

AUG 20, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

attendees: Kevin, Pastor Fred, Sheri, Judy, Jessie

Excused: Lynn, Barbara, Julie, Shelly, David, Sandy

Devotions –whoops

Round Table

1. added in at the appropriate spot on the agenda.

Review/Continuation of Old Business:

1. Hymns: Sandy has September nearly finished; David took October, Kevin will assist. Volunteers for November?
2. Feedback Dinner Church – doing okay. Nice and quiet at the Bistro. Hard for some to get there by 6 pm so time will be reviewed; possibly try 630 or 7 pm.
3. Fall worship schedule: energizer Sept 8; Reformation Oct 27; All Saints Nov 3.
 - Pastor Fred and Sheri put the order of service and “camp” songs together on 8/21 for Sept 8. Fellowship and L4G taking care of Day of Service projects and picnic. Copy of service to Julie to gather up the music we need.
 - What ideas for Reformation? Brass for sure; other ideas “in progress”
 - Choir schedule? Rehearsals start Thursday Sept 5 at 7 pm. Not singing at Energizer but plan to sing on 9/15, 10/6, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/1 (annual mtg.), and on 12/24 (times TBD).
4. Advent worship schedule: Thursday evening services Dec 5, 12, and 19. Holden evening prayer. Blue Christmas? We only have 3 Advent midweek services. Let’s try Sunday night 12/15 at 7 pm. We’ve never tried a Sunday night before. Sheri will draft a letter for next meeting to the other churches we’d like to invite (all Dover churches, plus nearby ELCA). Is Fellowship team willing to sponsor/coordinate supper before the services? Follow up on this next meeting.
5. Leader Training – Sept 28 at 9 am with “breakfast”. Barbara and Pastor have a good plan for this. Sign up sheet is up in narthex.
6. Worship leader assignments – started the signup sheet with Council for Sept, Oct and November. Sept and October are now posted in narthex. Sheri made announcement 8/18 to please sign up for just 1 task at first; let everyone have a chance.
7. Ironing board purchase completed? Yes! Hung up in sacristy.
8. Budget for 2020 in progress. “dream items” include new choir robes, replace the Christmas tree (pending review of condition this year), timpani (so we don’t have to borrow), grand piano, guest musicians, banners and other sanctuary decorations. Estimated costs submitted to the finance team on 8/23 along with a “normal” budget request of \$5320.
9. Annual Planning Guide:
 - All items for August are covered above. Decorating Team will take care of the September “to do’s”

New Business

1. Brainstorming! Review of all the concerns expressed during the surveys. One concern each meeting. Start with Parking for this month. 10 minute limit. There are more than 15 parking spaces available behind Valley National Bank at the back of their parking lot. It is less than 600 steps from there to church. We have also gained

permission to park across the street in the back of the gym as long as we leave the spaces closest to their front door for their customers. We will put an article in the next newsletter reminding folks to utilize these spaces and also to please leave the “first” space on Mercer St for “handicapped” parking.

2. Who knows the “stories” of the windows and needlepoint work? Barbara T gave Sheri two books which might have the info. The concern is that the information is not easily available. Sheri will continue to research and make a proposal next month.
3. Consider 2 readers on some or all Sundays? We have 35 people who want to read; let’s think of ways to utilize them more than one turn each year.
4. Consider Singing the Psalms “regularly” – after some discussion, Kevin agreed to instruct the choir and then we will try singing the psalms only on Sundays when choir is in place.
5. Choir scholarship program – Kevin will be meeting with the Roxbury choir director on 8/21 to discuss the plan. Hope to select 2 sopranos, 1 bass, and 1 tenor from the junior and senior class to rehearse and sing with our choir regularly. More info at next meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports – Decorating Team met Sunday Aug 4; preliminary idea is Gold and White, hopefully with Chrismons for ornaments. Hoping to include more “natural” elements in the decorations. Working on an inventory of available items. Next meeting Aug 25. Identified Friday 11/29 as the day the team will meet to put up Advent wreath etc. Identified Sunday 12/22 as the date we will decorate the tree and sanctuary (after service.). Sheri will talk to George Seidel and see if the tree can be assembled on Thurs, Fri or Sat 12/19- 12/21.

Parking Lot

Choir Robes	Worship Recording/streaming	Organ Recital Series	Grand Piano
Action Teams			

Next Meeting Date: Sept 17, 2019

Closing Prayer: