

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1. OPENING DEVOTIONS – G. Snyder

Some thoughts on the necessity of music in worship and insights from Martin and Paul: We talk a lot about music in worship. Martin Luther referred to it as a heavenly dance and a marvelous creation of God. Music is mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible. Paul states in Eph 5:19 that we should speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Giving thanks to God.

2. FEEDBACK FROM RECENT SUNDAY SERVICES

a. Bells on Aug 25: Kudos to Louise Olshan and her bell ringers and thanks to the TLC members who participated. Discussed possibly inviting Louise back to direct some TLC bell ringers in the future? Members commented that they enjoyed the bells.

b. Conclusion of bread themed liturgy: Kudos to Kevin and Jody Seidel for organizing and designing display in front of altar and setting up bread machine. Comments from members watching on YouTube that the display is great, as much of their focus is on the altar.

c. Energizer Sunday – Sept 15th, Festival of the Church Year: Very positive feedback to Julie and Pastor. Julie and Kevin, the choir and music was fabulous! Thank you for all your hard work.

- Members found the Seasons of the Year Format informative and interesting to be able to see the connections between different seasons. People understood the church year better: the 1st half of the year showing the Life of Jesus and the 2nd half of the year showing us what we are supposed to do to carry on Jesus' life and what we have learned.

- Even guest singers found it interesting and helpful to see the connections for the church year.

- Jill Ryan who recommended the Festival of the Church year, watched it on YouTube and gave kudos to the way it was carried out as well as to the choir and other music.

- Sandy Sheridan brought up how the visuals were very effective, i.e. Pastor's stole changes and the various paraments representing the church year.

- Pastor states his colleagues at Cluster meeting were excited and interested in Pastor sending them the information.

- Kevin brought up, "How do we keep the energy going?"

- Sandy would like to have us do a real Gospel Service

- Carol suggested doing something in Nov to express our gratitude in different ways

- Brought up we could have a month of Gratitude.

- At Bishop's convocation Pastor stated that the Bishop talked about ways to participate in the offering portion of the service as a way of gratitude. Possibly writing a thank you to someone or writing what we have to be thankful for. Discussion to continue on ways to carry out a month of gratitude.

3. COMING ATTRACTIONS

a. Liturgy: ELW Setting 4 starts Sunday, September 22. No cantor needed, most people know this setting.

- Advent – start over with setting 1 until Epiphany, Setting 2 from Ash Wednesday through Lent.
- People were unhappy with setting six. They got used to it and change is good, even if people don't like it. Gets one to think in a different way and hear things differently.
- b. Germania Park picnic – Sunday, September 29, 12 pm. It will be Prince of Peace, St Andrews, Holy Trinity and us. Will need 100 people – we have the count.
- c. Midweek Thanksgiving service???: on Tuesday, Nov 26? Has already been discussed with Father Rod at St John's Episcopal church. the Methodist Church on Rt 46 may want to participate. New minister at Methodist church. (On a side note: the Methodist church on Blackwell is now worshipping with the church on 46, as the Blackwell one will be closing. 100 years ago a portion of the Methodist church split off from the one on 46 to build this big church on Blackwell St. Now it has come full circle, and they are worshipping together again.)
- questioned whether other churches would want to participate? Is worship with other congregations an idea for Fall or Winter? When we worshipped with St Andrews and Prince of Peace, we outnumbered their congregations even when we visited them. It was nice to have a larger congregation to worship with. Possibly we could talk to members from other congregations at Germania Park Picnic to find out their ideas for worship and if they would be interested in Worshipping together again.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Hymn selection: Thanks to Joan and Pastor for volunteering to select hymns for October, Sheri for doing November, and Julie and Lynn for taking on December.
- b. Budget discussion comments: Gordon spoke with both Beverly and John from finance regarding budget concerns. Question as to how much money is being spent on guest musicians whether it comes from the budget or not. Members are giving donations, and we are not seeing that amount, so it looks like we are spending nothing on guest musicians. Going forward it will be reported to us with both moneys put out from budget and donations.

5. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- River Street Parking: The Pentecostal church has received permission from the Dover Police to block it off for parking? Is this every Sunday? Carol almost got blocked in as we also park on River St. Why weren't we notified? Amazing if they got permission for every Sunday as we have had trouble in the past getting a small portion of Blackwell blocked off for one Sunday in Sept for Energizer Sunday. Beware – do not park on River Street.
- Pastor: Will be away Sunday, October 13. Will be in Maine. Linda Pullis will lead a service of the Word.
- Kevin: Choir and brass on Reformation Sunday, October 27. Practices Oct 6,13. Purchased vocal training tracts for each part, soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Would be nice to have music selections on website so people would be able to listen to it anytime. Will need to talk to Katie to see if this would be possible to have links to music.
- Julie: Kurbansades would be interested in singing Christmas eve. Austin, Justin, Robin 1,2, or all 3?

6. CLOSING PRAYER – All say Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: OCTOBER 15 @ 7:00PM via ZOOM