

UCM Covid-19 Task Force Final Minutes
Thirty-first meeting 2/17/22

Present: Liz Benjamin, Scott Hess (facilitating), Judith Hinds (recording), Rev. Joan, Jen Matthews, Leslie Parr, Janet Poeton, Donia Prince, Peter Thoms.

Agenda:

- Changes to minutes of 2/3/22
- Changes to the agenda
- Feedback from Board, ET, congregation, other groups
- Choir update
- Sign-in sheet revisions
- AQP update
- Overarching set of Covid Safety Policies (ET)
- Reopening guidelines (Joan and Jen)
- Other business
- Review topics for next meeting
- Next meeting

1. Changes to Minutes

None.

2. Changes to the Agenda

We deleted the AQP update and will not normally have that as an agenda item going forward. We combined the policy and guidelines items into #7 below.

3. Feedback from Board, ET, Congregation, Other Groups

The ET received an email from a congregant expressing concerns about our long period of closure and questioning the wisdom of a testing requirement for attendance at services. We suggested some points for the ET to include in their response.

4. Choir Update

None.

5. Sign-in Sheet Revisions

Leslie and Jen worked on this. Emily will make copies of the new version for use in the building.

6 AQP Update

Eliminated.

7. Covid Safety Policies and Reopening Guidelines (combined two items)

We reviewed the Google Doc draft of "Covid Safety Policies" on-screen. These policies will be re-evaluated as time goes on and public health status changes. It's not yet clear how long (i.e. how far into Yellow and Green stages) we will need to continue some of the restrictions.

We recommend using age 5 as the threshold for requiring masks. We also recommend encouraging, but not requiring, heavier-duty, more expensive masks. We can offer masks for

people who don't have access to them. We also recommend – in the worship section – using absolute numbers of attendees rather than percentage of capacity.

Joan and Jen will continue wordsmithing the document. Donia will contribute language related to the choir.

8. Other Business

Joan advised us she plans to send out an all-church email regarding in-person worship before it is due to begin on March 6th.

9. Review Topics for Next Meeting

Not addressed.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday 3/3/22, 5:00 PM. However, we may add an extra meeting in the next few days to help Joan finalize some of the policy wording prior to the next ET meeting. She will let us know.