

MINUTES FOR W&M MEETING

Tuesday March 15, 2022

Roll Call: Judy M., Sheri S., Pastor Fred, Kevin S., Joan Y., Julie S., Katie S., Lynn S.

Excused: David B., Ken K., Jessie A., Sandy S.

1. DEVOTIONS – Lynn: Psalm 46:10 Be Still and Know That I am God

2. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES

- a. Mask optional as of 3/6: no feedback heard from congregation
- b. Detroit Folk Mass on 2/27: Good feedback! "We need to do this again!" Possibly for Epiphany?(shorter season – 3-5 Sundays) Suggested we do it sometime in summer to learn it.
- c. Ash Wed, Mar 2: 1pm – 13 attended; 7pm – 19 attended; 37 views online.(4 attended from St John's)
- d. First Lenten mid-week on 3/9: 4 at 7pm, 22 viewed at later time.

3. UPDATES - PROCEDURES & PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP (COVID-19)

- a. In Person worship suspended on 1/1/2022 due to extremely high and rapidly increasing rate of new infections. Returned to In Person on 2/13/2022
- b. Rate for Morris County was 12 on 3/10. Rate seems to be at a plateau for now. Flu rates increasing.

4. COMING ATTRACTIONS

- a. Lenten mid-week – to be prerecorded Dates are set for Weds 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, and 4/6 all at 7 pm.
- b. Palm Sunday 4/10: Palms ordered and will need to have volunteers to strip palms off "butts"
- c. Maundy Thursday, 4/14: no final hymn needed, continuation of service until Easter. Will be doing foot washing. Austin singing during foot washing.
- d. Good Friday, 4/15: No communion. Austin and Sandy Sheridan will sing a duet.
- e. Easter on April 17: Austin will be cantor. 4-piece brass arranged by Kevin. Flowers ordered(spring mix) – same price as last year, \$20.00. Discussion ensued regarding flowers and not having enough money coming in to pay for them. Should we only have flowers for special "high" Sundays? We could have no flowers or greens at Lent? Look into options. Lynn will get information from John(the treasurer) regarding true financial position on flowers and bring to next meeting.

5. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS

- a. Hymn Selection: Julie and Lynn finished April. Kevin will do May.
- b. Cantors or Special music: indicated during Easter week.
- c. Liturgy Change: change on Ash Wed 3/2 using Setting 1. Congregation having some difficulty with a couple parts i.e., Gospel Acclamation. Questioned whether we should change, but Julie felt if we change, we'll never learn it. Hopefully if we continue to sing it, we will learn the tune. Next change of liturgy will be Pentecost 6/5 to Setting 3.

6. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Baby Grand Piano, cart, and cover. Picked up 2/11; delivered 3/3; waiting for it to settle and be tuned. Will be tuned on 4/5. Discussed ideas to celebrate/dedicate new piano. 4-hand piano arrangement? Piano/organ arrangement? Recital? Concert pianist? i.e., John Girvin? Will be discussed further by small group involved in special music.
- b. Update from Media group and Katie re location of Command Center.
 - Cost of \$700-\$1,000 to install new plugs and move command center. We don't know yet the permanent place of the baby grand, so this decision should not be made yet.
 - Suggested moving Katie to back of church under round stained-glass window. Katie has concerns about communicating with Pastor and Julie from there.
 - Julie called Peragala about moving organ. He came to Trinity and said organ could be turned 90 degrees to place baby grand next to organ. Discussed taking out 1/2 choir pew and/or pew where acolyte sits? Take out entire choir space? Ongoing discussion. Peragala said actual moving of organ isn't difficult 15-20 min job
- c. Concern from Jessie regarding offering plate being left unattended after service on Sunday. Part of Altar Guild's job and Joan will reiterate to Altar Guild to take care of this first, immediately after service. Beverly often takes care of it, but she was away last Sunday. Offering plate used to be taken off altar by communion assistant and placed in sacristy safe. Now it is left on table with communion glasses.
- d. Kathy still having trouble getting lay helpers. Suggested going back to putting a poster sign-up on narthex door. Will try this again.
- e. Julie mentioned Austin may have senior recital at Trinity later this spring.

Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2022

2022 Next dates 5/17, 6/21, 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15. Dec TBD

PARKING LOT: Future invite to Tim Weingert? / Learn a new liturgy some day: WOV 4 or ELW 8 possible