

St. John's Sunshine Coast United Church Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2021

Agenda

Discussion

Decision / Action

<p>Call to Order – Dianne Baker</p>		<p>Dianne Baker called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm</p>
<p>Gathering Prayer – Rev. Jamie Bushell</p>		
<p>Present:</p>	<p>Dianne Baker (Chair), Cheryl Palm (Past Chair), Ian Poole (Keeping the Lights On), Joan Hibbard (Letting Our Lights Shine), Patricia Baker (Ministry & Personnel), Cathy Poole (Worship & Arts), Julie Gleadow (Member at Large), Nancy Smith (Secretary), Rev. Jamie Bushell Regrets: Thomas Kern (Trustees)</p>	
<p>Presentation of the Worship & Arts Team Report – Cathy Poole</p> <p>Board Discussion</p>	<p>--Thanks were offered to Cathy for providing us with the Worship & Arts Team Report and to the team members for their thoughtful discussion --Cathy gave a summary of the report and added her addendum – recommending Dianne Strickland’s video as a resource for guiding our process for reopening --recent updates from Dr. Bonnie Henry and the Pacific Mountain Regional Council identified March 28th, April 1st, April 2nd and April 4th as the 4 dates allowed for potential indoor gatherings for worship during Holy Week at which time 10% of our worship space capacity would be permitted to gather, which would be about twelve people for the St. John’s sanctuary --the restrictions that participants must adhere to are quite extensive – time is needed for education and preparation of the congregation and of attendants to support adherence to guidelines --we should also consider for future discussion what steps we can take to ensure that congregants who do not participate via Zoom still feel as</p>	<p>As part of worship planning, the Worship & The Arts Team reviewed the Provincial Health Officer’s Variance of the Gatherings and Events Order to Permit Outdoor Worship Services dated March 23, 2021 and made five recommendations.</p> <p>Cathy Poole/ Patricia Baker: Move that the Board support the spirit of the recommendations below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That our worship services for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday and April 11 continue in the current virtual format. 2. That the Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held conforming to the conditions of the above Variance. 3. That from April 18 we could consider outdoor worship services as a second Sunday service held in the afternoon, potentially weather dependent. 4. Based on our experiences and feedback from the congregation, we could move towards a hybrid virtual/in person format. <p>CARRIED. It was noted that St. John’s is just not ready at this time to move to in-person worship. It</p>

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	<p>though they are a part of our congregation – the idea of a mailed out worship package was mentioned</p> <p>--it is important to communicate with the congregation, sharing regular information and offering reassurance that the Board is working to address how to regather safely and to let them know that their voice will be important in the process</p> <p>--Cathy will continue to work on the “Next Steps” document, particularly regarding the logistics around planning for outdoor worship</p> <p>--an ad hoc team is needed for strategizing the communication steps which might include the use of Survey Monkey, a facilitated conversation after church, phone chain interviews, . . .</p>	<p>was also noted for clarification that the smaller outdoor services being explored would not replace the regular Sunday morning worship service currently happening via Zoom.</p> <p>Dianne Baker, Cathy Poole and Rev. Jamie Bushell to write a letter to the congregation offering reassurance that the Board is working to address the process for regathering for small group outdoor worship.</p> <p>Joan Hibbard/Cathy Poole: That the Board endorse an ad hoc committee to be struck to address how to dialogue with the congregation. The Team would include but not be limited to Dianne Baker (Chair), Cathy Poole (Worship & The Arts), Joan Hibbard (Called to Care) and Rev. Jamie Bushell.</p> <p>Dianne Baker will call a first meeting post Easter.</p>
<p>Ministry & Personnel Team Resignation and Appointment – Patricia Baker</p>	<p>The Board accepts with regret the resignation of Norman Gleadow from the Ministry & Personnel Team.</p>	<p>Patricia Baker / Ian Poole: Move that the Board appoint Brian Smith to the Ministry and Personnel Team. CARRIED</p>
		<p>Cathy Poole: Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:20 pm</p>
<p>Carry Forward</p>	<p>How to ensure the care and inclusion of all congregants.</p>	