,

and the needs of the congregation are reviewed. This motion will be brought to Consistory for consideration.

- D. Sanctuary Flowers: Council thought it was best to continue with artificial alter flowers for the time being.
- E. July Council meeting: The July Council meeting would normally be held on July 5, but with this date a holiday, the church will be closed. It was decided that Council would not need to meet in July.

Next council meeting will be **Monday August 2 at 9:00am** in the Upper Room or Parlor

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Frey, seconded by Brenda Davidson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53am.

Respectfully submitted: Dave Rohrer, Council Chair