

## **New Song Council Meeting**

**March 23, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Holli Spangler. Present were Pastor Paul, Art Clayton, Larry Edsall, Doug Gab, Jessica Simo, Neal Husak, Holli Spangler, Lauren Thomas, Stephanie Wasano, and Melissa Williams.

Lauren Thomas opened with a devotional reading and prayer. Jessica Simo will lead the devotional for the April meeting.

### **Pastor Paul's Report:**

#### **Pastoral Acts**

Deaths: Alice Ackley-Survis; memorial service March 18. Chris Doepper, husband of Sandy Doepper

New members: None

Baptism: None

Births: None

Wedding: None

Upcoming sermon series include: "Resurrecting Community" in April and "I See You" in May. A display of our congregation's artistic talent may take place in the Community room in May.

The Contemporary and Traditional Worship teams have had their initial meetings. The Contemporary team wants to find ways to support our families attending the worship service.

As we prepare for Holy Week, the Stephen Ministers will assist with Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, about 20 people will be involved in a dramatic telling of the Passion narrative that will take place outside, utilizing the whole campus. At 7pm there will be the 7 Last Words, with a variety of reflections from within the congregation. All three Easter Sunday services will be held outside. Instead of the congregation bringing their own chairs to supplement our folding chairs, the council authorized renting 100 chairs. The plan is for the seating to be set up Saturday.

The Las Vegas Review Journal came to take pictures of the church for an article on Easter sunrise services.

#### **Grow (Connecting to One Another)**

Larry Edsall and I met to discuss small groups, and he will coordinate meetings with our small group leaders on a quarterly basis. We will meet monthly to discern potential new groups, with the goal is one new group each month. The check has been received from

the Synod for our small group grant. Larry is also planning to restart the men's group in April.

### **Serve (Connecting to Community)**

The Service team has had a couple of meetings, and they are planning a cleanup day in April. This will be on April 17 and will be an Earth Day project at Pittman Wash in Henderson. We will be picking up trash and then taking it to the dump for disposal.

### **Invite (Connecting to Community)**

The Easter Invite Campaign has been launched! 16,320 post cards are being sent to nearby neighborhoods and each of us has been given 5 cards to invite others to our Easter worship service. We have signs as well to advertise. The cost of the postcards and mailing was aided by a Thrivent gift.

### **Financial Report:**

Neal presented the end-of month financial report for February 2021. With a mixture of on-line and in-person services, our average attendance was still down when compared to last year due to continued concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus. Our monthly revenue from offerings was down 9% from last year, our year-to-date revenue was down 15%. Our February revenue was up 5% (\$2K) from our 2021 budget.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business.

### **Old Business:**

1. The council finalized the Committee Liaisons assignments.
2. The Facilities team has not received any responses to the RFPs out to see what the cost would be to remove the islands in the parking lot.
3. Pastor Paul informed the council that Hope Manley, one of the Academy's kindergarten teachers, has been hired as director. She will begin in the summer, with Jacqueline Anne serving as interim through the remainder of the school year.
4. Pastor Paul and Liz Baldizan have been in discussion with Three Square to provide grocery delivery for 50 families in the Henderson community. We would need 10-20 drivers that would rotate in delivering to the 50 families Wednesday, Thursday or Friday each week. The next step is the completion of a contract between New Song and Three Square. This might be a service opportunity for some of our small groups.
5. Pastor Paul completed all the mid-year reviews. Yearly reviews are done during the summer. The Personnel Committee, led by Sue Clark, will hold a meeting in April to review expectations for the year.

## **Liaison Reports:**

### **1. Evangelical:**

During the discussion about the Easter Invite Campaign, the council discussed developing a welcome packet for first time visitors. This could be used for the Easter services and in the future could be given out if an invitation postcard was brought to the church. Pastor Paul announced that we have larger business/post cards that could be placed in businesses to promote New Song.

Holli will communicate with Pastor Marta a week before the monthly council meeting. There will be a meeting after Easter for future neighborhood outreach.

### **2. Facilities:**

Doug completed a lighting survey/review with NV Energy.

The landscaping company has been busy removing or cutting back bushes. The facilities team has requested that the parking lot area be trimmed out before the Easter services are conducted. The landscapers have repaired water lines and valves along the street and continue to make repairs as they encounter issues.

There will be a meeting in May to develop a Campus Care team.

### **3. Music/AV:**

It was mentioned that there was an issue with the video projectors during services in March. No actions were discussed at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm, followed by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, at 6pm. The council confirmed that they will not meet in July.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Williams – Recording Secretary