

**Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dover NJ**

**February 18, 2020**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00

**Roll Call:** Sheri, Judy, Pastor Fred, Jessie, Sandy, Julie, Kevin, and Ken

**Excused:** Lynn, Barbara, Shelley, and David

**Devotions:** Sandy read from Richard Rohr.

In Lynn's absence, since there were no volunteers to be the temporary secretary, Judy and Sheri will switch off and on doing this job.

***Review and Discussion of Worship Times***

1. There were no visitors to our meeting.
  - a. We review the comments collected on 2/9 and 2/16. There were 19 responses.
  - b. Sheri provided statistics: Currently we have 215 active members. Of those members the average attendance is 67.
  - c. It was decided to stay with the current worship schedule with one service at 9:30. An article will be written by Ken for the newsletter addressing our decision. We will not revisit this issue unless a need arises.

***Calendar Items***

1. Ash Wednesday - February 26<sup>th</sup>:
  - Midday Service at 12 p at St. John's Episcopal
  - 7 pm Evening Service at TLC with St. John's
2. Changing to Setting 2 starting on Ash Wednesday.
3. Lent:
  - No Hymn of Praise during Lent
  - No flowers on the Altar. Green foliage or succulents in place of.
  - Decorating theme is "Tree of Life". New paraments made by Katie and Judy.
  - Lenten midweek services at 7 pm March 5 – April 2.
4. Easter flower signup/bulletin insert. Should start them 3/8 and the last day should be 3/29.
5. Pastor Fred shared good news that Victor's Florist is giving us the palms for Palm Sunday.
6. Stripping of the palms Friday April 3 at 1 pm if anyone is available to help.
7. Palm Sunday - April 5<sup>th</sup> :
  - No Passion.
  - Brass and Choir.
8. Maundy Thursday - April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:
  - Choir needs practice stripping altar and where to put items.
  - Pastor will attend choir practice on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ushers should be invited to attend so lighting can also be coordinated.
9. Good Friday - April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – The Choir will be singing from Seven Last Words.
10. Easter Vigil - April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Three other congregations are joining with us: Church of Our Savior and Episcopal Church, Denville, St. John's Episcopal Church, Dover, and First United Methodist Church, Dover. There will be 8 readers. No choir.
11. Easter Sunday - April 12 – One service at 9:30 am. Victor's is okay with flowers. Choir, brass and timpani.

***Follow up items***

1. Choir Scholarship Program update – Heather is no longer participating. Kevin is trying to enlist a bass.

2. Hymns for May will be Sheri and June will be David and Sandy (Pastor asked Sandy to partner with David). July will be Ken.
3. Jill Ryan has volunteered to be the new Altar Guild coordinator. Sheri will meet with Jill soon to review her position with her. Pastor Fred will also meet with Jill.

***New Business***

1. Several non-WM members have taken on WM task and we will send thank you notes.
  - o Sheri will send to Melanie Edwards and Bill E. for the cardboard removal.
2. It was brought to our attention that the speakers in the library and nursery no longer work. There is an upcoming sound system meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Sheri will contact Bruce Kleindienst who will be attending that meeting and ask him to see if anything can be done to get those speakers working. We feel that it is important to have worship audible in these two spaces.
3. Sheri received notification from Augsburg Fortress announcing the fall 2020 release of All Creation Sings, a supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship. We will get a preview book in May to review.

***Correspondence:*** None

***Sub-Committee Reports:*** None

***Parking Lot***

Learn new liturgy? WOV 4 or ELW 8?	Worship Recording/streaming	Organ Recital Series	Grand Piano
Decorating for Lent; 2/29	Consolidation of Christmas decorations	Permanent storage location for decorations	Fix the sound system. Speakers in Library and Nursery or 101 aren't working.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 17, 2020

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Fred