

MINUTES FOR W&M MEETING

Tuesday April 18, 2023

1. ATTENDEES

Judy M, Pastor Fred, Lynn S, Kevin S, Jessie A, Sandy S, David B, Julie S, Joan Y
Excused: Sheri S, Katie S

2. GREETING & CHECK IN

Judy filled us in on a new resource group, "Nourish." Not open yet but will be located in Victory Gardens. Will provide meals-to-go; Farmers market and there will be Social Workers on Staff.

Jessie has been appointed president of her resident council at Care One in Parsippany. Congratulations "Madame President"

3. DEVOTIONS

Kevin read a poignant verse on "Peace"

4. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

- a. Worship Technology Training update – Meg McQuarrie continues her training with Katie by her side, almost ready for solo. David Bernauer will train next so Katie will have options for substitutes.
- b. Review of ACS hymnal and Liturgies – Continued to discuss trying 2 months of each liturgy we use during Pentecost, and we can fit in 3 liturgies instead of 2. Suggested Now the Feast and Celebration June/July; All Creation Sings(ACS) August/September; and possibly With One Voice(WOV) October/November. Will go through liturgies together at next meeting and decide.

5. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES

- a. Mid-Week Lenten – Good attendance at 4:30pm, better than when it used to be at 7:30 with numbers including choir members. Approx 18 per week.
- b. Holy Week – Heard good comments about services. Great having a choir for all services! Thank you to Kevin and to those who sang. Thank you to Julie for the beautiful organ music and fabulous preludes and postludes.
 - *Maundy Thursday*: Nice having Father Rod Perez-Vega assisting in the service and the Vicar and his wife visiting from Prince of Peace in Denville. Several members participated in Foot washing.
 - *Good Friday*: Thank you to Gordon Snyder for his musical offering on the piano. Andrew Lopez was great on the saxophone, interest expressed in having him back. Mentioned that no one revered the cross. In past years many have gone up. Possibly need to bring back the large cross next year.
- c. Easter – Music: Loved having the brass quartet. Brought up it would be nice to have brass alone as well as with hymns. Jeanine plays trumpet but not her primary instrument. Also, members don't have time in their schedules to attend multiple practices as would be required.

Flowers: had less this year, heard people thought they were expensive at \$20 when you can buy 3/\$15 at Shoprite. Also, some of the flowers were fully bloomed and needed to hold each other up. Next year we may want to consider another approach.

- Need to have someone take charge of flowers, to water them and remove them from sanctuary at the end of Easter celebration. This year Judy and Kathy watered them and removed them. Those unclaimed were planted outside by Gordon Snyder and Jaclyn.

Dreams for next year: Pastor would like to use a Tenebrae service. Kevin would like to see a service of the 7 last words.

6. COMING ATTRACTIONS

- a. May 14 (Mother's Day) New Member Sunday – Receiving two members: Donna Hopping and Nel Carter.
- b. May 28 (Memorial Day Weekend) Start of Pentecost – Could we have Brass?? Is a holiday weekend. Kevin will check.
- c. June 4 – Trinity Sunday/Faithful Journey Dream event. Kevin will look at putting a choir together.

7. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS

- a. Hymn Selection: June – Sheri; July – Sandy S/Jessie, August – Julie/Lynn
- b. Liturgy Change: June 1st NTFC (Now the Feast and Celebration) Setting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- c. Re-creation of Liturgical Décor Team – Who could be asked? Suggested: Maryann Medore, Beth Sickles, Nel Carter, Jeanine(?)
- d. Post Easter Worship Ideas – Taizé service/music from the monastic order in France. Strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.
- e. Summer Planning – Service outside? The place needs to have seating and ADA accessibility. Germania Park sold? - probably not an option. Other options: Mill Hill ballfield/pavilion – No bathrooms. Hedden Park? Combine service with Prince of Peace on their property? Combine with Holy Trinity? St John's? Also, discussed looking at cantors for summer.
- f. Energizer Sunday – September 10 – Discussed ideas. Need a theme. Jazz vocalist? Emily Lucas with choir background? Andrew Lopez on saxophone?

9. ROUND TABLE

Judy: New usher signed up – what is protocol? How is training done? Usher instructions need to be updated. Kathy and Judy will take care of that. Who can we pair usher with for training? Decided to ask Suzanne and Mike Capps.

Julie: Peragallo will be coming again to check the organ. There are some notes that are not working, could be a magnet problem.

Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: May 16 @ 7pm on Zoom