

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

September 10, 2020 2pm

Present: Randy Churchill, Marilyn Gardner, Carol Broderick, Jan Mann, Joe Zimmerly, Allison Johnson, Denise Sobolik, Pastor Julie, Carol Browning, Amanda Berg, Jody Devere, Sonja Demeter

Pastor Julie opened with prayer. Randy voiced purpose of committee was to support Pastor Julie and Council. Question posed Where are we now? And Where are we going? Pr. Julie and Ms. Gardner talked about the outdoor service and a need for a backdrop during outdoor service. More discussion later in meeting.

Pr. Julie started with a review of worship since March- sprinting. We quickly realized we are actually in a Marathon. We then went into a slog and now need to find a new normal to bring us through the holidays, knowing things will change every week.

Re-opening committee wants us to move slowly. Right now we have drive through communion which is what congregants said they missed the most. We have been flexible and are now in an extended testing phase. Technology needs prevent us from being under the pavilion also at 9:30 there is no shade there.

Needs for making outdoor service to improve: Does Pastor need to be under canopy? Discussion about background to include anything from backdrops, benches, plants (real or not), or building stage. There is money available in fund for prayer garden. Should Sunday flowers provided by congregation be restarted? Points brought up about any backdrops being able to withstand wind/elements. Marilyn and Jan will pursue looking into choices. Point made that these items could be used "after Covid" for events at church. Pr. Julie said decisions need to be made for holidays. From now thru holidays trying to get as many people involved as possible. Each Sunday we have a lead singer, volunteer singer, recordings from church groups (men's group, women's group, youth, etc.) both live and recorded. We hope to get Altar Guild helping out. Amanda voiced that roles for greeters are evolving and we should be open to this.

We have a new volunteer co-ordinator member Jaime Marroquin who Pr. Julie explained will do the infrastructure and support of volunteers. Some discussion about volunteers needed for several Sunday positions. It was suggested that people would probably be more likely to volunteer as they come back to in person worship. Suggestion made to include more children included in service(singing? or reading?)

Jody Devere (new member) suggested that we make videos about positions that need to be filled (1-2 min.) using good quality information and directions. She would be willing to film and direct. She said each should emphasize the blessing to the church each service position provides.

Discussion about choir options. For Christmas it is hoped we can tape people singing Silent Night w/ candles. The cost would be \$20 per singer for a co-ordinator to professionally mix. Just singing on Zoom platform is not an option as there is a delay.

Back to Holiday season. Confirmation has been put off and needs to happen in person no later than Reformation Day. All Saint's Day and Veteran's Day should also be recognized in some way. Thanksgiving Eve should possibly be Holden Service and maybe drive by dessert? Christmas, probably one service- do we need sign ups, seating chart sprays to disinfect?

It was suggested we have people again send in pictures like we did at Easter.

We were encouraged by Vicar Amanda to think creatively and not stifle thinking about new ways to do things. For now we will be working in a hybrid situation- some people outside with precautions made, but mostly on line. Coming possibility is FM radio reception.

Randy concluded meeting with encouragement that Covid has allowed us to think and act creatively. Amanda closed meeting with heartfelt prayer at 3:30 pm