

Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing
Offices/Mailing Address: 1426 E. Michigan, Lansing MI
Sunday Service: The Fledge, 1300 Eureka St, Lansing (*suspended*)

Board of Trustees/Leadership Council
July 6, 2020 Special Meeting (via Zoom)
Minutes

Meeting opened at 6:36 pm

BOT Members Present: Dan Maynard (president), Nancy Cody (vice-president), Greg Edwards (treasurer), Christine Clements (secretary), Chris Janson

Present and non-voting: Reverend Sharon Ketchum

Absent: Lee Nelson and Claire Powers

Team leaders present: Teresa Mulford (OSAT), Jerry Podany (Admin), Jeff English (Celebration), Nan Podany (building revitalization)

Absent: Casey Miller (SGAD/Youth & Family)

Agenda: approved

Celebration Team Report: (Jeff English)

Discussed requirements/concerns related to holding in-person services

- 1) Multiple “stations” required to enter the service (sign-in, temp check, COVID questionnaire)
- 2) Service could feel “empty” – chairs/standing six feet apart, masks, no singing, no touching, likely a shorter service
- 3) Challenges include what to do if we have a specific capacity and we have more show up, what if someone answers “yes” to COVID questions or has a fever, what if someone refuses to wear a mask, what if someone sings? Could require “policing.”

Discussed resuming a “full” Sunday service with band, soloist, etc virtually; might prerecorded pre-recorded all at once or in parts; could be “live” - to be determined by Celebration Team

Roger Lotz recommends that we communicate clearly; create a video to show what it would be like if we resumed in-person services now. BOT agreed

Motion made by Chris Clements, seconded by Chris Janson: (unanimous approval)

A motion that we will not hold in-person Sunday Services, classes, meetings or groups before the end of 2020. Office hours will be by appointment only.

Decisions:

Issue a statement that will include our five criteria we'll use to determine when we can begin meeting in person again (adapted from UUBN):

- 1) Multiple weeks in reduction of infections
- 2) Adequate testing
- 3) Sufficient personal protective equipment available
- 4) Contact tracing programs in place throughout the country/state
- 5) A widely-available vaccine and/or effective treatment

Chris C will create a more thorough sign-in sheet, to include the COVID questions; may or may have questions on a separate form; forms will be retained until it's clear that they won't be needed for contact-tracing.

Will continue to search for a person to direct/record out Sunday services; Dan would like to sit in on interview.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm