

MINUTES FOR W&M MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Roll Call: Judy, Sheri, Pastor, Julie, Lynn, Kevin, Katie, Jessie, Barb
Excused: Ken; Sandy, taking a sabbatical from W&M; David, tax season

Meeting hosted by Judy on Zoom.

1. **DEVOTIONS** – “on the fly” by Katie – thank you! “The Road Less Traveled” In this Lenten season we are invited to step out in faith and take the road less traveled.
2. **JANUARY REVIEW**
 - a. RIC Sunday & Change in Liturgy – No Feedback received
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY 2/17 @7pm**
 - a. Everything all set – Live Service
 - b. Purple paraments and drape on cross have been placed.
4. **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 2/21**
 - a. Service of the Word; no communion in lent. There will be a prayer each Sunday similar to Eucharistic prayer we have been using.
 - b. Paraments are purple.
 - c. 2nd Sunday in Lent 2/28 – prerecorded on Sun. 2/14. Will note discussion on prerecording services under New Business.
 - d. Remaining Sundays in Lent 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 – with cantors? Kevin is working on getting cantors. May have Master Class for cantors. Needs to have hymns and liturgy for Lenten services to give to cantors so they may practice.
5. **MIDWEEK SERVICES**
 - a. All will be prerecorded (much more time and effort for Katie).
 - b. It was decided to use Service of Evening Prayer in Hymnal, modified, instead of Holden Service, approximately 30 minutes long.
 - c. Theme every week will be pulled from Philippians 2:5-11 and will be read as 2nd lesson. Old Testament lesson (1st lesson) and Psalm will change weekly.
 - d. First service on 2/24; prerecorded on Wed. 2/17 at 6pm.
 - e. Second service on 3/3; will be prerecorded on Tues. 2/23 at approx. 5:30pm
 - f. Remaining services 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24 will be prerecorded on Sun. 3/7 at approx. 11am
6. **PALM SUNDAY**
 - a. 3/28 will be prerecorded on Sun. 3/14 at approx. 11am. (purple paraments will need to come off, red Palm Sunday paraments will need to go on and purple paraments will have to be put back on after prerecording. No altar guild to help out)
- No cantor, so, Katie will plan to have words inserted for hymns. Non-musical members like this, musical members like to see the music score. Much more time and work for Katie. Look for feedback from congregation.
 - b. Pastor and Sheri are working on putting service together.
7. **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 - a. 4/1 at 7pm – live service. No communion, when usually that is the focal point along with foot washing.
 - b. Look at other ideas to focus on being a servant or providing service to others. i.e., writing letters to members in armed service or first responders; bringing food for food pantry; notes of encouragement to those overseas; txt someone you haven't seen in awhile to tell them you miss them, and that God loves them?? Keep thinking for next meeting.
 - c. Last year during COVID we did handwashing instead of foot washing. Can we do this again? A few yes votes – finalize next meeting.
 - d. Sheri will read during stripping of the altar. Katie and Pastor will strip altar and put items on front pew. Should not be a problem.
 - e. Leave in silence, as usual, service continues on Good Friday.

8. GOOD FRIDAY

- a. 4/2 at 7pm, prerecorded Sun. 3/21 at approx. 11am
- b. Would be nice to have cantor. Kevin will work on that.
- c. Pastor has divided Gospel into six parts with Pastor reading 1st and last part. Need 4 lectors prerecorded to read other sections. Also need lectors for lessons and Psalm 22 which is very long. LOTS of prerecording and splicing.
- d. Possibly sing a verse of "Were You There?" between each section of Gospel?
- e. Leave in silence, service to continue on Easter.

9. EASTER SUNDAY

- a. No Easter Vigil Saturday evening this year.
- b. Plan to celebrate outside at Germania Park. Also have on Zoom. In person with communion. Not a done deal, verbal Yes.
- c. Decorating team recommends no Easter Lilies as they won't survive outdoor temperature. And we don't need 35 pots – last year we had a problem finding homes for all the flowers. Still trying to decide on flowers and banners. Everything will have to be carted over to Germania Park! Sandy Dean may be able to make a banner. Katie had idea to make one, but enough on her plate. Judy and Pastor will pass along ideas to Sandy Dean.
- d. Can we sing with masks on? Don't know the answer, but people will want to. Safer to be 12 feet apart for singing vs. 6 feet.
- e. Need ushers who will seat people appropriately and not be afraid to ask people to move if physical distancing is too close.
- f. Need to have members sign up to get an idea of how many people plan to come. If there are too many people for proper physical distancing we could offer 2 services.
- g. Music: Julie on Keyboard. Would like to have cantor. Also spend money on brass players, possibly from High School. Students have plastic bags to play into to contain aerosols. We would need proper space for them to play.
- h. Weather will probably be cool, could have rain (or snow).
- i. Need to think about ALL we need to bring to Germania and back to church, not only for Easter but future services at Germania!!!! Discussed possible storage at Germania or on a trailer? Not temperature or humidity controlled. Would be an issue for keyboard and possibly other items. Need people willing to help cart things: keyboard, altar linens, banners, communion table items, music, computers for technical, tables to put computers etc on, cords, wires...

10. APRIL 11

- a. The Synod is releasing a service to be used on this day.
- b. We will use it and Pastor will take the day as a vacation day.

11. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE PLANS

- a. Communication: Need better communication between Pastor, Julie, Katie, Kevin and Kathy with regard to prerecorded service schedule, scheduling cantors, etc. Need to make sure ALL the people who need to be present for live or to prerecord a service are there when they need to be.
- b. Outdoor Service: Plan to have outdoor services at Germania Park once a month. Woman at Germania Park says we are a nice group and welcome there. We need to keep in mind all the materials and equipment that has to be carted over and back every time we are at Germania Park. Is it worth the effort?
- If we decide to do it, we should pick the same Sunday every month. i.e. 2nd Sunday of month. Energizer is 2nd Sunday of month in September, this could work. Still working on this.
- c. Cantors: Kevin is working on getting cantors. He is balancing level of professionalism and cost. Money is coming from Choral Scholar Fund and musician budget.

12. ROUND TABLE

- a. Julie is thankful that we can work together to be organized during this unsettling time.
- b. All Hymns picked through Easter
- c. New Hymnal "All Creation Sings" – Julie has a copy. *Table until May so Julie has time to look at it more thoroughly.
- d. Future invite to Tim Weingert: Pastor said he is preaching at Grace in Mendham until their new minister starts on Easter. *Table discussion until May.

13. PARKING LOT

- a. In person worship: not ready to discuss this. For now we need heat on and it is too cold to open windows for cross ventilation.
- b. Reconsider communion options for after Easter: could we have time slots for members to come in and receive communion at the rail? The place, sanctuary, holds much meaning and elevates the reception of the sacraments. Church would need to be fogged in between people – we have that capability.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 16, 2021@ 7pm on Zoom.

Rest of 2021 planned dates: 4/20, 5/18, 6/22, 7/20, 8/17, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21

FYI: This is a summary of the schedule of services and which ones will be prerecorded and when that will be done. Katie is being paid 8 hours per week and although there is a learning curve, it is more time and work to prerecord services. Also, note that paraments have to be changed out and put back on

2/17 Weds 7 pm Ash Weds Live service

2/17 6 pm meet to prerecord the 2/24 midweek Lenten service

2/21 Sun 9:30 am Live service

2/23 Tues 530 pm Meet to prerecord midweek svc for 3/3

2/24 Weds 7 pm Lent Midweek service previously recorded.

2/28 Sun 930 am previously recorded service.

3/3 Weds 7 pm Lent midweek previously recorded.

3/7 Sun 930 Live service w Cantor

3/7 Sun approx. 11 am. Meet to prerecord Weds Midweek svcs. for 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24

3/10 Weds 7 pm Lent midweek previously recorded.

3/14 Sun 930 am Live service w/ Cantor.

3/14 approx. 11 am. Meet to prerecord 3/28 service. (Take off purple paraments, put on the red Palm Sunday paraments, put the purple paraments back on afterwards.)

3/17 Weds. 7 pm Lent midweek previously recorded.

3/21 Sun 930 Live service w Cantor

3/21 Sun approx. 11 am. Meet to prerecord Good Friday. (Remove the purple paraments. After recording, put the red paraments on for Maundy Thurs)

3/24 Weds 7 pm Lent midweek previously recorded.

3/28 Sun 930 previously recorded service

4/1 Thurs 7 pm Maundy Thursday Live service (red paraments)

4/2 Fri 7 pm Good Friday service previously recorded.

4/4 Sun 930 Easter Live at Germania Park w Cantor.

4/11 Sun use the recorded service from NJ Synod.

4/18 Sun 930 am Live service. (need Easter paraments and banner)

4/18 Sun approx. 11 am. Meet to prerecord the service for 4/25

4/25 Sun 930 previously recorded service