

Commission Chairs Team

May 5, 2020

6:10 PM

1. Opening prayer – Jeanne Smucker
2. Worship Commission – Linda Showalter
 - a. Feeling good about having services over Zoom.
 - b. Commission is not meeting because of spending time preparing for worship services.
 - c. Feedback from Joyce:
 - i. She is feeling “Zoomed out” on Sunday.
 - ii. Asked if the two Sunday school classes could be at the same time
 1. We don’t need to go to both.
 2. It would be on the same schedule as normal schedule and people need to choose.
 3. The 2:00 time is good for some but not for others.
3. Discipling Commission – Martha Yoder Maust
 - a. There is a good turnout for the Sunday school classes – shows appreciation for having them.
 - b. Need to determine what to do for summer:
 - i. Need two plans – one for Zoom and one for at church.
 - ii. Concerns about the older children.
 1. Do children have mentors? – likely not active now.
 2. Denominational guidelines that have emerged in the past decade or so make it harder for mentors to have one-on-one relationships with youth. Is there denomination guidance because of sexual guidelines? – Martha will check on this.
 - c. Would appreciate counsel about the summer schedule.
 - i. Storytelling by individuals.
 - d. The sermon discussion meeting may be sporadic and not meet every week.
 - e. Britany asking about Sunday school opening for the children.
 - i. Could there be time on Zoom in the morning for the children?
 - ii. Prerecord children’s story and insert into worship time?
4. Administration Commission – Laura Harms Rosales
 - a. Offering:
 - i. Have set up a method for online giving.
 - ii. Send checks to Bob as announced in weekly newsletter.
 - b. Tree trimming was previously on the agenda.
 - c. Church building –
 - i. Brian is checking on the building several times a week.
 - ii. Bob is going once a week.
 - iii. Several others are working on projects at the church.
 - d. Iglesias Amigos
 - i. Are keeping our schedule and may follow our lead.

- ii. They are cleaning every other week.
 - iii. Will let us know their plans to start using the building again.
 - e. Changes to administrative position – temporary until a person is hired.
 - i. Making changes to Zoom meetings and how they function.
 - ii. Zoom meetings should now be scheduled through Mike Wigginton.
 - iii. Linda Showalter is doing the weekly newsletter.
- 5. Outreach Commission – Brad Yoder
 - a. Reading a book about grieving the loss of touching which was shared with commission.
 - b. Indiana AID
 - i. On hold for the time being.
 - ii. Rethinking relationship with Shalom and making plans.
 - c. Family Promise
 - i. Has contracted with an apartment complex and has 7 apartments available.
 - ii. Arrangements go through July.
 - d. Governor Holcomb has vetoed a bill that would have given landlords more power to evict people.
 - e. Commission will continue to meet monthly.
 - f. Would the Sunday school class “Difficult Questions about the Bible” be open to outsiders as an evangelism opportunity – Yes.
 - g. It is reassuring to know that funds are still going out to ministries:
 - i. Helping people around the world.
 - ii. We are still doing ministry work.
 - h. Brian says giving to the conference has continued at the normal rate.
 - i. Mara congregation –
 - i. Almost everyone has been laid off.
 - ii. They have made no appeal to the conference for assistance.
 - iii. Who can let the congregation know about available assistance thru Everence – Justin?
 - iv. Brian will discuss with Everence and have them contact Mara.
 - v. Should we give them a gift? No decision made.
- 6. Community Life Commission – Herb Troyer
 - a. Continuing to meet regularly.
 - b. Open to helping people as needed.
 - c. Children’ Pew Card
 - i. Changes made to the wording – adding downstairs and fixing typo.
 - ii. Discussing where to place the wording – no decision made.
 - d. One small group added
 - i. Mostly people for the Gifts Discernment Sunday school class.
 - ii. People may be added to existing small groups if needed.
 - e. Let CLC know if there are people who need contacts or assistance.
- 7. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Committee
 - a. Next meeting is Wednesday.

- b. May need to meet more often as summer advances.
 - c. Need to vet Commission Chairs.
8. Vision and Accountability Team – Jeanne Smucker
- a. Brian’s time management – have given some responsibilities to other people.
 - b. Caring Deacons are getting a positive review.
 - c. Pastoral Search and
 - i. Waiting.
 - ii. No one has applied.
 - iii. Continuing to check with Elkhart.
 - d. Administrative Assistant search
 - i. Currently no applicants.
 - ii. Currently planned to be remote job.
 - iii. Will continue to ask other churches if they have persons interested.
 - iv. Could it be a teenager? – It would be hard to meet with contractors, etc.
 - v. Brian will contact a person suggested.
9. Next meeting: June 16, 2020 @ 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martin