MINUTES FOR W&M MEETING Tuesday Sept 20, 2022

- 1. ATTENDANCE: Judy M, Sheri S, Katie S, Lynn S, Kevin S, Sandy S, Pastor Fred, David B, Joan Y, Julie S
- 2. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES
 - a. <u>Feedback</u>: Cantor Emily wonderful beautiful voice! No need for Thank you note as she is paid.
- 3. UPDATES PROCEDURES & PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP (COVID-19)
 - a. <u>New rules effective 8/12/22</u>. Still suggesting folks who need to should mask up when entering.
 - b. <u>Covid risk level</u>: NJ in low risk for now.(back to medium by end of week) Morris County is still in low risk. "Pandemic is over" by President Biden Does not change things or how the virus is moving through the population.
- 4. COMING ATTRACTIONS
 - a. <u>Reformation is October 30</u>: Hoping for brass. Kevin thinking about trying to organize a choir.
 - b. All Saints is November 6
 - c. Christ the King is November 20
 - d. First Sunday of Advent is November 27: Sunday after Thanksgiving.
 - e. <u>Dec 4 Congregational meeting</u>
 - f. <u>Decorating for Christmas</u>: Want poinsettias definitely red. Kevin volunteered at the last meeting to coordinate the decorating: will need assistance.
- 5. OTHER RECURRING BUSINESS
 - a. <u>Advent mid-week services</u>: will be on-line only. Can be recorded ahead of time. No need to plan a Blue Christmas service. Kevin brought up suggestion to make service on Zoom instead of "canned". Julie could record music ahead of time. Set up as Tripity gathering together as a family. With Zoon

record music ahead of time. Set up as Trinity gathering together as a family. With Zoom there could be interaction, possibly pre-coffee klatch discussion? Will continue to plan how to do this.

b. <u>Parament changes</u>: green until 10/30 when Judy and Sheri will do the change to the red banners and paraments. Need White for 11/6, green for 11/13 and white for 11/20. Then switch everything to Blue for 11/27 Advent (including the big blue angels in rear of church.).

Altar Guild: Lorna new to altar guild and she did great. Oct: Judy M and Jody S; Nov: Donna J

- c. <u>Hymn Selection</u>: Oct was done by Kevin; Pastor Fred will do Nov; Julie and Lynn will do Dec.
- d. <u>Cantors or Special Music</u>: Julie has secured Emily, Austin and Justin for Christmas Eve.
- e. <u>Christmas Eve Services</u>: Saturday, 12/24 6pm and 10pm. Only record 6pm service. Christmas Day: 9:30am service. Sunday, Jan 1 Lessons and Carols with no communion as Pastor would like to take off. No choir Christmas Eve as Kevin out of town.
- f. <u>Liturgy Change</u>: Currently in setting 4 until Advent. Then Blue Hymnal WOV setting 5. Will print Liturgy vs using blue hymnals. At Christmas will go to setting 2 from red hymnal.

- g. <u>Plan to turn organ</u>: Perigalo has been at Trinity and plan to turn organ so Julie faces congregation.
- <u>Piano dedication</u>: Probably will be done during a Sunday service Dec 4.Julie would like to have some members of congregation play some pieces, possibly duets or solos.
 Spoke with Gordon, Sandy and Joan who have agreed. Kevin and Lynn not so much.
- i. <u>Update from Media group</u>: Command Center and Katie relocated to back of church. Some talking noticed without signs. Congregation may need reminder for silence when Julie starts playing and to wait until she stops playing to exit church.

6. ROUND TABLE/NEW BUSINESS

- a. Julie: Christmas decorations? Dec 18 with coffee hour social and decorating.
- b. Joan: Was asked if altar guild needs anything. Chalice? Big ticket item: \$1000? May be members who want to donate towards.
- c. Kevin: Choral Scholarship Fund almost depleted (\$100.00) as it was used during pandemic to pay for student cantors. Original Funds (\$5000) from Peter Goddard trust. Additional \$74,000 left, but not designated to a specific use.

- Kevin to present to Council for additional funds. The choral scholarship fund has changed over the past 2 years.

Julie pointed out that previous cantors have gone on to have jobs in churches and the sacred music is not taught in college programs, but they have received introduction/education here at Trinity.

- Would like to find a creative way for people to donate to music. All money for music to come from donations. Music funding taken out of Budget as it wasn't used.

Next meeting scheduled for October 18

2022 Next dates 11/15. Dec TBD

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