

MINUTES - WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

In attendance: Gordon, Pastor Fred, Sandy, Sheri, Julie, David, Kevin

Excused: Lynn, Joan, Carol, Jessie

1. DEVOTIONS – Sandy facilitated an extensive discussion on relationships – between us and God and between others emphasizing that our God loves everybody including unpopular figures like Putin. She wrapped up the discussion with some quotes from music written by Christina Rossetti (In the Bleak Midwinter ELW 294) and The Lowest Place (an anthem the choir did years ago.). Thank you Sandy for the challenging thoughts!

2. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES

a. ELW – Setting 6 Are we Loving it, surviving it, struggling with it? – Yes, all of the above! Overall the congregation does better with this different liturgy when we have a strong cantor or lead singer to help us along. Definitely improving over time. Those who don't read music well are having particular difficulties with the syncopated rhythms. Next time we use it, we can do a better job teaching it. One suggestion that could help a lot is including marks in the bulletin to show where to breathe – this could help the less musical figure out the rhythms. Most of the WM team likes this liturgy but agrees it is challenging. Sept 8 will be the last Sunday we use this setting.

b. Bread themed Liturgy – Kudos, Kevin, on the alter display! Many positive comments including some from those who watch online noticing how cool it is!!

3. COMING ATTRACTIONS

a. Energizer Sunday, Sept. 15: The Festival of the Church Year. Gordon will resend the email with the hymns selected but the plans are complete. Talk to Pastor if the WM team would like an advance copy of the order of service; otherwise, let yourself be pleasantly surprised on the 15th! Kevin has 2 Choir anthems that could be done but both require additional singers. He's trying to get in touch with Austen to see if available.

b. Next change of Liturgical setting: Sept. 22, ELW 4

c. Louise Olshan and her bell ringers on Aug. 25. W&M Committee providing coffee hour.

d. Discussion about Agape participation on January 26, 2025. Gordon will write a newsletter article as the time gets closer. Plenty of time to discuss in future months so think up your questions for next meeting!

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Hymn selection volunteer for October? Thankyou Julie and Lynn for September picks. Joan and Pastor will pick October. Sheri volunteered to do November. Julie will do December with Lynn. Yay!!

5. ROUND TABLE, NEW BUSINESS

a. W&M 2025 budget discussion (W&M portion of Mission Plan is on page 2). Gordon and David will be attending a Finance meeting on Thursday and will get more information. A few questions were raised about the actual expenditures – it seems we have spent money on Musicians this year but the actual is shown as Zero?? Also, how could we have spent \$1600 on Worship Materials already? What sorts of things go into these categories? Very confusing. Sheri again stated that Flowers should be separate or at least reflect the “match” of the income/donations received towards flowers. And is it possible that Musicians have been paid from the separate Musician's Fund (part of Designated Accounts) rather than from WM? Does it make sense to have 2 different places for the same expenditure?

b. Open discussion - Kevin put out some ideas for a water feature; discussion about when in the lessons this might be most appropriate? Pastor and Kevin will kick it around.

6. CLOSING PRAYER - All

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2024, 7pm via Zoom

PS. Minutes prepared by Sheri. And last word – Still receiving NUMEROUS comments on how cool the music has been all summer long. BIG APPRECIATION to Julie for setting up so many different people and types of music!!!

Worship & Music Budget/Expenses				
	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Budget	Expenses	Budget	Expenses(Jan-July)
Worship Material	\$850.00	\$1,759.68	\$850.00	\$1,639.55
Music	\$0.00	\$47.99	\$0.00	\$60.95
Musicians	\$1,000.00	\$650.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Maintenance-Worship	\$1,320.00	\$325.00	\$1,000.00	\$175.00
Off-Site Service	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other-Worship	\$400.00	\$502.47	\$400.00	\$353.29
Flowers	\$3,000.00	\$2,722.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,050.00
	\$6570.00	\$6007.14	\$6250.00	\$3278.79

	2023	2024	2025
	Mission Plan	Mission Plan	Mission Plan
Worship & Music			
Worship Materials	850	850	850
Music	0	0	0
Musicians	1,000	1,000	1,000
Maintenance	1,320	1,000	1,000
Off-Site Service	0	0	0
Other	400	400	400
Flowers	3,000	3,000	3,000
	6,570	6,250	6,250