

SMART Team – Meeting Minutes June 25, 2020

Next Meeting: July 1 at 5 p.m.

Attendees: Pastor Jim, Randy Amborn, Jill Sandvik, Karen Sawyer Smith, Chris Sheldon, Juli Thompson, Melissa Whitman.

Opening Prayer – Jim

Committee Leadership – Team appointed Pastor Juli Thompson as chair.

Metrics re: Phase II (Outdoor Worship) - Juli

- Use metrics provided by State of Minnesota.
- Decision to begin based on last four weeks of steady or declining cases in Ramsey and Washington Counties.
- Plan to begin week outdoor Wednesday services as of July 15.
- Requires council approval – we will take poll versus needing to wait for council meeting. They will be provided with link to the chart(s) we used in making this decision.
- If cases go up for two weeks, outdoor worship will be canceled. Then we need another four weeks of steady or declining cases to begin again.

Communion Service Protocol – Jim

- Groups of 10 or fewer will have the opportunity 3-4x/week dependent on how many are interested.
- Reviewed “Suggested Safety Procedures for Communion Services” document.

Youth Gathering – Melissa

- High School Youth Group (7 girls and Melissa) to meet next Wednesday, July 1 at 7.

Outdoor Worship Protocol – July 15 service - Juli

- Reviewed document.
- Equipment safety – mics to be labeled with users name and kept 6’ apart.
- No bulletin.
- Children must sit with their parents.
- Inclement weather means cancellation, not moving inside.
- Room for three “drive in” cars.
- With masks and because outside, can ask for people to pray for and in Lord’s Prayer.
- Need plan for bathroom use. **Action:** Melissa
- Create final document for approval next week. **Action:** Melissa

Preparedness Plan – Jill

- In progress, quite comprehensive.
- To be discussed at next meeting.

Other Discussion

- ***Synod Input*** - Julie talked with Justin Grimm, Synod – no standards set up on Synod-wide basis. Strongly encourage us to begin outdoor worship as soon as possible. Other congregations are already conducting outdoor worship services (parking lot, in cars, chair on lawn.)
- ***Summer Stretch*** – to be discussed at next meeting.
- ***Air quality in building*** – we do not have a fresh air exchange in building/sanctuary.