

Ministry Team Check In September 16, 2021

Taking Minutes:
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Agenda and Notes

1. Covid Update
 - a. Amy - cases are starting to lower again, may be in the same situation through next summer, but unsure at this time. Amy and Debbie back in the office 2 days a week. Hal and Davy working the music and rehearsing together and inviting whoever wants to come. Not ready for groups of children or nursery/Sunday school. Any questions - contact Amy.
2. SPRC
 - a. Ted and Tami are out of town and unable to attend today. Amy updates - Team is doing some caretaking for Hal. Made the shift for Debbie to come back a couple of days a week.
3. Trustees
 - a. Emilie has questions about cameras in the garden and whether that should be discussed here in the ministry team with decisions made by the whole team, instead of the trustees group only.
 - b. No one from trustees was able to attend today. Amy updates - walk about a couple of days ago looking at the bushes - police have suggested we get rid of them. Possible drug use and cooking of drugs near the upstairs and downstairs doors. Police are adding additional patrols and keeping a watch out for any dangerous behavior.
 - c. Max cleaned out the drains.
 - d. Trustees met last week.
 - e. A concern was voiced about the brush being a fire hazard.
4. General concern: Reports are being given for people who are not in attendance - would like more decisions to be made as a team/group. Need to have members of every team in attendance in order to improve communication. Other members mentioned that these positions are voluntary, and that while it is ideal to have a member of each committee in attendance, people have busy lives and may not be able to attend. Melissa confirmed that several trustees members were invited. Also confirmed that the Weitmans and Karen Walker informed her that they would not be able to attend this meeting due to being out of town. Melissa shared that moving forward she would try to request at least one member of each committee. If that is not possible, she will try to gather committee reports prior to the meeting.
5. Due to concerns, Melissa brought up if we need to table this meeting and come back together in a few weeks. Members expressed they would like to move forward with the meeting.
6. Other suggestion: Maybe a set a time and date every month or so, so that people know when to expect the meeting. Melissa shared that this was a suggestion she brought up several months ago.
7. Finance
 - a. Wes: During pandemic, financial situation has been extremely positive - looks like we'll have a cash carryover. Congregation has been very generous during this time.

- b. For the auction possibility of doing an online situation or maybe an oral auction.
- c. Suggestion was shared asking what it would look like if the donations were shared giving only.
- d. For the auction - setup time and things are extensive. Online worked fairly well.
- e. Wes will speak with finance about ways to make the auction smaller in scope.

8. Mission

- a. Wes: Community school supply was a fantastic success. Served close to 525 students. A lot of supply bags remained at the schools for students to have- Tualatin Elementary, Hazelbrook. Developed close relationships with some of the local schools.
- b. Other opportunities to continue working with the garden Monday and Wednesday.
- c. Family promise is happening - opportunities 18th and 19th of October and end of December.
- d. Hoping to work with an organization (EMO) supporting refugee families. Offering finances, driving to things such as appointments. Still not really defined - will put out more information once the role is more defined.

9. Men's Group

- a. Still meeting - currently outside.

10. UMW

- . No update at this time

11. Worship

- . Meeting in person in the sanctuary - wearing masks. Sending out the virtual worship weekly as many people requested that.
- a. COVIDactnow.com can be used to check the number of COVID cases. Will clarify if the number is per week. Very high numbers in some places.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 7pm. Do our best to make sure a member of each committee is in attendance.

Closing Prayer