

Minutes - W&M MEETING

Tuesday August 22, 2023

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Kevin, Pastor Fred, Judy, Sheri, Jessie, David, Julie. Absent/Excused = Sandy, Lynn, Joan

2. GREETING & CHECK IN

3. DEVOTIONS

4. REVIEW OF OLD BUSINESS

- a. Worship Technology Training update : Meg is ready to run; David feels he needs another training session to get the finer points down.
- b. Liturgical Décor Update – fall ideas: Many wide ranging ideas were discussed but none achieved critical mass for implementation. Maybe some mums outside? A future idea (next time the lessons are all about bread week after week, 2024?) would be to bring in bread machines to the library so we could smell bread baking during service and/or have warm bread at communion. Maybe get some bread decorations.
- c. Traveling Worship update: lots of good feedback on our visits with Prince of Peace and St Andrews. Somewhat sad that TLC “outnumbered” P of P at their sanctuary but they were very welcoming. Several people from both P of P and St A were interested in our camera/video setup and Katie spent time with them explaining. Felt we did a good job of welcoming them and it was awesome that we had great special music both times. Noticed quite a few folks went upstairs and stayed to chat and visit. Should we think about doing something with them again? Yes, not sure what yet but P of P has expressed interest. Floated a few ideas around Reformation (luncheon??) and Advent possibilities.
- d. Organ repair update – has been completed and paid. It was a contact that needed minor repair.
- e. Announcements – assisting ministers have adjusted and it seems to be working.

5. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES

- a. Summer Worship – outstanding music and great services! Thanks to Julie, Sandy, Jessie, Joan, Austin, Gordon and others!!
- b. Traveling Church and Guests – covered above.
- c. Dinner Church – going very well. A steady 10-15 are attending each week with favorable reception. A suggestion has been made to continue this into the fall?? Pastor will ask the folks tomorrow night for their opinion. Maybe a once a month thing??

6. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS

- a. Hymn Selection – Sept: Joan/Pastor, October: Sheri Sauer, November: Sheri; December = Julie and Lynn (volunteered by Pastor!), January: David.
- b. Liturgy Change – to setting 3 on Energizer. Austin will be here to assist us that day. Many agreed that a return to a familiar setting is desirable after a summer of really cool but unusual liturgy. The next change would be at Advent when we could do any liturgy. [Recap from Sheri for the record: Summer of 2022 was Setting 3 plus Detroit Folk mass. Fall of 2022 was Setting 4 with some WOV 5 thrown in for Advent.

Christmas 2022 thru Ash weds 2023 was Setting 2. Then we used Setting 1 from 2/23/23 to Pentecost at end of May. Now the Feast was used Summer of 2023. Therefore, Setting 3 is the "next batter up" for this fall and Setting 4 would be up for Advent. Although really we can rearrange the order any way we wish. We also have the Marty Haugen Holden Evening service available if desired plus Settings 5 thru 10 in the ELW and Settings 11 and 12 in the new ACS hymnal.]

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fall Planning: choir is desirable, but unlikely to get anything together by Energizer. Can try for 9/17 maybe. Be sure to invite Nell (new member friend of Gordon's) Austin is going to do a solo on Energizer. Really should try something for Reformation.
- b. Advent and Christmas Dates, Times and Wow Factor: dates coming up are
 - i. 11/5 All Saints
 - ii. 11/26 Christ the King
 - iii. 12/3 First Advent (also annual meeting)
 - iv. 12/10 Second Advent – this would be a potential day to do something with another congregation??
 - v. SUNDAY 12/24 = Fourth Advent AND Christmas Eve – see below
 - vi. Monday 12/25 Christmas Day – one service at 9:30 am
 - vii. Sunday 12/31 Lessons and Carols; Pastor away?
- c. There was extensive discussion about Christmas Eve. There will be a "regular" service at 930 in the morning to celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. Based on last year's attendance, there is no reason to have more than one Christmas Eve service. Possible times were everything between 6 pm and 8 pm. LOL. It was decided to put a short survey in one of the October newsletters to see what time people want.
- d. Austin is already signed up for Christmas Eve. So we will have special music.
- e. Need to start thinking about decorations. Many people like the multiple trees and lights. Kevin will investigate the candelabras he likes to see if we could use them. Further thoughts needed!

8. ROUND TABLE

- a. Jessie suggested that maybe Reformation would be a good time to do something with other Lutheran congregations?
- b. Julie – it has been a joy to play such a wonderful instrument (the grand piano) this summer. She's had numerous people comment on how nice it is to hear piano – and an equal number mention they miss the organ!
- c. Judy mentioned a concern about "problems we don't notice" because they are too familiar to us. It makes a poor first impression when the entry way in particular is "shabby." There are cracked tiles in the floor and often the chair is left in the entry on Saturday and not put back into the closet after lunch is served. If we want to be a welcoming congregation, we need to pay a bit more attention to our appearance.
- d. On a similar note, kudos to Gordon and Jacqueline for their great work in our gardens! And also to Reuben for general outdoor cleanup/ pickups and to the Faith Kitchen client for leaf blowing.

Next meeting: Sept 19 @7pm via Zoom