

Outreach Team Meeting

September 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Keith at 7:10 PM by opening in prayer.

Pastor Keith shared his reservations regarding holding the “Back-to-Church” Sunday with luncheon on Sunday, September 12 as planned. In a conversation with Dean Hildebrand, our insurance man, he once again reiterated the need for the church to follow the most restrictive measures regarding covid, whether Federal or State. We’ve not received guidance from the State in months, but the CDC (Federal) is recommending that all (vaccinated and unvaccinated) wear masks while meeting indoors and that we continue to social distance. As a result we will require masks of everyone coming in and leaving the church. Once seated, because of the social distancing measure, we can take off our masks, but while milling around and fellowshiping afterwards masks must be worn, Pastor voiced his reservation in asking visitors to wear masks. Also, he is not sure if we will have a pianist for that Sunday. Woody and Becca Mumma have tested positive for COVID so they will probably still be in quarantine. Joe had said that he would try to make it that Sunday, but Lucille recently fell again. So, pastor was not sure he could count on either which leaves us with recorded hymns on CDs. Also he had been counting on the Stillwater Gospel Band to play special music and afterwards at our picnic, but they have bowed out due to COVID concerns. Pastor also voiced his concerns regarding having a picnic with food brought in by the congregation. At our Block Party-Regatta the food was prepared by two people with proper gloves or was prepackaged with minimal contact. Pastor wants the “Back-to-Church” Sunday to showcase our church, and felt that with all the obstacles facing us that we could not do so properly. Everyone in the group voiced their own concerns and weighed in on whether we should or should not hold this special event. It was decided among us that we would cancel the “Back-to-Church” Service and luncheon. Pastor will inform the congregation.

We discussed briefly the Fall Harvest Day festival that is tentatively planned for Saturday, October 16 from 10 AM to 1 PM. It was decided that we would wait until the next meeting to make final plans as it will give us time to assess the COVID situation. Numbers are rising in our area again—and will probably continue to rise through the fall months.

We scheduled our next Outreach Team Meeting for Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 PM.

Stanley closed the meeting in prayer at 7:50 PM.