

Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dover NJ

MAR 19, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

Roll Call: Sheri Sauer, Pastor Fred, Judy Miller, Jessie Andrews, Shelley Svoboda, Sandy Sheridan, Julie Sauder, Kevin Seidel, Lynn Sienkiewicz Excused: David Bernauer, Barbara Terreri

Devotions –Sheri: Question: “Where do you find musical chairs in the Bible?” Answer: Daniel 3 - in the story of Nebuchadnezzar and his command to bow down to his golden statue when one hears the instrumental music or be thrown in the fiery furnace. (ok Sheri ☺) As the story continues Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were not burned by the fire and changed Nebuchadnezzar to believe and worship the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

Round Table

Anyone on the team, please identify topics to be added to the agenda. They will not be discussed at this point but added in at the appropriate spot on the agenda.

- ? redesign of narthex in newsletter.
- Choir noisy prior to worship
- Action teams
- W&M website
- Easter Coffee hour
- Assisting ministers

Review of Old Business:

1. Lack of hot water in sacristy: Turns out there are two hot water heaters in the church. One in basement and one at end of hall by Pastor’s office. Gas water heater in basement was 20 years old and recommended by plumber to replace. That was done and voila – we now have hot water to sanitize communion cups in sacristy! Electric hot water heater at end of hall. Only set at 100 degrees F – temp needs to be turned up to properly sanitize dishes. No need for Instahot at this time.
2. Review of recent changes:
 - Feedback on Setting 2; Singing the Psalm refrain: No feedback but seems to be going well.
 - Feedback Ash Weds: Feedback was positive, people seemed to like service. Email received from one member asking why no mid-day Ash Wednesday service? Hasn’t been one in a few years. Ashes are given out in Faith Kitchen mid-day so. Judy will email member back and make suggestion if they would like to receive ashes mid-day they may receive them upstairs.
 - Feedback Evening Vespers?: No feedback yet – will table for later.
3. Annual Planning Guide
 - a. March - bulletin inserts, stripping of palms – 4/12; covered last month and under control
 - b. April - finalize worship plans for Holy Week. 85% plans complete.
 - 7pm Easter Vigil – need readers for 8 readings. 2-3 persons in W&M volunteered. Will have signup in narthex to fill additional spots.
 - Pastor requests coffee hour for Easter. No Easter breakfast – no one interested in working it. Decided it would be nice to have a nicer “jacked up” coffee hour on Easter in CLC. Ask Donna Johnson to organize.

c. May

- 5/12 (Mother's Day): L4G requests Hymn 641 "All are Welcome" as it goes with their project.
- 5/26: Summer worship will begin May 26 (Memorial Day weekend) with one service at 9:30am and go through September 8 (Energizer Sunday). Last year summer worship was 9:15am to counteract any complaints from either service. Makes more sense to have it on the half hour so decided to change to 9:30am

d. June

- 6/2: Congregational meeting
- 6/9: Pentecost – 2 confirmands and 1 new member to be received.
- 6/23: Graduate Sunday

Table the Hymn of the month, for summer; and midweek dinner church until after Easter.

4. Desert Garden/ Decorating Team – No feedback received. Continues to change as Lent progresses.
5. Hymns– April $\frac{3}{4}$ is complete; Jessie has May; David has June. Table further planning until May

New Business

1. Purchase of Steamer/Ironing board requested by decorating committee for banners, etc. Approved to take monies from Worship and Music budget.

Round Table Discussion

- ? Narthex redesign: in council capsule in March newsletter it was mentioned under goals that there needs to be more direction on where to enter the sanctuary once inside the building. This is for future Capital Improvement.
- Choir noisy prior to worship: Kevin will remind choir and educate outside singers and musicians that the purpose of church choir and musicians are as part of leading worship and not as performers. Need to set an example for the rest of the congregation.
- Action Teams: Need to connect ideas with action team funds. Discussion that action team funds are being used inappropriately to supplement our budget. Action team fund management is everyone's concern but will become a permanent Council agenda item and not the responsibility of the Worship and Music committee.
 - Shelley announced she provided dog food and supplies to the Randolph Pound in honor and memory of her brother, Matthew, using a \$250.00 action team. 🍷👍
- W&M Website: David Bernauer is responsible for W&M page. Need to tell him to put mid-week Lenten vesper services on Website as well as Holy week service schedule ASAP.
 - There was additional discussion as to members lack of knowledge as to who to contact to add something to website and who is the gatekeeper for approval of what goes on website. This was decided that it isn't W&M responsibility and needs to be decided by council as to who should screen content and decide which page information goes on. Also, the need for a technical person.

- Assisting Ministers: Much discussion of who should be assigning assisting ministers. Too difficult to add to Sheri's usher/reader/greeter schedule. We don't have enough for both services all the time.
 - Sub Problem with usher/reader/greeters as well as assisting ministers – people in the past were responsible to get their own replacement if they couldn't fulfill their duty. Kathy has spoiled members by getting their replacements for them. Something needs to change and suggested that we research how other churches handle the scheduling of these worship leaders and discuss this at a future meeting. Possibility of teams and team leaders? Letting people know farther in advance? Rotating schedule? Please try to speak with people from other churches for future discussion.
 - May not be as much of a problem in near future as Pastor foresees possibility going to one service year-round?
 - Sheri will have a poster made up for now so members can sign up for worship leader needs.
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Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 @7PM (No meeting in April)