

BUGG Meeting Minutes April 26, 2021

Attendance: Kate, Kathleen, Kris, Marvin and Paul (by phone)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Old Business:

Based on BUGG recommendations, the Worship Committee will continue to explore having outdoor service throughout the summer months.

The “dry run” of the hybrid service presented a couple unforeseen challenges. Consequently, the possibility of a hybrid service is still being explored.

Leadership Team approved use of the Fellowship Hall by Out of the Cold to provide shelter for the homeless from June 14 – 27. During this time AA who currently meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Tuesday and Thursday will meet in the Lobby or Sanctuary.

New Business:

1. We discussed and recommend approval of the request by Pathways (Penn State community education project) to allow two small groups to utilize the church.

1st group is associated with assessment and intake of new clients (3 people or less)

2nd group is a group of 4 mothers and an instructor.

A 3rd group want to utilize a hybrid learning (on-line and in-person) but will not begin until fall.

Therefore, we delayed discussed until a later meeting.

Marvin will look into getting fans that will fit in the basement windows. Then all groups can open windows on the west and east sides and use the fans to ventilate the fellowship hall space.

Kate will contact AA and confirm that no one from the AA has had COVID and been in our building. She will also discuss with them the concurrent use of the building by Out of the Cold from June 14-27.

2. We discussed the potential use of the sanctuary by Sister Song to practice. Everyone in Sister Song has been vaccinated, will wear masks and will maintain social distance during these practices. BUGG wrestled with the idea of making vaccination a prerequisite to sanctuary/building use. Are we setting a precedence by giving vaccinated people permission while excluding people not vaccinated? BUGG suggest that Sister Song be allowed to use the sanctuary because of the following reasons.
 - i. Closed group.
 - ii. Everyone is vaccinated.
 - iii. Everyone will wear mask.
 - iv. Less than 10 people in the group.
3. We discussed a congregational survey to determine feelings about COVID. Paul will forward BUGG’s 3 questions to Rick Stehouwer and ask Leadership team to prepare and conduct a survey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next BUGG meeting is scheduled for May 24 at 7:00 pm. However, if there isn’t a need to meet then we will cancel the meeting.