

# NUMC Ministries Council

8/3/2021

**NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2021, 5:30PM**

In attendance: Darren Cushman Wood, Eric Galloway, Diane Gattone, Amy Sell, Eric Lekberg, Kathy Hacker, Carolyn Svirsky, Peter Chen, Sunil Kotian.



## Opening Prayer – Darren CW

## Covid-19 Discussion – Darren CW

- We have pegged what we do based on Marion County Public Health Department orders. Last week there was updates, but the health order was not changed. So we are not changing what we are doing. Indiana COVID dashboard is reporting different things than the CDC. Guidance is not very clear. Not changing our policy.
- Eric G. asked if there was greater guidance for wearing masks inside for the vaccinated.
- Darren said that there is conflicting information about the recommendations
- Peter asked if attendance is down, but Amy said it was up, with more kids.
- Darren said the communion servers were in masks and gloves.
- Peter says they his company is a science-based company, so they made a statement to that effect. They made that statement and it influenced people's choice.
- Diane said it would be great to encourage people to wear masks to support kids who cannot get vaccinated.
- Darren has drafted a statement for Linda to put in the eNews.
- Eric said we are more like a school and less like a business.
- Peter said he liked the comparison with the "Love your neighbor" or Golden Rule.
- Diane said remember Kids are a vulnerable population. Peter said there are other vulnerable populations too.

## Other Topics -

- North church needs to cross-post on Instagram. Darren said he will take this to his meeting on 8/4 to get it resolved.
- Announcements - Can they be posted by others besides paid staff? Darren says yes. He will make sure that chairpersons can.
- Financial Forum - Darren asked John Drake. Finance committee will let us know after their meeting next week.
- Trying to put together a fall list of activities, will be a 2-page PDF
- After Labor Day, the Land Use Development task force will be conducting forums to update people on what we know and what our path forward might be.

## Updates from Ministry Areas

### Green Team (Eric G.)

- Had a committee Picnic at the Galloway's house.
- Planning fall activities

- Reviewing Theologians for Hamilton Speaker Series.

#### D&F (Amy S & Eric G.)

- 11 week long Band meetings - intimate and formational meetings, signups started Sunday, Starts after labor day.
- Sojourners- Starting book study this week "Lens of Love" by Jonathon L. Walton

#### Worship and the Arts (Kathy H & Darren CW)

- No new developments
- Will meet with Darren to talk about Taizé.
- Choir starting up soon, Summer Choir is meeting.

#### Mission and Outreach (Carolyn S. and Sunil K.)

- Farmers Market is going, need volunteers. Had MLK kid help the last few, but that is probably over.
- Uniform drive is over.
- Resuming Meeting.
- Need volunteers for Thursday Bread and Bowl and possibly other days too.
- On August 14th (Noon-3PM) is the Back to School Bash. It is a joint Butler Tarkington Faith Community activity. Will need volunteers to represent NUMC.

#### Youth (Peter Chen)

- Successful family picnic.
- Successful Fishing outing - thank you Amy and Shorty!
- Cindy Cooper is hosting a pool party.
- 50 people signed up for Canoe trip.
- SPRC meets next week to talk about search for Youth Director.

#### Children (Amy S.)

- Many combined activities, children youth and families. Fun seeing groups get together who have not seen each other.
- Children will be doing Family Olympics in September.
- Drive-in movie night in Sept or October, Trunk or Treat.
- Good to picnic in the church "old playground". Thank you Jesus for Tim!
- Children's stuff starts Sunday after Labor day, including Outside SS.
- Working on Elevation, etc.
- Child Care started Sunday. Laura Schilling is on the job until October.

#### UMW (Amy S.)

- Starting to meet soon.
  - Lydia Circle will be meeting in August at Sue Childers.
  - Miriam Circle not likely to meet soon.