

Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dover NJ

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 7PM

Minutes

Call to Order/Sign in

Devotions

Review of Old Business:

1. Establishment of Sanctuary Decoration Committee
 - *Established a mission statement for this subcommittee- This group will work with the Altar Guild to enhance the visual environment of the sanctuary and use the visual arts to deliver the Gospel message, celebrate various Festivals during the church year and mark the changes in of liturgical seasons. This group will meet 4x a year for planning and as needed to complete their projects.*
 - *The following members were targeted for participation: Sandy Dean, Sue Lesher, Skip Kazaba, Katie Serbeck, Beth Sickles and Ashly Kinder.*
 - *A newsletter article and Insert will be created to solicit additional volunteers*
2. Exterior Wreath- Bald Eagles
 - *Sheri Sauer reported via email that a request was made*
3. Scheduling APP
 - *Sheri Sauer to report back on the number of participants we would need to license the APP for. Council was interested in piloting the program and wanted additional information. Kevin to provide to Council*
4. Worship Assistant Vestments
 - *After discussion the proposal to request MAT funds totaling approximately \$1400 for replacement Alb's for Worship assistants was tabled. The committee agreed we would like new robes but could not come up with justification for the expenditure.*
 - *Sandy will ask Sheri to pull out choir robes that are assigned and Sandy will fit Council members at the next meeting for robes. A hanger tag will mark the person(s) who fit that robe. A similar effort will be attempted with acolytes.*
5. Organ concerns
 - *Julie report there have been small ciphers on occasion. She is keeping a maintenance journal and reports all issues immediately to Perragallo. They have been extremely responsive.*
6. Hand bell repairs
 - *Jeffrey was not present to provide an update.*

New Business

1. Grand Piano
 - *Kevin and Julie visited and inspected a used 5'10" grand piano located in Rockaway. This particular instrument although beautiful did not have the lower registered tone quality that warrants perusing the instrument for our sanctuary.*

- *The committee decided to alert Council that the committee is interested in upgrading our 30-year-old upright piano with a grand piano with the understanding this is a potentially a long-range goal. We will ask our tuner to keep his eyes open for potential instruments and as potential instruments become available Julie and Kevin will evaluate them.*
2. Update on Lenten Mid Week worship
 - *Ash Wednesday had good attendance*
 - *Mid-Week services are joint services with St Johns*
 - *8 members of the congregation have asked W&M to consider a mid-day service. After discussion it was decided that on March 7th at 12noon Pastor Fred will host a mid-day talk and those interested should attend. A mid-day service would take the form of a “worship chat and Study”—a Service of the Word. This first meeting would be a planning session.*
 - *Kevin to alert the office of this Service of the Word.*
 3. Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Vigil & Easter
 - *1st communion will be celebrated on Thursday*
 - *Request for the choir to sing the solemn reproaches—Kevin will reach out to the soloist.*
 4. Website Review and Enhancement Initiative
 - *The new TLC page was announced. The committee was charged with the following: review our page and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss potential enhancements. Each member is also tasked with reviewing at least 4 other church websites and bringing back ideas for our W&M page.*
 5. W&M Committee Duties and Scope of Ministry
 - *A list was created (see attached) listing what aspects of Trinity’s ministry fall under the W&M committee. This list will be used to revise the Bylaws (our committee’s description) and draft the delegation of duties.*
 6. Delegation of Duties
 - *At the next meeting our committee duties will be grouped into categories/themes. A committee member will be assigned to oversee and report on those duties.*
 7. Committee Membership recruitment
 - *Committee discussed the need to attract additional members. The following members were targeted for participation: Gail Little, Fran Curley, Sue Leshner, Earl Baderschnieder, Janet Bruno, Judy Miller, Jessica Wilson, Kurt Heinrich. A newsletter article will be written inviting others to participate too.*
 8. 2018 Master Plan
 - *The council has encouraged each committee to begin the process of year long planning so that committees and church functions/programs/ministries can best work together and more effectively communicate committee events. Further discussion will be had to roll out a 2018 plan.*
 9. Budget Vs Actual- Expense review
 - *Future meetings will include a review of our budget vs Actual performance for the previous period. Bev Dominguez will provide the detail. January financials were not available at the time of this meeting.*
 10. Hymn Selection Schedule
 - *A new format was rolled out as well as a new form to submit selected hymns. Julie and Lynn agreed to select for the month of May.*

- Next meeting a schedule will be made for hymn selection for the remainder of the 2018 Church year.
- Next meeting members need to come with suggestions for the next Offertory hymn which will begin after the season of Easter and Run throughout the summer.

11. Devotion Schedule

- Our bylaws require our meetings to include a time for prayer/devotion. We will continue with a closing prayer and our meetings will open with a reading from “Sundays and Seasons”. The readings will summarize the themes found in Scriptures appointed for that season or Sunday.

12. 2018 Liturgy Setting Schedule

- Advent began with the use of Setting 3. We transitioned to Setting 2 in Lent and will jump to Setting 1 on Pentecost. The Fall setting remains to be determined.
- Moving forward this process will be part of our yearlong planning

13. Summer Worship Schedule

- Summer schedule will begin on Memorial Day Weekend and run through Energizer Sunday.
- Council will be alerted that the committee is recommending we explore the option of moving to 1 service in the summer with the potential for a Wednesday evening service of the word. A survey will be conducted to help gather congregational input.

14. Round Table – Open Discussion

- Discussed feedback on the addition of “thoughts on the service” that are now found in the margins of the bulletin. At this time not, much feedback has been received the committee had mixed reviews. The committee was encouraged to gather feedback.

Sub-Committee Reports

It was explained that once the duties of the committee are delegated those sub-committees will report below.

Parking Lot

This area will be used to list big picture projects, goals and wish list items that will eventually transition to agenda items when time and circumstance permit.

Lay Leadership	Worship Recording	Organ Recital Series	Piano
Holy Trinity/Prince of Peace outreach			

Closing Prayer

Was led by Pastor Fred

Next Meeting Date: **APRIL 10th 7PM**