

Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday November 20, 2018

MINUTES

Call to Order – Attended: Pastor Fred, David Bernauer, Barbara Terreri, Judy Miller, Julie Sauder, Lynn Sienkiewicz

Excused: Kevin Seidel, Sandy Sheridan, Jessie Andrews

Devotions – Sundays and Seasons not available. Pastor Fred asked us to contemplate what the end of the year means and the end of time as in Revelations. We need to think about the end, as we prepare for the beginning, with the birth of Christ. Led us in prayer.

Review of Old Business:

1. Sanctuary Decoration Committee Update:

- Skip Kazaba not able to take over committee due to moving and vacation plans. Sheri Sauer has agreed to coordinate decorating for Christmas. She will reach out to Katie Serbeck and Jane Kraus to assist her. Donna and Russ may help, too.
- Poinsettias are ordered – red - \$15.00 each
- Sat, Dec. 22 – Decorating to take place.
- George Seidel available on Friday, Dec 21 to set up Christmas tree.

2. Website Review and Enhancement Initiative:

- Website looks great
- David will add significant dates – **Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:00pm -Blue Christmas.**
Sunday, Dec.2 - one service at 9:15(Advent lessons and Carols) and Annual meeting.
Sunday, December 23 - 2 services at 8am and 10:30am
Christmas schedule: Dec 24, Christmas Eve - 2 services – 6pm and 9pm
Dec 25, Christmas Day – 1 service 10am
Dec.30, Lessons and Carols(?) – 1 service - 9:15am

3. Upcoming Special Services

- **Blue Christmas - Thursday, 12/20/18, 7pm.** Pastor Fred will write a couple sentences for newsletter describing what it is for those who may not know.

4. Revisions to instructions

- Pastor Fred working on creating instructions for Assistant Ministers
- Barbara wrote instructions for Lectors, Acolytes and Greeters. Given to Pastor for review. They will be meeting in the next 2 weeks to review and finalize.

5. Worship Leader Training

- Training Class tabled as TLC members seem to be doing well in worship leader positions.
- Moved to parking lot

6. Hymn Selection

- January – Kevin and David
February – Pastor and Sandy
March – Julie and Lynn
- Liturgy – using setting #3 starting in Advent, Dec. 2 through Epiphany, March 3
- Offering selections – Julie presented several suggestions and committee voted on.
Advent: Hymn #242 – Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morning – verse 1
Christmas and Dec 30: Hymn #292 – Love Has Come – verse 3
Julie will look for offering selections for Epiphany
- Lighting of the Advent candle – Hymn #248 – 1 verse each week, there are four verses, one for each Sunday.

7. Altar Guild Update

- Barb is not looking for additional members at this time.
- Jill Ryan agreed to join. Jane Chraschewsky and Kathy McFarland will be subs if someone is unable on their assigned Sunday.
- Only issue could be December with increased number of services.

8. Jessie requested additional education regarding the role and theology behind lay person communion. Pastor Fred wrote an article for the newsletter coming out this month.

New Business

1. Council Directive—Review Glass vs Plastic Cups

- Instant heat, tankless water heater approved by council for room 101. This will aid in the sanitizing of glass communion cups.
- Glass vs. plastic cups briefly discussed in council according to Pastor Fred. Not much discussion – plastic is not recyclable and glass more environmentally conscious. The instant water heater for 101 should eliminate the concern of getting the glasses clean and sanitary.

2. Parking Lot

- ** Decorating committee **
- Training for worship leaders
- International Christmas celebration for next year
- Grand Piano
- Organ Recital

3. Round Table – Open Discussion

- Barbara: Hymn Board – issue with numbers, who is responsible for it. Committee discussed the need for the board?? Decided it is not necessary as all the hymns are listed in the bulletin. It will be taken down at the start of Advent, Dec. 2, with possibility of hanging something decorative in its spot on the wall.
- Barbara also brought up the concern that Worship & Music committee is not planning far enough in advance and as a result we are dropping the ball. i.e. International Christmas good idea, but not enough time to plan. Also, the sanctuary decorating committee: we knew a year ago that Donna Johnson wasn't going to do it this Christmas and we had no one in place. Luckily Sheri stepped up and we got lucky that the florist contacted us about the poinsettias as he is leaving for Portugal; and Kathy and Sheri were in the office when he called. No blame – we just need to have guidelines of what we need to do each month and PLAN AHEAD.
- Julie asked if her student, Michael Puzio, who is blind, could play the second prelude on December 30. He has been working on playing The First Noel and is ready to play it. Unanimous yes!

Next Meeting Date: January 8th at 7pm NO DECEMBER MEETING

Please note change in date – Pastor Fred out of town on the 15th.

Placed Worship & Music meetings in calendar book for third Tuesday of every month except for August. If something comes up, we can discuss a change in date on a month by month basis.

Closing Prayer: led by Pastor Fred