

NOV 19, 2019

MINUTES

Call to Order

Roll Call: Sandy, Judy, Sheri, Pastor Fred, David, Jessie

Excused: Kevin, Lynn, Shelly, Barbara, Julie

Devotions –Judy led us in a challenging discussion about being grateful and giving Thanks!

1. Feedback

- Washing the choir robes – all done yet? Robes in sacristy still to be done but all choir robes found in basement are back. They Look great!! Thank you Kevin!
- Reformation feedback? Several favorable comments on the music

2. Calendar items

- Hymns: December Julie & Lynn; sheri and shelly have volunteered to do January
- Next change to setting 3 on Dec 1. Karen Coates playing and is aware. Setting 3 will run thru Epiphany; next change will be around Ash Weds.
- Dec 1 is World Aids Day – materials submitted for a bulletin insert. Decorating team will leave the rainbow banner up until after the special event on Dec 2. Sheri will be in charge of taking it down before Dec 8. Pastor Fred will add special prayers to the bulletin for that Sunday. We are also receiving a new member that day. Pastor Fred also asked that Dec 1 be put into the recurring calendar of events so we have a little more notice next year.
- Signup for extra helpers in Advent will go up Nov 25. Pastor Fred has already recruited a few people and Sheri will start making announcements on Dec 1.
- Advent evening worship; Holden service. Thursday evening services Dec 5, 12, and 19. Check out the invitation drafted. After comments from the team, the invitation was revised and sent to Kathy on Nov 20. She was asked to add appropriate clip art and email or snail mail it to the local congregations.
We plan to just use the folders (assembly edition) that we purchased a couple years ago. Jessie has located them and will bring them upstairs on Dec 1. We identified a need for a 2nd copy of the accompanists' edition because Sandy will be playing at least one of the Thursday nights and needs a score to practice. Sheri ordered it Nov 20.
- Anything we need to do for blue Christmas Sunday nite 12/15? Need a hymn and a lector; PF will pick a hymn with Julie tomorrow. Work on a lector via the signup sheet. Sheri will double check the supply of blue candles on Nov 29 when getting the Advent candles down.
- Dates from decorating team: 11/29 Advent dec.; put up the tree Sat 12/21; 12/22 dec. sanctuary after service. Kathy has all info for bulletin inserts, cost of poinsettias is same as last year and Tony will be our supplier for poinsettias. A special donation was made for "greens" – Sheri will take it up with the decorating team.
- Christmas Eve services at 6 pm and 10 pm. Christmas Day 10 am. Pastor is meeting with Julie tomorrow and will plan out the services.
- Dec 22 will include a "blessing of nativities" as part of the 4th Sunday in Advent.
- Dec 29 will be Lessons and Carols which is NOT a communion service. That's a good thing because Pastor Fred will be away: Julie and Lynn will pick those hymns on 11/24.
- Will we celebrate Epiphany on Jan 5? No. It will be the 2nd Sunday of Christmas; Sheri and Shelly will pick hymns based on that. Jan 12 will be Baptism of Jesus.

- Jan 5 after service will be the Undecorating day.
 - Jan 26 will be RIC Sunday – discussed worship service. Will read the welcome statement and will design the service following the guidelines from RIC National.
3. Follow up items
- Choir scholarship program update. Interest is building; Jacob was approved; 2-3 others interested; Kevin working on it.
 - Singing Psalms to start on Dec 8. Julie and Kevin have picked out Tone 1 from pg 337 in the hymnal and the choir will start learning it on Nov 21.
 - Music room closets/ storage needs for decorations, paraments, banners. Barbara and sheri to explore possibilities. Still to be done. All Christmas stuff will move from the closet in Edna’s Haven to the basement when we decorate on 12/21 and 22.
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4. New Business
- Brainstorming concerns about 1 service? We have now reviewed and addressed everything that is feasible (some concerns have no definitive answer.). No need to do anything else until end of January (realistically, at the Feb meeting) when we will need to review the single service at 9:30.
 - Barbara has requested permission to retire from her place as “Altar guild Supervisor” effective end of December. She has done a stupendous job since taking over from Joan Frick. The team discussed which people might be willing and capable. Pastor Fred and Sheri will pursue a replacement for Barbara.
 - We had a brief discussion about safety during the candlelight portion (singing Silent Night) of the Christmas Eve services.

Parking Lot

Learn new liturgy? WOV 4 or ELW 8?	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		Picked TLC because no other church had an 8 am service

Next Meeting Date: dec 17, 2019 – CANCELLED! NEXT MEETING JAN 14, 2020

Unless there is a motion to meet on something other than the 3rd Tuesday of the month, the first few Dates for 2020 are Jan 21, Feb 18, and Mar 17. (Ash Weds is March 4, just for reference).

Closing Prayer: Pastor Fred led us in closing prayer.