

St Stephen Covid Response Team Minutes September 10, 2020

Attendees: Melissa Whitman, Chris Sheldon, Juli Thompson, Tom and Cindy Scott, Jill Sandvik, Randy Amborn, Karen Sawyer Smith, Jim Woodruff

Opening Prayer

8/27/20 meeting minutes – approved.

Review of MDH chart

- Numbers in Ramsey County over past three weeks are steady/slightly declining.

Approval of Guidelines for Christian Ed w/Cindy's responses

- Note: handwashing is incorporated.
- Gathering of High Schoolers will fall under procedures for small groups (10 and under.)
- Sunday School (Sunday) for K-4th grade will have pre-recorded option only.
- Wednesday church school (K-4th grade) will have both pre-recorded and in person options.
- Pre-confirmation (5-8th) will have in-person with option of Zoom.
- Confirmation will be in-person with option of Zoom.

Review Draft Protocols for Worship in Fellowship Hall

- Fellowship Hall offers flexibility that Sanctuary does not, better air flow and ability for easily understood separate entrance and exit.
- Church will provide chairs.
- Per Jim, with current furnaces, ventilation/air flow can likely be adjusted to go from 20 – 80% inflow of fresh air. Fans in windows could blow air out which helps move air through room. **ACTION:** Jim to follow up with Yale contact.
- Masks must be worn.
- **APPROVED:** Melissa moved that when indoor worship resumes it is in Fellowship Hall. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

Indoor GAP Worship

- Wednesday night service outside for almost two months and with colder weather we will only be able to continue until end of September, at latest..
- Currently average 40 in attendance.
- Social distancing and mask wearing is well -followed.
- Assuming COVID numbers continue steady or declining discussed service moving into Fellowship Hall.

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- **APPROVED:** Melissa moved that in-door worship be started on Wednesday, September 30 contingent to resolution of ventilation issues. Chris seconded. Motion carried.
- **APPROVED:** Juli moved that if there is a spike in COVID cases we will convene to discuss appropriate action. Randy seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Indoor Sunday Worship

- Per Jim, lets put this on hold until see how indoor Wednesday service goes.

To be discussed at September 24 meeting:

- Discussion of Masks for Outdoor Worship – Chris
- Discussion of our Ongoing Purpose - Pastor Jim
- Discussion of November 3 Voting Procedures - Pastor Juli

Action Items:

- Jim to follow up on ventilation/air flow information with Yale contact.

Updates to chart from Weekly Update

- Drive-in Worship Service – currently allowed.
- In-door Worship – Wednesday starting September 30 with Sunday morning worship still in discussion.

Close with Lord's Prayer