

MINUTES FROM W&M MEETING

Tuesday May 17, 2022

1. ATTENDEES: Judy, Jessie, Sheri, Katie, David, Kevin, Sandy, Joan, Pastor Fred. Excused: Lynn, Julie.
2. DEVOTIONS – Thanks to Pastor Fred for “pinch hitting” on short notice!! He gave an example from this week at Edna’s Haven where a client left with “his heart is lighter” just by being able to talk to someone and share his journey.
3. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES
 - a. All good!! Attendance has been steady; it’s great to see so many faces returning to in person church.
4. UPDATES - PROCEDURES & PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP (COVID-19)
 - a. In Person worship suspended on 1/1/2022 due to extremely high and rapidly increasing rate of new infections. Returned to In Person on 2/13. Mask optional as of 3/6.
 - b. Morris County has recently been changed to “HighRisk” so we agreed that anyone inside the church should be encouraged to wear a mask. We did not feel it necessary to make masks mandatory at this point, although we may have to do that at some point. We have a good supply of masks if anyone needs one.
5. COMING ATTRACTIONS
 - a. Pentecost 6/5; use red paraments and banners; Pastor is away; Pastor Bob Kriesat will be in charge. A suggestion for red geraniums was made; Sheri will take this idea and work on it.
 - b. Trinity Sunday 6/12; white paraments; put up the Ribbon banner as it is also Pride month.
 - c. Graduate Sunday – looks like June 19 is the only available date; Samantha will be away the 26th. Pastor Fred will confirm the date with her family.
 - d. FYI. Pastor Fred will be away July 10-19; Pastor Scott Schanzenbach and Pastor Dan Schoeder will cover the two Sundays.
 - e. Detroit folk mass in summer? Let’s consider doing this in August. Discuss more next time.
6. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS
 - a. Hymn Selection: Volunteer for June = Sandy and Pastor Fred. For July = David.
 - b. Cantors or Special Music – probably nothing over the summer.
 - c. Liturgy Change: Next change would be Pentecost 6/5 to Setting 3
 - d. Baby Grand Piano, cart, and cover. Plans to celebrate/dedicate new piano = Julie has indicated that Austin may do a Senior Recital in the fall semester and this would be a good way to celebrate the piano. More to follow in a couple months.
 - e. Update from Media group and Katie re location of Command Center = the move is feasible and desirable. A proposal has been submitted; cost approx.. \$1100. Sheri will submit the proposal at the June Council meeting.
 - f. Support for Homebound (access to worship via youtube). Kindle for JA completed! YAY! Jessie was able to join us on Zoom today!
 - g.
7. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUSINESS
 - a. New banners in rear of sanctuary ordered 5/3. They have been delivered and paid for by a donor who wishes to remain unnamed. They will go up the week of 6/6 (after Pentecost).

Judy mentioned that 4 matching brass curtain rods should be purchased to help them hang properly; she will buy them since she already knows what size etc.

- b. Katie will be away July 10-19; she has not yet found a definite sub; TBD.
- c. Can we remove the red and green paper ornaments hanging on the pews? Yes, no longer needed. People know what to do.
- d. It was suggested that we try a Personal Story segment once a month during the season of Pentecost. Pastor will recruit, select, and coach the individuals and encourage them to share their faith journey with the congregation. A total of 6 would be needed; June thru November.
- e. It was universally agreed that we **CANCEL the JULY 19 meeting.**

Next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022

2022 Next dates 6/21, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15. Dec TBD

PARKING LOT: Future invite to Tim Weingert? / Learn a new liturgy some day: WOV 4 or ELW 8 possible