

NUMC Ministries Council - 3/1/2022

NEXT MEETING: April 5, 2022, 5:30PM (Zoom)

In attendance: Eric Lekberg, Amy Sell, Darren Cushman Wood, Eric Galloway, Sunil Kotian, Carolyn Svirsky, Tim Rankin Barker, Brandon Wallace, Kathy Hacker, Jeanie Sanders, Kim Davis, Diane Gattone, Angie Kattmann



1. Opening Devotion - Darren CW

2. COVID-19 Protocol changes

Worship and the Arts (Kathy H.)

- **Motion:** Removal of the social distancing bands from pews, beginning March 2; resume passing the offering plates, beginning March 20 (unanimous approval)
- The team reported on a survey of the choir members. Based on the survey results, no changes will be made to their procedures at this time, but it will continue to be evaluated and reassessed after Easter.
- The choir will continue to use the first few rows. The rows will vary from Sunday to Sunday depending on the number of choir members performing.
 - Ushers and others in the service masked if close to people
 - Ramp up the ushers
- Board of Directors removed overall mask ban
- Tim asked if there were other concerns and if we should create a "health compromised" area of the church.
 - Diane pointed out the placement must be sensitive
 - Decided to not move on this at this time, watch and gather feedback

Children's Council

- Will still be masked, kids and workers
- Mostly due to limits on children's inability to get vaxxed

- All Volunteers will need masks and proof of vaccination
- So far, plenty of Volunteer
- So far single room Sunday school, but starting the March 13th will likely break out and start Alternative Worship
- Talked about Children's Choir - will get started, will make them due to masks.
- Children's programming is using Sign-up Genius, so people can do one-off help (need vax and background check).
- **Motion:** Children's Ministry will continue to require masking for Participants and Volunteers, in addition Volunteers will be required to have Vaccinations and Background Checks. (Unanimous approval)
- No policy from Youth Council yet.
- Not much cross-over between and Youth and Children. Elevation is an exception.
- Angie suggested the Youth Council needs to think about Cross-over events and Sibling Groups.
- **Motion:** Ministries Council empowers Youth Council to make a Covid Policy in the interim until MC meets again. At such time they will bring it to the Ministries Council for approval. (Unanimous approval)

Food in the church policy

- Up to now the policy is only prepackaged food and separately served, allowed in the church
- Kim Davis says the next month will be telling. Food is not considered a vector.

- Discuss at April Meeting.

Bread and Bowl

- Sunil saw all guests required to wear mask by volunteers
- Sunil will let B&B workers know that the Volunteers should mask, guests can choose.

3. Anything Else? - No

4. Updates from Ministry Areas

Care and Nurture (Kim D., Diane G.)

- Things in the works but nothing ready
- Brandon is working with Diane on Mental Health for Youth
- Going to conference on mental health in Youth on March 20th. Will put together a program base on learnings.

Worship and the Arts (Kathy H.)

- Nothing else
- Communion every Wednesday morning at 7:30a
- 6:30PM Ash Wednesday is live-streamed.

Youth (Tim RB, Brandon W.)

- Big Youth kickoff this weekend
 - Starts Saturday and into Sunday, no overnight
 - Saturday night concert – All-Church invitation.
 - Sunday night - first youth evening gatherings

UMW (Jeanie S.)

- Pie fundraiser in March, orders accepted through March 16th
 - Pie pickup on Palm Sunda, April 10th.
 - Order a pie for your Easter Dinner and extras to keep frozen for summer events.

Children's Ministries (Angie K., Amy S.)

- Big kick off on the 13th

Discipleship & Formation (Eric G., Amy S.)

- Perrys study continues 2 more weeks.
- Darren's Study – Begins Wednesday March 23, 6:30PM - Bible study on Wisdom literature, in-person
- Sojourners – Lenten Study 15ish attending each week.
- Darren had a conversation with Chuck Teague about redesigning the Club Room to make it more friendly for having Studies - TV, Whiteboard, Hybrid Wiring - Like a college lecture room. Kitchen area would be left open. Eric suggested that adult learning professionals should be consulted. Darren said check out the conference room and see how it has been designed

Green Team (Eric G, Sunil K.)

- May 22 – Plant Exchange in conjunction with the Special Musical Presentation
- June 12 – Book Exchange

Mission & Outreach (Carolyn S, Sunil K.)

- Justice and Advocacy - Eviction Forum (Zoom) - March 28
- April Easter Offering - Asked about having an Umoja person come speak in Sunday Schools
- Denise Soltis- April 10th - speaking for 3-5 minutes in service
- Farmers Market -
 - Looking for Interim Manager
 - Asking WIC to come for every market.

Meeting Schedule

- Continue to meet on Zoom

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(Future - location to be determined: May 3, 2022, June 7, 2022, July 5, 2022, August 2, 2022, September 6, 2022, October 4, 2022, November 1, 2022, December 6, 2022)