

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church Council
(ZOOM) Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020

Opening Devotion – Rose Kempf

Council Member Present: Jennifer August, Carolyn Davis, Dan Davis, Pastor Larry French, Bonnie Hitchingham, Rose Kempf, Sid Kempf, Nancy Nielsen, Nancy Noreen, Ann Scott, Dorothy Scott, Chris Segard, Shari Wesche, Karen Young.

Council Members Absent: Keith Caldwell, Art Gerhardt, Fred Gunnel, Mari Anne Jones, Shirley Neff, Tom Noreen, Chuck Smith.

Guests: None.

Council Chair, Rose Kempf, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FINANCE REPORTS:

1. On file with minutes in church office. Finance Chair, Karen Young gave verbal summary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parsonage Options – Pastor Larry French made a request to create a Parsonage Committee including (at least) one Trustee, Finance Chair, Council Chair, Missions Chair and some church members to address two parsonage issues:
 - Setup an inspection of the parsonage
 - Determine status of parsonage (update, sell, usage, etc.)Pastor Larry French will write up something to go in the August 2020 Chimes for recruiting volunteers as members of the committee.
Would like to move forward and have a meeting by mid-August.
Motion to create a parsonage committee to address these issues was approved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Finance Team discussed the annual stewardship drive. A committee will be created to start planning for the drive. Pastor Larry and Jennifer will review last year's information and it will be placed in August Chimes for volunteers for this committee.

REOPENING TASK FORCE UPDATES:

Survey links & mailed surveys have been sent out and need to be returned by 07/24/2020. Sanitizers were approved in May 2020 at the Church Council meeting and were ordered and should be arriving any time. Building use is still limited as we are in Phase I of Church Reopening Plan – reminded people to sign in upon entering church building. Touchless Thermometer will get ordered this week. Another Task Force meeting will be scheduled after the 24th (after survey return deadline).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE– helping to purchase new security system cameras, installation & training.
2. MISSIONS – August Habitat Trip – 4 persons going, UMCOR-COVID19 & UMCOR-MI Disaster (floods) & food pantry.
3. TEUSINK LOAN COMMITTEE – Nancy Nielsen is remaining member. New members needed. One loan currently out – will send out a reminder for the annual student status update. Funds were received earlier this year in memory of John Teusink.
4. TRUSTEES – Dan Davis updated that Trustees had assisted in the purchase of 8 shelving units for food pantry and approved the church security system installation. They are sharing cost with the Memorial Committee.
5. WELCOME & CARE COMMITTEE – no new items. Continuing to make contacts with members while church building is closed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer August, Ministry Assistant

*Food will not be served in the building.

* The nursery will not be used.

* Decisions regarding non-church use will be postponed until a later phase.

*We will continue with virtual worship only.

**We will purchase special disinfecting cleaners for the church and tools to apply them. Temperature logs and a list of questions for admittance will be acquired for phase 2.

Preparation for Phase II

In order to move to Phase II, the following will be in place:

- Continuous observance of Phase I Guidelines without incident
- Several weeks of decreased number of COVID19 cases according to Kent County statistics
- Touchless Sanitizers, Thermometer, Temperature logs and a list of questions for all who enter the building will be available.
- Written policies for groups larger than 10 people
- Written policies for worship for up to 50 % occupancy