

UCM Covid-19 Task Force Final Minutes
Thirtieth meeting 2/3/22

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

Agenda:

- Changes to minutes of 1/20/22
- Changes to the agenda
- Feedback from Board, ET, congregation, other groups
- Choir update
- AQP protocols for construction company (appended)
- Sign-in sheet revisions
- In-person worship protocols and e-news submission for this week (appended)
- Overarching set of Covid Safety Policies
- Reopening guidelines (ref. Jen's revised draft sent by email)
 - review revised draft
 - mask specs
- TF communication through website
- Other business
- Review topics for next meeting
- Next meeting

1. Changes to Minutes

None.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

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

See item #7 below.

4. Choir Update

Since CovidActNow risk level has dropped from Severe to Extremely High, the choir will begin meeting again, starting this Saturday 2/5/22. They have new masks (3M V-flex 9105).

5. AQP Protocols for Construction Company

These were emailed to us with the agenda. Appended below. We approve.

6. Sign-in Sheet Revisions

Joan and Jen will continue to work on this after Joan's study leave this week.

7. In-person Worship Protocols

The ET has decided to move ahead with limited in-person worship beginning in March, contingent upon Covid risk level continuing to drop. Their announcement for this week's e-news was sent to us with the agenda and is appended below.

Joan drafted a set of protocols for Red, Orange, Yellow and Green risk stages, which we looked at on-screen. We discussed possibly referencing a percent of sanctuary capacity in addition to absolute number of attendees permitted. We recommend a statement somewhere in these protocols (and also in the Reopening Guidelines) that UCM “highly recommends” vaccination. Jen made notes on the document and will share them with Joan.

8. Overarching Set of Covid Safety Policies

The ET is working on these, currently focusing on vax/test protocols.

9. Reopening Guidelines

We looked at Jen’s revised draft document. We suggested some wording changes, which she noted. She will edit the document and recirculate it before our next meeting.

10. TF Communication through Website

Postponed. Needs clarification.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Review Topics for Next Meeting

Not addressed.

13. Next Meeting: Thursday 2/17/22, 5:00 PM.

Protocols from TMI (AQ construction company):

"With the COVID numbers where they are at, we are certainly are all impacted at this point. As a company we follow the most up to date CDC guidelines. Our people all know that they are not to report to work if they are not feeling well (and need to test to determine if they are COVID positive if they are not well). If an individual is positive they need to remain at home for the 5 days and be symptom free before their return to work. Our people are to mask, wash hands/sanitize, maintain proper social distance – and follow all of the ‘new normal’ social etiquette. The majority of the people in our company are fully vaccinated and boosted as well. We will certainly be in touch if someone on the site does test positive so that those in the building can be made aware (this is the expectation of the other job sites our people are on). I believe you will find our people to be extremely conscientious of keeping everyone safe. If you do have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out."

DRAFT Note for E-news Regarding in-person Attendance:

We have all been patiently waiting for the time when we can resume in-person worship on Sunday mornings. While the risks of gathering associated with the Covid pandemic continue, we do have more tools available to gather in a way that is relatively safe under the circumstances, even while we await completion of the Air Quality Project. The [Covid Task Force](#) has been working on revised Reopening Guidelines based on layers of safety mitigations appropriate to the Covid risk levels as determined by the public health collaborative, [Covid Act Now](#). The Executive Team is aiming to begin limited, in person attendance of Sunday morning services on **Sunday, March 6**, contingent upon the risk level at the time. There will be many layers of

safety mitigations in place, including limited attendance, masking, social distancing, and testing. If the [Covid risk level for Washington County](#) is still “Extremely High Risk,” we will postpone the worship reopening until the risk level has lowered to “Very High Risk” or lower. More details will be coming soon. Any questions in the meantime can be directed to the Executive Team, ucm.executiveteam@gmail.com.