

WORSHIP TEAM MINUTES

JUNE 29, 2020 7pm

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In attendance were Susan D'angelo, Bette Neumeyer, Dorris O'leary, Lou D'angelo and Susan Tilden
The meeting was opened with prayer by Susan D'angelo.

The first order of business was a report from Dorris on the Findings of the REALM project and the CDC as pertains to our needs.

The findings go as follows,

The **REALM Project; Reopening Archives, Libraries & Museums** is a research partnership between a group of organizations to distribute science based information and recommend practices designed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID19 to staff and visitors who are engaging in delivery or use of museum, library, churches (I.e.. Hymnals and bibles) and archival services. Results shown from their lab tests after 3 days of quarantine, the virus could not be detected on previously contaminated hard or soft covered books, or on paper inside the books. Therefore, a person touching a hymnal or bible will not contaminate it for the next weeks (2) use. The CDC cited a study in the LANCET a well-respected, peer reviewed, weekly medical journal. The LANCET is among one of the world's oldest and best known general medical publications. In the article published, it states that that no infectious virus could be recovered from any print or tissue paper after only a 3-*hour* incubation.

The CDC recommendation for opening workplace, school, businesses as well as churches is "if it has not been occupied for up to 7 days or more only a normal cleaning is required to re-open. COVID19 has not been shown to live longer than this time. Corona Virus on surfaces and objects naturally die within hours to days".

Dorris will continue her investigations with the focus on musical creativity and involvement.

Based on this information as well as other recommendations from the state, the team determined that we would open the church with these guidelines and protocols:

- Distancing will be required in the pews (6ft.) floors and pews will be marked
- Mandated masks for the time being (there will be masks available if there is a need and a section will be set up for people who cannot wear masks for medical reasons)
- No restroom availability (with emergency exceptions)
- A basket will be available in the back for offerings
- Gloves will be made available but not required
- Pew seating will be rotated on alternating (2) weeks
- Signs will be posted with reminders of protocols
- Middle aisle will be blocked off, outside entrance to the pews only. People sitting on the left will enter through the front left door, people wanting to sit on the right of the church will enter through the right door. Once inside there will no moving about the sanctuary. Participants will be expected to leave in the reverse manner.
- Hand sanitizer is available for use when entering and exiting the building
- Socializing outside the church is not allowed. Move directly to cars.
- There will be no Sunday School or Children's moment
- Tissues and Toys have been removed
- Communion will remain as bring your own supplies
- Pens, pencils and prayer slips have been removed from the pews as a precaution

The above precautions will be deleted or enhanced as more information becomes available and the team reserves the right to change this list at any time as new, updated information becomes available.

The Worship team agreed that our mission statement and goal reads, "LESS IS MORE".

From the information provided at this time the simple changes made hopefully will create a safe and healthy place to worship until we can slowly get back to "normal".

Minutes provided by Bette Neumeyer, Dorris O'Leary and Susan D'angelo