

Worship & Music Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church, Dover NJ
SEPT 17, 2019
MINUTES

Roll Call: Full House - Jessie Andrews, David Bernauer, Pastor Fred Becker, Shelley Svoboda, Sandy Sheridan, Barbara Terreri, Judy Miller, Sheri Sauer, Kevin Seidel, Julie Sauder, Lynn Sienkiewicz

Devotions: No devotions prepared; Lynn will do next month.

Round Table: Barbara – update on training

Feedback:

- Dinner Church: Recommend changing time to 6:30pm or 7:00pm start time to accommodate people coming from work. Corner Bistro was nice but a little pricey. Table 42 menu better, little noisy but worked. Each restaurant attracted different members.
- Energizer: Too much chicken ordered.
Don't need appetizers, just salads and desserts
Service was good, members sang the songs!☺
- Change to Setting 4 (done 9/15) No feedback heard from congregation.

Calendar items

- Hymns: October – David
November – Pastor Fred
December – Julie and Lynn
- Reformation 10/27: Plans for choir to sing and Brass instrumentalists.
- Next liturgy setting change: on Dec 1 we will use Setting 3. Suggested and agreed that we not learn a new setting in Advent. Tabled learning a new setting for next year. Stick with another year of settings 1-4-3-2.
- Advent evening worship: Thursday evening services Dec 5, 12, and 19 at 7pm. Call into Fellowship to host meal prior to service? Will use Holden evening prayer service. We will invite local Dover churches. Send letter to St Johns, 1st Presbyterian, Episcopal and 2 Methodist churches.
- Blue Christmas: Try a new night – Sunday, December 15 at 7pm.
- Advent wreath Candle-lighting on Sundays: Sheri will place it on helping page poster in narthex for members to sign up.
- Christmas Eve: Service times discussed. Suggested we move second service a little later, feedback from last year that it was too early. Will be a larger gap for choir, but we will give it a try. Services will be 6pm and 10pm.
- Christmas Day: Will remain at 10am.

- Helping page sign-up feedback: Poster method on narthex door seems to be working for most positions. Still need greeters! Advantage is that members are available for the day they are scheduled and has cut way down on calls to Kathy saying, "I won't be around next Sunday."
- Decorating team dates:
 - 11/29- Advent decorating
 - 12/22- decorate sanctuary after service. Suggested would be nice to serve lunch after.
 - George Seidel will organize which date he and Bald Eagles/Silver Foxes want to put the tree up – probably 12/22. Discussed that we need a new tree soon. Members of decorating team to visit a place in Cranford to look, probably for next year. Mentioned that a new tree may be much heavier as most are designed with branches attached and a folding mechanism. May need more help when setting up.
 - Working w Kathy on bulletin inserts, cost of poinsettias, supplier for poinsettias. Sunnyside florist may be an issue due to owner's change in business plan. He will keep us updated as to whether we need to go elsewhere.

Follow up items

- Choir scholarship program update: Kevin met with chorus teacher at Roxbury. Flier made up for school and for teacher to hand out. No response yet. It is early in school year. Kevin may try to at least get some students to join choir for reformation and hopefully pique some interest. If no response from Roxbury we could possibly look at schools in other towns.
- Singing Psalms: Would like to try this and see how it goes. Discussion that people who like to sing think it's a good idea, but may get resistance from non-singers in congregation who won't be able to participate? We will institute singing Psalms on December 1, first Sunday of Advent and continue through the Christmas season.
- Multiple readers: Suggested we try multiple readers to give more members a chance to participate. One reader for 1st lesson and a different reader for 2nd lesson. Start this Dec 1, Advent.
- Leadership Training: Saturday, September 28 at 9am. Continental breakfast will be served. All set. Hoping more members sign up. Will announce one last time.
- Altar Guild: Lost a couple members. Not attracting new members to join. Solution: Presently Altar Guild members do the job one month a year. Try using present members and change the job to multiple times during the year. Barbara will be talking to Altar Guild members about this probable change.

New Business

- Music room closets/storage needs for decorations, paraments, banners: lots of discussion regarding closets, drawers and various basement rooms where Christmas decorations, banners, band supplies, Sunday School supplies are stored. Smaller group of leadership members in these areas will need to discuss and decide on solution.
- “Choir robes”: all oatmeal colored robes will be washed in commercial machines at Kevin’s place of work to get them looking as clean as possible. Plan to have done before Reformation.

Parking Lot: Tabled to next meeting. Please read and prayerfully consider for next meeting.

Parking Lot: one-service feedback

	Worship Recording/streaming	Organ Recital Series	Grand Piano
We will lose members	930 only gives people 1 option to worship	The service will run longer since there is nothing after it	One svc is too crowded; not enough pkg for those who are “limited”
930 is too early; 930 is too late	We will never get SCS back	Not as many people get to assist with service	Picked TLC because no other church had an 8 am service

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7pm