

W&M MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

In attendance: Gordon, Pastor Fred, Sheri, Julie, Jessie, David, Carol

Excused: Kevin, Sandy, Joan, Lynn. (minutes by SLS)

1. OPENING DEVOTION – Pastor Fred read part of Acts 1 and we discussed the section where Mattias is chosen to replace Judas as one of the Twelve.

2. DISCUSSION

- a. Are there any issues since the April meeting that need comment/discussion? None noted.
- b. Topic left hanging at April meeting: 2025 Lenten midweek activity. The mid-week Zoom/YouTube prayer service seemed to have support. Any additional thoughts, suggestions? This item was tabled until after Christmas; plenty of time to decide in the new year.

3. UPCOMING SERVICES

a. Use of Setting 1 starts May 19. Is Austin available? The change to Setting 1 will be delayed until May 26 since Pentecost is still part of the Easter season. We will continue with Setting 2 on Pentecost and then switch to Setting 1 the following week. Austin is not available but the congregation should not have any trouble with Setting 1 as we have used it many times.

b. Switching to another Setting on July 21. At the last meeting it was suggested we use one of the settings from the new ACS hymnal. Is there a recommendation for which one? Kevin and Sandy suggested we look at the ELW setting 6. Pastor and Julie took a look at it and agree it is different and worth a try. Most likely this will be best on the piano. The plan is to start this setting on July 21 which will give us 8 Sundays to try it out. Julie will see if she can find a cantor; another idea would be for Kevin or Sandy to play it for some choir members after church on the 14th so we can get a sneak peek.

c. It was suggested that various members bake bread for communion use. Is this realistic? Have we polled members to see who is willing to bake bread? The reason behind this is that there are 5 lessons in a row with a Bread theme in the B cycle of liturgy. The dates for these lessons are from July 28 thru Aug 25. Pastor was confident we could find 5 bakers – he will put in a newsletter article. Carol volunteered to do one of the weeks!

d. Hymn selection for June: GLS would like to participate (as in learn how to do it) in June hymn selection with Kevin if logistically possible. Done; they have a plan! July hymns will be picked by Pastor Fred and he will get help from Joan. David volunteered to pick August. Sheri suggested that once we go to Setting 6 and are using piano, it might be a good time to choose those hymns that sound better on piano if appropriate. There are a handful that don't work as well on the organ.

e. Energizer Sunday – September 15. We will also switch to another setting on that date. Any updates on Energizer Sunday? A copy of a bulletin for a "Service of Seasons" (sent by Jill Ryan from her church in NC) was shared via email. All were in favor of trying it on 9/15. Gordon, Julie and Pastor will meet to figure out how to customize it for our purposes.

f. Last summer we had a goal of "something special" each Sunday – we didn't get to 100% but we were successful in getting a LOT of special music! Pastor thinks it made a big difference getting

people to attend – can we try again to find extra events? Julie has a long list of “possible” including a duet by Ken and Charlene, piano from Gordon, Joan, and Sandy, duet with Sandy and Jessie, Chris from Dover, Doug, Justin, Robin, Barbara and others on her list! She will work on this after her recital (May 19). [Additionally, after the meeting Sheri received an offer from Louise Olshan to bring her “ringers” to TLC and play after a service. Louise borrows the bells from Trinity on occasion. Dates offered were 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, or 8/25 and she suggests a program of 4 pieces that would run from 11:00 to 11:30 (approx.). Suggest that Julie and Pastor discuss and coordinate a date with Louise???

4. OTHER EVENTS

a. Summer Dinner Church – probable start up in July. Pastor Fred and Lynn S. to plan. Further comments/suggestions? Lynn had spoken to Charlotte’s Web and determined that they couldn’t handle a group on Weds. Pastor Fred spoke to Table 42 and to OneEleven and both of those places would be happy to have us. Both have a room and OneEleven offered to do a special menu if we want. After discussion, the plan is to go to Table 42 on 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31. Then we will use OneEleven on 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, and 8/28. Pastor Fred will notify both restaurants. At the next meeting we should nominate someone to put in a newsletter article.

b. Any other business? Reminder that Gordon and Jacqueline’s photos from their trip to Holland will be shown in the narthex this Sunday during the coffee hour!

5. CLOSING PRAYER – all.

NEXT MEETING DATES: JUNE 18 JULY 16 AUG 20