

March 15, 2022 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Worship

- A motion was made by the Worship Team to relax the safety requirements currently in place at in-person worship, including opening all pews, making mask wearing voluntary, foregoing sign in (although attendance will still be taken), and opening windows and using fans when weather permits. In addition, the team proposed to add back in the sung seasonal responses to the order of worship, to continue to forego the Passing of the Peace, and to leave the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary. Consistory accepted, seconded and approved the motion.
- A motion was put forward to have the Elders serve communion in the pews beginning on Sunday, April 3. The motion was accepted, seconded, and approved by Consistory.

Communications – The Communications Team presented their final proposal for the new church sign. The proposal includes the main sign, which displays the church name, and two panels, which display the time of the service and the church website. The cost is \$4,150., and will be paid for with an anonymous donation. Consistory would like the option of adding a third panel. Consistory would also like a message of welcome added to the sign, i.e “Join Us in Worship” or ”Everyone is Welcome”. With the two exceptions noted above, Consistory accepted, seconded and approved the proposal for the new sign.

Faithfully Forward – Jeff reported that the date for the Blawenburg Community Festival has been set for June 4. A team is in place to plan the event. The Blawenburg Band will play and the Montgomery Fire Department # 2 will do food. A “Save the Date” flyer will soon be distributed.

Missions – We will be doing a clothing drive this spring to benefit the Trenton Rescue Mission. We will ask individuals to serve on a team to help plan and organize this event.

Hospitality – There will be an Easter egg hunt following the service on Easter Sunday. Refreshments will be served in fellowship hall in Cook Hall. Moving forward, refreshments will be served in fellowship hall following each Sunday service.

Additional/New Business

- Jeff reported that we have received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$10,000. The donor would like the money to be used to pay for the church sign (\$4,150), paint one of the foyers in the sanctuary (\$2,500), and help with the costs associated with the Blawenburg Community Festival (\$2,000). The balance will go into the SOS Fund. With gratitude and thanksgiving, Consistory accepted the donation.
- Status of the Partnership with Griggstown – The contract is up on July 31. There will be a joint meeting with both churches present later this month to discuss the future of the partnership.