

Agenda Minutes

In attendance via zoom were: Pastor George Reynolds, Sally Paff, Glenda Aufer, Nancy Henry, John Redmond, Carl Dudeck, Jefferson Davis, Cheryl Lenker, Nick Sallade, and Tom Wilson.

Pastor George opened the meeting with various scripture which spoke to our current situation with COVID-19. The scripture talked about persecution and finding motivation thru those struggles. Although we are not currently being persecuted, we are in very challenging times and we must remain encouraged and energized as we reimagine how we continue to reach others and provide the necessary ministries in a “new” way. GOD uses the strangest things in our lives to shed light on the opportunities before us. Pastor George then said a brief prayer before starting into the agenda items.

1. **Sunday Morning –**

Brutal Facts: It will be Easter 2021 or Pentecost 2021 before we see a return to “normalized” Sundays.

The harsh reality per Pastor George is that as we go into advent and the Christmas holiday, we will not see services indoors.

Online Campus -We are looking at some options to enhance the online experience. Potential to move this service to 9:00 a.m.

The reason behind moving the service to 9:00 a.m. is to accommodate those folks that want to get an earlier start to their day. There are cases whereby parents would like that time to sit down and concentrate on the service before getting the kids/household up and running. Also, we would like to have a staff member at this service to give the “feel” that although the sermon and songs might be taped, there is still a LIVE person there and that person could comment on updates, etc. in real time.

Outdoor Service – Continue the one outdoor service at 10:00 a.m. until at least the end of October.

This continues to be well attended with an average of 80 people on Sundays. Council members that do come to the outdoor services commented on the “positive” atmosphere this provides.

Indoor Service – We will begin imagining the potential for a return to in-person services in November. This would include reduced capacity at all venues, potentially adding venue in Fellowship Halls.

If this would come to pass LLUMC would follow the guidelines with mask-wearing, distancing, and the offer of multiple services at the LLUMC Campus and the Rockville Campus. Example of this: LLUMC will hold one service @ 8:30 in the Sanctuary, one service in the Life Center at 10:00 and possibly an additional one in fellowship hall. There would be limited seating and we would use different spaces so there is time to clean and sanitize each area.

Sunday School – We are holding off on any announcements until we see the impact around the return to school. Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices – Sunday, August 23rd, 2020.

We are in a wait and see mode here. So much of this will be determined on how well schools do with their openings and parents feeling safe to send their kids.

There were some discussions among parents saying they want to send their kids back to school; however, they may limit their kids to going to school ONLY and not anything outside of school (as to limit their “exposures” away from home).

2. LCNS

LCNS to begin on September 8th. The program has lost students and staff (Note: this is happening everywhere). would be presented in its full glorious entirety once we are able to safely hold church services at the church.

The LCNS has lost students, as well as teachers; however, we are moving forward on this. The LCNS has both morning and afternoon classes and depending on the actual attendance we might just consolidate and move the afternoon classes (if there is enough room for social distancing, etc.) into morning classes only. This is something to consider, but we will not know more until we are up and running.

3. Rockville Campus

Taylor is moving forward with projects, including RAYS, Head Start, Food Truck Event. Renovations are in planning stage.

Head Start is committed to coming aboard in July of 2021 with classes to start in September. The Food Truck Event is tentatively schedule for mid-September and more information on that will follow.

The 6th Street property tenant is moving out at the end of September.

Search for new tenant will happen and the property manager will continue with that transaction.

Churches Planting Churches training begins on August 25th.

Pastor George, Taylor Pfaff, and Cheryl Lenker are participating in this training. There are as many as 20 churches participating as well.

Pastor Taylor and Pastor George are working on a 4-P presentation on the Rockville Campus. We believe that restating the Purpose, Picture, Plan and Part will help everyone see the vision for the Rockville Campus.

We are in a time where we can only PLAN 3-6 months out (this is our new reality); However, Pastor George and Taylor will be moving forward and creating a video explaining what the Rockville Campus is all about. This video will be designed to inform folks how they can play a part in making the Rockville Campus successful and relevant. This video presentation should be completed by the first week in September.

4. Digital Discipleship

Slowly working on a plan for digital discipleship. What type of experiences can be moved online?

Things to be moved online include Discipleship classes, small group activities, etc.

Matt Estep will be hosting Alpha class this Fall www.alphausa.org from Rockville for Fall classes. This is terrific news as this, not only can provide a revenue source, but it also brings outside folks into our facility.

Alpha Class provides basic information regarding the Christian faith i.e. Who is Jesus? The class would be offered online, and it starts with watching a video and then having discussions with others on the video you just watched. This offering can be for current disciples and hopefully this could get out to our larger community as well.

5. Communications

Kendall is taking two online Academy classes for Social Media and Communications.

There is nothing new to report here. We will keep you updated.

Rolling out new LOGO asap with LOGO giveaways.

This should be happening around the first week of September.

Online store to order sportswear. Benefits Youth ministry.

Sarah Axtman is working with a vendor to provide shirts, hats, mugs, etc. Since the youth missed out on the flower sales, any proceeds from this online store would be designated to the youth ministry. LLUMC did receive a \$3,000 Grant from United Methodist Communications for the Rockville Campus launch events and supplies.

6. Educational “Hot”-pitality Spot for Students and At Home Workers

We are upgrading the internet “hot-spots” at both campuses. We are developing plans that would allow high school or college students to have workspace with internet connectivity. Potential for work-from-home individuals also.

We are partnering with “Community Classrooms” and other churches on offering on-line Wi-Fi access/capability to high-school students, college students, parents that might need time to do their work away from home, etc. We are in the process of getting an “upgrade” to our current Wi-Fi to accommodate what would be required for this offering. Both the LLUMC and Rockville Campus would provide rooms whereby folks could come and get the Wi-Fi access needed to do their work. Of course, we would follow CDC guidelines and have masking, social-distancing, and rules for proper behavior while on campus, etc. There would be set times for use of our campuses and there would be a staff/volunteer to supervise those using our facility.

7. G-Teams

A good meeting was held recently with approximately 10 people online. Good discussion and idea generation. Need to take the next step of publishing ideas and begin implementation.

There were some great ideas that came out of meeting held a few weeks back. One of the ideas involved a walking/reflective path and we were actually in the process of getting this done and then COVID hit; however, the plan is to reconnect and move forward on this and other ideas generated that will not be impeded by our current situation with COVID.

8. Advent Christmas

The staff will begin work this week on ideas to make Advent-Christmas COVID-safe. That is, all plans are made with the idea that no matter what COVID does, we can still follow through (i.e. outside, physical distance, etc.).

There will be a “deep dive” into this by church staff on Tuesday, August 18th. All energy will be directed at outside activities and/or online offerings. LLUMC is exploring teaching opportunities with about 7 or 8 other churches whereby we can “share” the resources and package the offerings to be made available online, etc. Some considerations for Christmas include a tree-lighting service and offer hot cocoa; set up a Christmas Photo Booth and hand out candy-canes; get everyone bundled up to come out to the parking lot for a Christmas Eve Service (with the Moravian Star lit) that could be seen from outside. Pastor George encouraged the Council to think outside of the box, get creative, and share our thoughts and ideas.

9. Financial Update

Giving remains strong and consistent. PPP loan funds have been exhausted with last payroll for July.

Treasurer position TBD – As of Friday afternoon, still awaiting a reply from Danae; however, Pastor George believes that early next week he will be advertising for a Part-Time Treasurer to replace Danae.

The Treasurer position needs to be filled as soon as possible. Danae has the skills to do the job and has done a great job for LLUMC; unfortunately, though we need a stronger commitment of time as we move forward.

10. Annual Church Conference – Monday, October 19th

The District Superintendent will be present at this meeting and it will be an “in-person” gathering with masks being worn and social-distancing. Online access via Zoom should be available and voting will be done via e-mail (we think at this time). More clarification on specifics will be forthcoming. We do have a vacancy to fill for the Leadership Council with the resignation given by Lewis Silverman. We are also encouraging the 2020 Council members to continue serving.

Chairman Tom Wilson asked for a motion to approve the previous Leadership Council Minutes. A motion was made by Glenda Aucker, seconded by Jefferson Davenport, with a “thumbs-up” unanimous approval from all other Council members in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Reference Information (Standing Information):

The 2020 Leadership Council calendar was agreed to as follows:

February 17 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15

July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19

November 16 December 7?

2020 Leadership Council noted -

Class of 2020

Glenda Auker

Stephanie Martella

Nick Sallade

Class of 2021

Nancy Henry

Tom Wilson, Chairperson

Lewis Silverman

Jefferson Davenport

Class of 2022

Carl Dudeck

John Redmond

Sally Paff

Cheryl Lenker