

Special Governing Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2020

1:30pm - 3:00pm, Zoom call

Purpose of the Meeting was to Review Reopening Plans

Attending: Rosemary Pryde, Mary-Ellen Richardson, Vicky Stuart, Kathleen Magladry, Steve Dunk, Amanda Hancox, Kathy Salisbury, Allan Hux, John Ryerson, Douglas duCharme

Regrets Robin Harkness

Discussion on the Sunday chat format and upcoming Sunday chat. It was agreed to continue with the same format.

1. Reopening the church

A) Vicki Stuart updated on learnings from Timothy Eaton that is undertaking a limited reopening Sept 20. Mary Ellen has collected information from ESG.

B) Sanctuary use - Amanda, Kathy, Vicki

Some grieving continues and is recognized.

We explored ideas for ways to approach reopening within Public Health standards. The current rise in Covid19 numbers is concerning.

The plan for the contemplative service in Oct was outlined. This will be our pilot project to test volunteer and participation activity. The inability to use the lift and how to help those with mobility challenges remains a concern. We are to the reasonable extent possible, discouraging vulnerable persons.

As with other new activities the determination of what success looks like in this new paradigm is an ongoing discussion.

Motion: Approving a trial implementation of a sanctuary meditation in principle to be coordinated by Amanda Hancox and Kathy Salisbury with the intent of evaluating the experience for reopening further.

Moved by: Kathy Magladry

Seconded by: Allan Hux

C) Community Partners update - Vicki

Addus is the only partner that still has a contract. The plan was 2 weeks training of their staff then a fall start for a small cohort. The recent rise in numbers is concerning for them so we remain flexible in our support.

Moved that GC approve that the rental contract with Addus continue pursuant to their existing contract as presented by the Chair of Property with the provisos recommended by the Chair of Property.

Moved by Vicki Stuart

Second by: Amanda Hancox

Carried

Capstone Korean language still interested for their members. However, capacity to meet Public Health is unknown. Vicki is staying in contact.

2. Next Steps Draft Document was discussed in preparation for Sept 29th meeting and beyond
Planning is proceeding for one or two facilitated discussion sessions with GC to figure out our go forward plan within the unknowns we are all faced with from the pandemic. Jerry Hogeveen is the facilitator to be engaged.
3. Motion for adjournment:
Moved by John Ryerson
4. Next meetings Oct 16 for the Admin committee, facilitated planning sessions in November and a financial update Oct 4th. GC Sept 29th 1-4 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83954502358?pwd=WjZsdGsrK0NmYnZrNkpvUzR6OGljZz09>

Adjournment: Moved by John Ryerson