

Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church

May 7, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order: 7pm

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

Devotions: Led by Judy Miller, based on Psalm 23 and Psalm 121.

Round Table:

- Signups for worship leaders.
- Need for Fair linen for altar
- Large print worship materials
- Proposal for Peter Goddard memorial fund

Review of Old Business:

1. Hymns: May – Jessie
June – David
July – Lynn/Julie
August – Sheri
September – Sandy
2. Decorating Team:
 - Positive feedback of desert garden underneath altar.
 - Some negative feedback of ALL tulips for Easter flowers for various reasons.
 - Discussed feedback on lack of bunting over cross and no crown of thorns for Holy Week. This has been missing the last couple of years. Very difficult to get bunting and crown on cross, antiquated pulley system. Too difficult with ladder. Possibility of having an additional cross at front that bunting could be hung on. Also, possibility of three crosses at front of church, for Holy week? Tabled until Winter.
 - Discussed paintings on glass panels at back of church. They were a good start. Too delicate and writing too thin to attract the attention we were hoping for. Done by Aurora Sickles with an Action Team. Learned from trying it. Positive feedback to try again! Kevin has a contact at The Kubert Art School “behind us” in Dover, who he has used at Arbor Terrace. Questioned whether we could have paintings for Trinity Sunday on June 16. Need to check on cost of student to paint, Pastor will research this.
 - a) Positive feedback of “Kindness Rocks”. Now placed outside on the side of church in the flower garden – great place as anyone can pick one up and pass it on.
 - b) Steamer was purchased for altar paraments - \$64.49. Works great! Still need to purchase ironing board and that will be hung on back of door leading into sacristy.
3. Review of Holy Week Services:

- Positive and negative feedback on various services.
 - Good music!
- a) Maundy Thursday – Not as many people participated in foot-washing this year. Stripping of altar needs to be more organized, had visitors singing in choir that weren't given heads up beforehand. Needs to be done at a slower, more reverent pace. Suggestion to walk the articles back down the center aisle to CLC as in years past.
 - b) Good Friday – Feedback was that service was long with many long pauses. Service “dry, almost boring.” Pastor Fred expressed desire to try something different next year. Triplicate service for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil done last 2 years.
- Also discussed need for choir to practice going to communion and filing back in to choir loft as not to block hallway and to make it look smoother. Not just for Holy Week, but year-round. Kevin will address this with choir.
4. Annual Planning Guide:
- a) Summer Worship – begins May 26 at 9:30am. One service!
 - b) Hymn of the month – for July and August. After some discussion decided to skip this year.
 - c) Midweek Dinner Church – Decided to try again. *Wednesdays at 6pm* Tired of The Barn menu and going to same place every week. Too confusing to go to different place each week so decided to try one place for July and one place for August. Last year we had approx. 15 members and friends per week.
 - Lynn will investigate Theodora's in Wharton for July.
 - Kevin will look at Corner Bistro in Randolph for August.
 - Pastor suggested we go to cash only and he will take care of the bill at end of the night. This way everyone can pay what they are able to pay for their meal and if any member feels they cannot afford their meal, Pastor can discretely take the balance from Pastor's discretionary fund. Hopefully, this will allow for all members to join us on Wednesday night without financial status being a factor.
 - d) June 2 at 9:30am – Congregational Meeting
 - e) June 9 – Pentecost. 2 youth being confirmed and 1 new adult member. Austin from Roxbury High will be singing two solos.
 - f) June 16 – Music Sunday(Father's Day) – Choir sings
 - g) June 23 – Graduate Sunday
 - h) September 8 – Energizer Sunday - still need a theme, open to ideas!
5. Thrivent Action Team Funds – looking for ways members can put their action team allowances to good use.

New Business:

1. Signups for Worship Leaders

- Sandy talked about suggestions from Richie and Rebecca's church.
 - Personally call and invite people to serve, especially people who have not signed up in the past.
 - Devising a 1-year draft schedule
 - Ushers 1 month at a time. Let ushers tell each other if they cannot serve.
 - "Sign up Genius" online service.
 - Lynn spoke with sister about the same. Their ushers are also on a monthly schedule, but they know which months they will serve for a year. They too let each other know if they cannot serve.
 - Sheri said she is trying a signup sheet for worship leaders for the time being. Sheri has put up a poster board signup in the narthex for ushers, greeters, readers, opening/closing church, assisting ministers, acolytes, coffee hour setup/cleanup.
 - Announcements will be done, and Sheri will write a newsletter article.
 - Try this signup method for the summer and see how it works.
2. Need for new Fair linen – Pastor expressed need for new Fair linen as one of them is barely long enough to hang over the edge of either side of altar. Should be 2/3 to floor on each side. Sheri will research cost.
 3. Large Print worship materials, Bulletins and Hymnal?
 - Discussed whether there is a need and how do we know if there is a need.
 - It would be possible for Kathy to print out 2-4 copies a week and they could be placed in binders, but is it a good use of time and resources if we haven't seen the need?
 - Pastor suggested we wait and if someone asks, they could have the binder that the assistant minister uses and he would share his.
 4. Peter Goddard Fund Proposal
 - Peter bequeathed \$79,000 to TLC. Proposed to put \$20,000 aside for a Choral Scholars endowment.
 - \$4,000 a year would be used to give a small stipend to accomplished choral students from Roxbury High School to sing with the TLC choir on a fixed schedule. They would attend weekly choir practices and sing on scheduled Sundays with the choir.
 - The music teachers at Roxbury High School would select one student from each section of soprano, alto, tenor and bass. These students may also get the opportunity to advance their talents singing solos and directing, too, as Kevin recognizes potential and ability.
 - These students may also be considered for music scholarships at Trinity, in the near future, as our own youth membership has declined significantly.
 5. Julie would still like to have a grand piano if we could find one in good condition for a reasonable price.
 6. Still loud on Sunday mornings during 1st prelude!
 - Suggest keeping doors to narthex closed so people recognize that they are entering a different space.

- Ushers need to continue to remind people.
- Individuals need to remind each other as well if someone tries to strike up a conversation.
- May be a difficult line for people seeing the difference between reverence and having an unfriendly atmosphere.

7. Meaning of Receiving Bread and Wine

- Pastor Fred brought up concern that some members have lost sight of the meaning in receiving the bread and wine.
- He has worked with the confirmands to understand that we receive the sacrament with joy while at the same time with reverence. That the sacrament is precious and holy.
- Pastor does take ownership of possibly making a “party-like” atmosphere at Easter Vigil as well as his relaxed lighthearted demeanor may give some parishioners the wrong impression.
- He’s afraid the reference has been lost, not just of communion, but conduct in church. “People would not behave like they do at a concert or Broadway Play?” The jury is still out on this, but the point is well taken. Stay tuned... for a sermon coming to your neighborhood soon?

Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2019 @ 7pm