

UCN Reopening Subcommittee Minutes - May 21, 2021
Zoom meeting- 6:45 pm

Attending: Peter Blain, Brian Bunzel, Leigh Hoftiezer, Dean Johnson, Dan Lusk, Brian Monroe, Jean Woodmansee, Sheri Yelton-Mounts

Following opening words and chalice lighting, the committee checked in briefly.

April 22, 2021 minutes: Approved

A change to the order of agenda items was made as Brian Monroe had to leave the meeting early. Brian requested approval for some of the speakers for the NAACP Ozaukee County speakers to record their videos for the August 5th dinner at Shully's Restaurant at UCN. This will involve Alex Tatterson who will be paid by the NAACP and Dean Johnson and is scheduled for the evening of May 26th at UCN. Payment in kind for UCN will be an ad in the 2021 30th Anniversary Freedom Fund event program. Approved with one abstention.

Next there was a discussion of the May 16th hybrid Sunday service and Annual Meeting. With 42 people voting in person and 19 voters on zoom, the meeting went fairly smoothly. Communications between those at church and those on zoom were problematic, but issues were resolved as the meeting proceeded. The committee commended those who did planning for the meeting as well as those "on duty" through the process. Peter commented that due to some of the proposals approved at the meeting, an all zoom annual meeting is possible if needed in the future.

Future hybrid Sunday services - As the current volunteers preparing and running our hybrid services have expressed their desire to step down after over a year of work done by a small amount of people, Kristin Gasser has put out a call for more helpers but the response is unknown. Several people including two from this committee have volunteered to learn more about the sound system. After much discussion, the committee agreed to recommend "streaming" format to the Worship Committee when in-person services begin at UCN. The streaming option means that the service would be recorded for immediate or later "airing" and there would be no visiting with members at home before or after the service.

Concerns were raised about the ability of members at home being able to participate in "joys and concerns". That could be managed by asking members to email the worship assistant or Lyn in the office with a brief message to be read during the service.

Leigh will communicate our recommendation to the Worship committee. If there is an objection to the streaming option, the call for more volunteers can be repeated.

CDC Guidelines- As we all know, the CDC has recently eased the restrictions for people who are fully vaccinated. This happened shortly before our May 16th in-person service and annual meeting. In planning further for UCN in-person activities, Brian B. suggested we try to find out how many UCN members and friends are vaccinated. Leigh will ask Julie Zumach to set up a "survey monkey" and Jackee O will be asked to survey the families in RE.

The Pandemic Guidelines document originally generated for a Duluth, MN UU church were further edited by Leigh and those edit were accepted by the committee. A copy will be sent to Board members and referenced in the Northliner.

A few changes were made to the UCN Guidelines for renters: The waiver and health questionnaire need only be signed once and then kept on file.

Al-Anon has begun meeting at UCN again and Art Oasis is planning to do so in June.

For those who are fully vaccinated, masks are not required and it is now okay to resume a pot luck and shared coffee pot. If some visitors are not fully vaccinated, they are required to wear two masks. The air cleaners in the bathrooms will remain on while the church is occupied.

Brian Bunzel has communicated with both planned event renters- a wedding in June and a bat mitzvah in August. Those renters have agreed to UCN requirements and Brian is allowing them to increase the numbers of people attending.

Wisconsin Singer Songwriters Series (Joe DeLucia) presents another set of challenges which were not settled at this meeting.

The date for the next meeting has not been set- the options are Sunday June 20th after the service or Tuesday, June 22 in the evening.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Woodmansee