

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

7/9/2020

7:30-9pm via Zoom Conference

FINAL – Approved as of 8/19/2020

In Attendance: Joy Barrett, Dana Schmunk, John Seto, Edie Wiarda, Rodney Gasaway, Jim Alford III, Mike Vanderspool, Brenda Beck, Kerry Plank, Charles Schmunk, Sandy Schmunk

Guests; David and Darlene Schaffer, Diane Brown

1. Opening Devotion and Prayer: Edie Wiarda , Bible Reading Acts 17:16-34, story of Paul in Athens, debating with those of other beliefs. “Pray for the Chelsea community and this congregations ‘ role within it. Our community is a place of affluence yet filled with loneliness and despair. Pray for the personal concerns of this Ad Council team. God, we ask for your protection and your peace.”
2. COVID: Sustainment & Transformation of Ministries:
 - a. Finance – Edie – Pledged income is fairly equivalent to last year. We have had a decline in unpledged income. A lot of fluctuation month to month. Amount anticipated to be down for the year is somewhat commensurate with the PPP amount. Note that the Sanctuary Mortgage will be due in August 2021. Talked about a possible need to reshape the proposed budget for 2021 related to new challenges.
 - b. Restart Update – Joy: Building open more frequently. Staff have been working in the building the past 3 weeks for the most part. 115 responses already to the “opening survey”, which will inform next steps along with CBC recommendations and local health dept. information. Do not know yet when and how we will resume in-person worship. 60 to 70 percent of those who have responded say they are not feeling comfortable yet. Perhaps an outside gathering on the lawn in August. People have said they are willing to come on a different day and time for some sort of worship. Masks used for anyone who comes into the building. Staff use unless in their own office alone. 80-90% do not want anything related to food. Once task force has recommendations would share with staff, Ad Council, Trustees. Would give a defined plan on how everyone would operate. Surveys due midnight Sunday. Task force meeting Monday night.

Clarifying LGBTQ Stance -- Upcoming Focus Group Discussions. Thank you to all who helped form the Aspirational Statement. Feedback has been shared. Letter from David Schaffer most recent. Two discussion groups: (noted in Pathfinder)

Discussion Group Options:

- Sun, July 19, 4-5 pm*
- Sat, July 25, 10-11 am*

3. External Messaging / Marketing – Telling our story, being who we need to be in the Community. Interest in increasing our presence digitally, which means an increase in technical capability (improved website; more social media). This is important not just to allow for better communication among people who are already involved, but also for outreach and evangelism. That is, more effective communication is high priority to achieving our Mission (to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”.)

Upcoming Meetings : Any business anticipated in the August time frame? Do anticipate proposals from organizations for Sanctuary Renovation Mission Funds. Expect to cancel August meeting. Next meeting September 10th.

- a. September 10
 - b. Special Church Conference on Mission Tithe – by September 30 (Can be held via Zoom)
 - c. October 8
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4. Closing Prayer given by Edie Wiarda.

-Notes by Sandy Schmunk