

Smart Team Meeting Minutes August 6, 2020

Attendees: Pastor Juli Thompson, Pastor James Woodruff, Randy Amborn, Chris Sheldon, Karen Smith, Tom Scott, Cindy Scott, Melissa Whitman, Jill Sandvik

Opening Prayer

July 30 minutes - Approved. Moved by Jill and seconded by Randy.

MDH Weekly Update – Pastor Juli reported steady within ranges for second week in Ramsey and Washington County.

Wednesday GAP/Communion Service Update

- Following protocols well
- Settling into 30-40 attendance range for GAP
- Communion full on Wednesday, smaller on Thursday, is much appreciated

August 16 Outdoor Service Prep

- Brent and Betsy ready
- Pastor Jim to do order of service
- Need ushers/helpers
- Will also do online recording in advance in case of rain

Documentation in Progress

- Staff COVID personnel policy to staff relations - Jim
- Visitation guidelines -Juli
- Parking lot worship -
- Outdoor communion
- Education guidelines - Melissa

NHN Meeting

- Reminded of guidelines, they will comply
- Need clarification on brand on cleaning supplies

Proposal to Change Metric or Reopening to 14-day Case Rate by County Being Used for K-12

Pastor Juli

- Chris Sheldon and Melissa Whitman favor indoor worship ASAP following protocols. Some support for this, but with a warning to those with health vulnerabilities. Jill Sandvik, Randy Amborn, Karen Smith, Tom Scott, Cindy Scott, and Pastors Jim and Juli are opposed to indoor worship at this time. They favor resuming indoor worship when the COVID case rate in Ramsey County has remained steady or declined for four consecutive weeks.

- Pastor Jim shared data he prepared data showing 151 members (of 545 total) 60 older were regular attendees, and hence in the vulnerable category.
- Much discussion of pros and cons of new metric.
- Consensus that that new metric had more detail/accuracy.
- Karen Smith said “we absolutely need a metric.”
- Randy noted the new metric was likely to extend the time to resume indoor worship.
- **Vote was 5 yes, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions - Switch was approved.**
- Discussion then turned to how to apply the K-12 Case Rate Metric.
- More discussion ensued.
- Cindy feels trends are more important than absolute case rate per 10,000 numbers.
- Melissa agreed, but felt the team needed a fixed number to act efficiently.
- We agreed to eliminate Washington County as a data point.
- **Vote was unanimous to use a trend of 4 weeks of decline as indicator to resume indoor worship.**
- Will look to MN State guidance if there is an upward trend.

Next Meetings

- Meet next week to plan **August 13.**
- Move to bi-weekly after that.
- Tami to post these minutes along with council minutes.