

May 14, 2020 Special Full Council Meeting

Called to order via ZOOM at 17:15 by Jim Brown, Moderator. Pastor Pam read from Matthew, and led us in prayer. Those in attendance were Karen K, Marty C, Audrey C, Debbie A, Skip B, Debbie T, Linda and Steve H, Julia C, Donna R, Jay W, and Renee' G.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss when the sanctuary will be opened for live worship, given that the state has given the green light to proceed. A quite lengthy discussion was held in this regard. Options discussed were as follows.

- #1. Potential opening dates between 4, 8, or 12 weeks from now.
- #2. Outdoor services, keeping safe practices in mind.
- #3. Continuing with worship via technology using Zoom and or You Tube.
- #4. Offering worship in the sanctuary for those who desire it, keeping safe practices in mind.
- #5. Holding services at The Roosevelt Center.
- #6. Holding services at the Civic Center.
- #7. Holding services at our church, spreading people out between the sanctuary, the upper room, and the basement.

All agreed that the safety of our membership and staff was our number one priority, considering the fact that the large majority of our members are in the high risk group. We also agreed that we wished to offer worship in the sanctuary for those who desire it. Pastor Pam will work with those who have expressed a strong interest, to develop a plan for this. Virtual services will continue for now, via Facebook live. Also, we will plan to conduct outdoor services the first Sunday of the month for the months of June, July, and August.

In the course of our discussion, it became apparent that we will need to continue to develop our technological capabilities to meet rapidly changing and unpredictable societal norms, due to Covid-19. There is no way for any of us to know how long it will last, if it will reoccur in a more virulent fashion, or if other obstacles will be set before us. We need to be prepared. Steve H moved that Pastor Pam appoint an ad hoc committee to continue to develop our technical abilities in providing virtual services to our membership. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Pastor Pam wanted us to remember that our Stewardship drive is coming up. The Stewardship and Missions ministry will be meeting to review how it will proceed, given our current state of living with Covid-19.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:15 by Moderator, Jim Brown.

Respectfully submitted,  
Audrey Clark, Recording Secretary.