

## Commission Chairs Team

October 20, 2020

6:10 PM

1. Opening prayer – Brian Bither
2. Gathering Safely Committee – Jeanne Smucker & Martha Yoder Maust
  - a. Do we know the number of people viewing the service over You Tube? – No.
  - b. The number of people at the service on Zoom is staying stable.
  - c. So far, no evidence of students contracting Covid-19 in a college classroom.
  - d. Fewer people are asking Brian about meeting in person.
  - e. Consensus is to continue on Zoom thru the end of the year.
3. Worship Commission – Linda Showalter
  - a. Advent starts November 29.
    - i. Will try to do some of the traditional things such as candle lighting.
    - ii. Asking if there is a way to do caroling safely outside the church. – will discuss with the Gathering Safely committee.
  - b. CAMFell - Brian Bither.
    - i. Will be offering communion on Election Day at 7:00 pm.
    - ii. Information will be sent to the congregation.
    - iii. The IM Conference Zoom will be used as they can accommodate up to 300 computer links.
    - iv. The service is offered to the entire IM Conference.
4. Administration Commission – Mike Wigginton.
  - a. Have worked on the budget.
  - b. Trash pickup is an ongoing problem they are working on.
  - c. Discussed a possible fall work day.
    - i. Not sure if it will happen.
    - ii. Mostly need to deal with the leaves.
    - iii. Will consult with the Gathering Safely committee.
5. Community Life Commission – Herb Troyer
  - a. They have asked for volunteers to meet with persons who are lonely but have not received any responses.
  - b. They will continue to work with individuals with needs.
  - c. The phone tree continues with a few names deleted.
  - d. The commission will continue to respond to needs as they come up.
6. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team – Joyce Troyer
  - a. All positions are currently filled, so not meeting often at this time.
  - b. Will not contact those few people who have not completed their spiritual gifts survey until we are meeting in person again.
7. Discipling Commission – Martha Yoder Maust
  - a. The baptism class has met twice.
  - b. There will be 3 single adult Sunday school sessions in the month of December.
  - c. In January and February – a book study by Emily and Tim Ludden.
  - d. Discussion was held about how other churches are handling children's classes.

8. Outreach Commission – Brad Yoder
  - a. They continue to meet monthly.
  - b. Faith in Indiana – calling people to encourage voting.
  - c. Arlington Woods Association – had a good cleanup day.
  - d. They worked on the budget – asking for a 2% increased contribution for the groups outside Shalom.
  - e. Looking at issues about reforming policies.
9. Vision and Accountability Team – Jeanne Smucker
  - a. Have been working on the revised structure.
    - i. Evaluation was done last year.
    - ii. Different items have evolved such as deacons, pastoral team.
    - iii. Will plan to start procession with the congregation in January
  - b. Have worked on the budget.
10. Pastoral Team – Brian Bither
  - a. He says he is doing OK at this time.
  - b. He has been receiving positive responses from the Bible series of sermons.
  - c. We will take a break from the series over the holidays.
  - d. He has had some visitors at the church from the neighborhood.
  - e. CAMFell
    - i. Frank Kandel was the convener and wants to step down, so Brian is taking over that role.
    - ii. Many churches in the IM conference are struggling.
    - iii. Discussion about the Mennonite Convention sessions next summer – may be virtual.
11. Discussion was held about placing special items in the weekly newsletter instead of sending out a separate email to the congregation.
12. Next meeting – December 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
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