

Hopkins Community Church

Consistory Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Members Present: Pastor Jon, Pastor Jim, Dick Boverhof, Sally Burgess, Kyle Hoffmaster, Dan Kisner, Curt Leep, Troy Clement, Joel Eding, Rich Huizinga, Eric Porter, Tyler VanderSyde.

Members Absent: Mike Maule

Opening Prayer: Pastor Jon

Devotions/ Meditation: 2 Corinthians 5:16 – 6:2 (read by Curt Leep and Jim Harrison)

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda made by Sally B; supported by Tyler V; no discussion, all in favor.

Approval of March 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept minutes made by Kyle H; supported by Rich H; all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Vision Implementation Update

- Review handout from Pastor Jon outlining progress made and goals yet to achieve.
- Kyle mentioned the need to have Consistory representation within the Vision Implementation Team, as this team is a tool for the Consistory's vision.

Ministry Fair and Ministry Team Leadership

- Scheduled for Sunday, April 25 following a shortened worship service.
- Offers opportunity for old and new members to co-mingle and for us to highlight the ministries of HCC.
- It will be straight-forward; the goal is to help people get connected to HCC.
- Mike Maule is working on creating a talent pool list; this is a great opportunity!
- Kathy will help out with the tech/ Church Center app during the fair for people who have questions

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Response Reflection and Continuing Action

- **Communion** - a request was made that we consider having "real" communion again. Discussion followed and after several options to consider, including acknowledging Covid precautions, it was decided that we would keep communion the same for the month of May and revisit for the June communion at the next meeting. Kathy will need to order more pre-filled communion cups as we are getting a bit low.
- **Outdoor worship** – suggestion and discussion about possibly looking at having outdoor services again. Pastor Jon is very willing to explore the option of doing this. Some ideas were presented and it was decided to table the options until the next meeting.

Russo's Alternative Church Option

viewing this as a potential ministry opportunity, not just due to Covid concerns. They were closed on Easter Sunday and are experiencing some staffing issues, so not sure what their Sunday hours might even be. We could potentially reach people who are just not comfortable coming in our doors (a ministry outreach option for HCC) but would not be opposed to seeing it livestreamed on one of the screens at Russo's. Pastor Jon requested that this be tabled for the time being as he seeks some input from other ministry colleagues who are involved in alternative ministry options and he will bring that information back to Consistory for further discussion.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Elders' Report

Deacon's Report

HCC Talent Pool List: Mike Maule was working on this but is not at tonight's meeting.

Sober House/ Rectify Request (Pastor Sarah): deacons will talk after tonight's meeting to determine how to proceed with the request received from Pastor Sarah. She is seeking assistance with funding and requested \$2,500 in support to put in the entry doors with a security system and some cameras.

Executive Team

Dick Boverhof reported that he and Rich Huizinga have met with all HCC staff (Kevin Dewey, Lisa Harms, Kathy Westendorp) and will now take information back for discussion with the Executive Team in full.

Finance Report

The March financial report was handed out and received by all Consistory members.

Search Team Report

Kyle Hoffmaster gave a brief update for Consistory on behalf of the Search Team. They are currently working on receiving information from applicants, setting up interviews and desire to have someone in place hopefully prior to fall. They are fully committed to a full, thorough examination and discernment process for this position. For the position of Worship Leader, there was just one applicant for the position and that person was Faith Reurink. The team has interviewed Faith and it was discussed to see this position begin as more of an intern capacity, working alongside Pastor Jon to start with. This looks slightly different than what the original goal was (to free up Pastor Jon from needing to lead worship) but given the situation, we would be mentoring Faith and working with her to develop her gifts toward future leadership either with HCC or as she moves on to college and possibly taking those gifts and experience with her to minister in another church. She would have clear job expectations and follow-up with her would take place frequently.

The Search Team would like to consider Faith for this position and is making a formal recommendation to the Consistory that HCC hire Faith for the position of Worship Intern. Following this recommendation, there was a time for questions and comments around the table.

Motion made by Joel Eding that HCC hires Faith per the Search Team's recommendation; Eric Porter supported the motion; all in favor.

Kyle stated that he would call Faith and present the offer to her with a starting date of May 1, 2021. Pastor Jon and Kathy will facilitate the necessary employment documentation pending Faith's acceptance of this position.

Worship Team

Jason V is currently working on setting up a training schedule for those who expressed interest.

Outreach Team

Blood drive is scheduled for May 11.

Hopkins Community Clean-up is scheduled for May 15.

4th of July involvement potential (falls on a Sunday, possible outdoor worship service potential exists)

Motion made to adjourn meeting: Rich H.

Motion supported: Sally B.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 7:54 PM

Next Meeting: May 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jim

Minutes submitted by Kathy Westendorp