

## **GSLC COVID-19 TASK FORCE AGENDA**

**August 16, 2020**

**12 noon via ZOOM**

**Attending: Rick Blum (Staff/Clerk), Sara McCormack (chair), Betsy Johnson (Reopening Task Force), Stephanie Barth (Reopening Task Force), Rick Thomas (staff), Andrew Seaborg, Sarah Schaettle, Matt Wentzel, Brent Marshall, Paul Bekx**

*The meeting began at 12:04 with a brief devotion from Sara (via Judy Johnson).*

*Sara asked if anyone can take notes, and Rick volunteered.*

### **Phase One/Phase Two**

*The first question asked is whether we can move into Phase Two. Rick says numbers in Dane County have dropped in the past week.*

*Paul F. asked whether we're using Dane County or Wisconsin as the basis for the numbers. Dane County is going down, but Wisconsin is not. We should clarify what we're using. Phase two is close, but we need to watch the Dane Co. numbers. We may have to go back to Phase One.*

*Matt seconds those sentiments. He thought we should wait and see what happens with the influx of students.*

*Paul B. says we should also keep an eye of surrounding counties is important.*

*Rick T. agrees with Paul, but we should focus on Dane County. It's quite different in a different part of the state.*

*Rick B. said if were going to focus on other counties, the key one would be Green, since there is a core group of members from that county. He doesn't think any other county is represented in our church.*

*Matt W. said he could forward MPD's policies to Rick.*

*Rick B. said he would bring a template to the next director's meeting.*

*Diane K. we may need to come up with a rubric to help us determine which numbers to follow.*

*Matt W. thinks we should stay in Phase One until Sept. 15.*

*Betsy also mentioned that schools opening could also change the numbers.*

### **Reopening Task Force – committee requests**

*Stephanie/Betsy asked procedurally how the COVID task force wanted to proceed with some of their recommendations.*

*Sara said the group is looking for things that are actionable.*

### **Holy Yoga**

*– they are asking for the classes in the Verona parking lot. One thing to consider is the director is over 65. They are looking permission to do this once they go into Phase Two. Betsy seems it's a great place to start based on the recommendations from the COVID task force. However, we are going to need to have a unified registration system. Stephanie said multiple small groups may also fall into this category.*

*Paul F. said Becky's plans seem to be well developed. However, members should be self-monitoring before they come. Positive tests don't happen immediately. People with allergies shouldn't go to Holy Yoga.*

*Paul B. asked whether people attending would have to do a temperature check?*

*Kristi said it would put a lot on Becky to have that responsibility. She also said the thermometers aren't perfect. Exercise can make your temperature up. I would say if you have a COVID test pending, they shouldn't show up.*

*Matt said we need to be clear and concise, but doing a temp. check is not intrusive.*

*Betsy: could it be as simple as a half sheet that people could fill out on their own.*

*Rick B. said we could do it electronically.*

*Stephanie said the process needs to be comprehensive and simple.*

*Paul said it has to be done at the time of the event.*

*Stephanie: could it be done as a printed document?*

*Sara: So, how do we feel about moving this forward?*

*Sarah: I'm ok with it but would like to have a message sent to them.*

*Paul asked whether participants are required to wear masks?*

*Sara said Becky has it for people coming in and leaving, but not when they're on the mat.*

*Sara said then we're OK with Holy Yoga plan, except changing the distance to 10' per person instead of 6', and self-monitoring. No one objected.*

*Kristi: could we make a video about the rules?*

*Rick B.: I think that's doable.*

### **Children's Ministry –**

*Betsy introduced the children's proposal. In phase 2, they'd like to see baptisms and in-person 3-5 grade gatherings. It's similar to the proposal from Holy Yoga in terms of numbers.*

*Sara asked how many 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders are enrolled in Sunday School? If it's 50, that's too much.*

*Betsy said she believed they would restrict numbers to limit it to >10.*

*Sara: some of the proposal talks about August. Isn't some of this irrelevant?*

*Sarah S. asked whether we could we do 30 kids, but in separate areas?*

*Paul F. said outside could be key.*

*Paul B. asked what would they do to social distance?*

*Matt W. – I see another nice spread sheet with different groups. I don't think we need to go group by group, I think we need a blanket statement for all groups.*

*Betsy – I agree. I think we will be looking at different parameters between adults and children. I think it can be uniform.*

### **Baptisms -**

*Betsy – there's a disagreement between documents on baptisms. One says >10. The other says >25. Will we treat baptism differently?*

*Diane K. – Baptisms would be different, because we're talking about family groups. We may be talking more about pods. That's pretty unique to baptisms.*

*Paul F. – that's a good point, but masks HAVE to be required.*

*Paul B. – the wording for baptism should talk about family unit.*

*Kristi – every pregnant woman going into the hospital is being COVID-tested. I think baptisms are relatively safe.*

## **Timing – Update on Procedures and Guidelines**

*Sara said she would like to be ready to go at 9/5.*

*Matt warned that Labor Day is later this year (9/7) and he thinks we should have a meeting the weekend after Labor Day.*

*Sara said that's fine, although it's been suggested noon Sunday isn't the best time to do it. She will send out a note with times.*

*Betsy asked what she is bringing back to the board? The group said the board couple approve some of these plans once we get those procedures in place.*

*Andrew said based on numbers, we can't do anything right now. I'm comfortable where we're at now.*

*Betsy said the point was to have the small groups in place.*

*Rick B. said he would put together a template of procedures and guidelines in time for the director's meeting on Wednesday. He would also get staff working on an online registration system. He would also build a spread sheet with all of the church's programming on it, and places to fill in plans for Phase Two and Phase Three. He would try and have a first draft done by the end of the week.*

*Paul B. – besides developing a reopening policy, we need to have an exit strategy, (i.e. what happens if numbers go back up?)*

*As for temp. checks, are we going to be faulting for doing it, no. Are we going to be faulted for not doing it? Potentially. So, given those options, we should probably do it.*

*Paul F. said what's missing is what happens if someone comes down with COVID-19 that attended a class. What's the policy in that case? That's the point of the registration. That has to be in the broader set of guidelines.*

*Kristi said we should check Public Health Madison/Dane County for guidelines.*

*Paul/Paul both said they would be happy to revise the first draft. However, Paul F. advised not to start from scratch, but use what you've got.*

*Sara closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 1:20.*

*Rick Blum (Clerk)*

