

Minutes of
Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Present: Pastor Jeanne Garza, Reverend Mary, Barbara Scheffer (Chair), Kenn Scheffer (Trustees), Charles Engle (Financial Sec.), Mary Turfe (Lay Leader), Brent Howlett (Rep to Annual Conf.), Jayne Worthy-Howlett (Pres. DUMW), Harold Tuckett (VCI Coord.), Marilyn Pobanz (SPRC), Mary Ellen Miller (Secretary), Cathy Freeman (Outreach), Briana Murphy (church member), Randy Hucks (Treasurer), Brian Charnetski (church member)

Missing: Youth member, Patty Burns (Witness)

Devotional time: Jayne –Summer Blessing: walking and talking with God

Minutes of June 3, 2020 approved unanimously as distributed

Business:

1. Additional agenda item

Prior to moving to Council business, Pastor Jeanne requested an additional agenda item and introduced Briana Murphy, member of the congregation. Briana had recently shared her concerns about social justice with Pastor Jeanne and believes DUMC could have more focus on social justice work. Her three requests are for:

- 1) More education on social justice issues.
- 2) Looking at different social justice missions to which we should provide aid.
- 3) Saying who we are – standing up together for social justice.

Questions arose regarding a definition of the term, “social justice”. The discussion demonstrated that social justice can have different meanings or connotations to different people. It will be important to review the Book of Discipline which includes some of John Wesley’s teachings of the issue of “social justice”. Others shared an understanding of the concept as “providing a fair and just society for all individuals and includes the equitable distribution of wealth, opportunities, and social privileges”. Others shared that the church currently has many mission activities that demonstrate our ongoing work for social justice and this should not be discounted. A motion was made, seconded, and discussion followed regarding Briana becoming a member of Leadership Council. The motion passed. Barbara welcomed Briana to the council as a future representative of the future Mission Ministry Team, but acknowledged that she is not interested in being the chair of that ministry team.

2. Finance Report:

Thank you to Randy for sharing the finance report. Request made that financial reports be shared with all LC members as reports are ready. Barb will forward email addresses to Randy do this will be done each month.

Randy applied for and received a \$26,000 grant from the federal government to cover payroll and utilities.

Because of this federal grant, other funds were available for missions and our connectional giving budget (formerly called Apportionments) while leaving us a small cushion.

Rev Mary shared that she applied for and won a children's education grant for continuing education. ? amount

3. **Major agenda item for this meeting: Feedback for future joint virtual and physical church.** The four page document prepared by Rev. Jeanne, Rev. Mary and Rev. Cathy, was sent to all LC members prior to this meeting to review. This draft describes the potential phases of reopening.

Phase 1 begins in August, 2020. The plan proposes to have worship on the Dixboro Village Green outdoors at 9:00 am and ZOOM version at 10:30 am. Draft for this phase suggests music distributed on a sheet or on a phone but it was suggested we email music to participants. Singing would still be with masks on. Rev. Cathy will buy and bring masks for those who arrive without a mask. Carl suggested everyone on the Leadership Council can be on mask duty to distribute to those without a mask.

Let people in to use the restrooms. Plans for sanitizing not finalized.

Kenn suggested a box for collecting donations. He already has one built and it can be placed on a table by the pavilion

Participants will be encouraged to bring their own chairs and shade protection. There are a few folding chairs in the school house. Council can bring a few extra chairs for those who cannot carry their own. DO NOT encourage seniors/infirm to come for this activity.

Question raised as to "how should we communicate outdoor service? Carl –suggests changing the sign to "Church on the Green at 9:00 am!" "Zoom at 10:30"

Phases 2 – 3 will focus on moving back into the sanctuary but all agreed that NO DATE SET FOR THIS AT THIS TIME.

Health screening and a waiver will be needed. Screening and waiver are separate forms. We need to check with the conference / insurance company for more information about the necessary waiver – Jeanne will look into this.

For phase two reopening there will be attendance limits based on our regular capacity. We may have a sign up sheet for attending service. Zoom will be available too. First come first serve for in person attendance. Sign up sheet online & phone?

Harold - If we have more people than we can serve – let the people who did not get in the first week have priority for second week. Randy suggests a lottery.

Jayne is not comfortable with singing especially in the sanctuary as it is a proven transmission route for covid-19, so no singing – use pre-recorded music from Zach and the Littles.

Randy says we will keep paying Tammy and Penny.

Need someone to run technology in the balcony – Brian cannot come as he has high risk family members.

Agreed that for now we do not have firm dates for the phases so we can see how things go and adapt as conditions change.

Phase 4:

How many people in a row – probably 20-25 people in sanctuary.

Mary Turfe wants to know what metrics we are using. Plans are tentative and will have to change.

Barb - Would be good to let the congregation know we are thinking about how we will open.

4. Recommendations for Chair of Leadership Council for new session starting Jan. 2021

Identifying names for nominations ongoing. Send recommendations to Barb and/or Rev. Jeanne.

5. Recommendations for Chair of Mission Ministry Team preferably starting before Jan. 2021.

Patty Fragner offered, but she is too busy. Briana will be joining Mission Ministry but not as the chair.

6. Acknowledgement of an additional goal for the Caring Ministry Team "Quarterly review of the church's website regarding the Caring Team ministry" has been added to the teams goals for 2020-2021

7. Rummage sale – we will probably cancel until next year.

Next meeting –

August 12, 2020 at 7-8:30 pm

Marilyn will do the devotion (request from Mary Ellen that we be sure to include asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit).

Mary Turfe would be happy to do closing again.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- SPRC reports on their goals and objectives
- Discuss how outdoor worship worked for the first two weeks in August
- Leadership chairs needed for: 1) Leadership Council, and 2) Mission Ministry
- Discuss potential charge to new Mission Ministry Team related to the concept of “social justice”. (See Barb’s email of July 13, 2020 for thoughts on this charge.)
- Discuss how long the Church office remains closed – perhaps until we have vaccine

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8. Closing reading Psalm 62 a round robin led by Mary Turfe.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Miller