

St Stephen SMART Team Minutes July 23, 2020

Attendees: Pastor Juli, Melissa Whitman, Karen Smith, Pastor Jim, Jill Sandvik

Opening Prayer - Pastor Juli

July 16 Minutes approved

Review of MDH Weekly Case Rate chart - Pastor Juli

- Both Ramsey and Washington Counties are level from previous week.
- Maintain status quo.

Review of Wednesday & Communion services - Pastor Jim

- Wednesday, July 22 had forty-one attendees.
- Mask wearing and social distancing both going well.
- Communion on Tuesday, July 21 – nine attendees.
- Communion on Thursday evening, July 23 – two attendees.
- Per Juli, requires minimal staff time.

Proposal for Sunday outdoor worship mid-August - Pastor Jim

- Based on success of Wednesday evening services, proposing outdoor service on August 16 in addition to pre-recorded video. Outdoor service will also be live streamed.
- Same protocols as Wednesday nights.
- Brent and Betsy will do music (i.e. annual blue grass service.)
- **ACTION: *Jim*** to check in with church council for their comfort level.

Proposal for Red Cross Blood Drive – Melissa

- Red Cross asking to bring their bus to our parking lot.
- They handle all social distancing, temperatures, registration, etc.
- With every blood donation there will also be a COVID antibody test. If that is positive, they will follow up to see about plasma donation.
- **ACTION: *Melissa*** to make Ted Schaff, property chair, and Betsy Clark, council president, aware.

Review of AA/AI Anon Requests

- Information provided by Chris Sherman.
- Agreed that St. Stephen needs to handle cleaning/sanitation although we can provide supplies so they can do a cursory cleaning if desired.
- AA – 10 – 15 attendees
- AI Anon – 18 – 24 attendees (with smaller groups of 3-4 persons.)
- **ACTION: *Jill*** to research re: AA/AI Anon to determine best way to handle these groups and number of participants.

Review of Worship Leader and Musicians Guidelines

- Document is complete.
- To vote on changes at next meeting.
- **ACTION:** *Juli* to create proposal on Pastoral visits.
- **ACTION:** *Jill* to pull together information about parking lot services

Overview of staff personnel policy discussion - Pastors Jim/Juli

- Have identified questions re: policies which will be run by the Staff Relations committee.
- Draft to be reviewed at next meeting.

STOP Document

- Cindy has created a one- page document of accepted protocols.
- Discuss posting at entrances to church.

Funerals

- To discuss next week with larger group.
- Graveside and outside on North Lawn services are being offered, but many folks strongly prefer service in sanctuary.
- When do we feel comfortable offering funerals? What are other churches doing?

Closed with Lord's Prayer