

## Ministry Team: Worship & Music

Meeting Date: June 11, 2013

### ATTENDEES:

Jamie Parma  
Jennifer Johnson  
Karrie Aaseby  
Linda Hash  
Jennifer Leahy  
Milly Rugland  
Mary Feller

### Excused:

#### Items that may require council action:

- **Change of 1<sup>st</sup> service time at North site (see minutes for more information)**

#### New Task Force (see minutes for details):

- **Joint worship service (Nov. 3, 2013)**

#### Ministry team minutes:

- Approval of May minutes
- Finance/Budget
  - Review June expenses
    - Check with Pastor Mary about our commitment to replace the NRSV Bibles—**Jamie**
    - Check about how the maintenance work is scheduled: it is self-scheduled
- Equipment / Software / Training
  - NS
    - Monitor sound issue: waiting until the altar platform is being worked on because the monitor wiring runs through the altar platform
    - Short/static issue with worship team wiring
    - Short/static with one lapel microphone: resolved
    - Media tech volunteers: Jeff Picken will be training a few people over the summer; we could still use some more media builders; Jennifer Leahy offered to be a substitute builder this summer
    - Other: usage policy and equipment policy for people who are using the music equipment at both sites—**Jennifer Johnson** will check with support about adding this on to the previously existing building policy
  - DS
    - TV ministry: currently is \$7000 designated in memorial funds for this ministry; the work that was recommended to update the TV ministry will cost about \$16,000; we will look into putting the difference in our 2014 budget since it fits with our “Year of Invitation”; right now we will use \$1500 of the designated funds to get started on the wiring—**Jamie** will contact Pete
- Worship Service Topics – Recurring item
  - Joint service at Lawrence: it will be on November 3<sup>rd</sup>; **Jennifer Johnson** will contact Jean about creating a task force for this since there are a lot of decisions to be made
  - Volunteer support for summer worship in the park: it has been inside both Sundays so far but they had been short volunteers; we will invite Jean and the pastors to one of our fall meetings to discuss worship in the park schedule for the 2014 summer
  - NS Summer Wednesday worship and handbook for the soundboard: the handbook has been finished for a while; we want to have a required training before someone uses the soundboard; **Jennifer Leahy** will meet with the interns to go over how to use the equipment
  - Baptism coordinator/video taping—**Jamie** will contact Jean to check into this
- Seasonal checklists
  - NS Easter checklist: decided we didn’t need one since there are not a lot of changes
- Parish Choir director search: ready to post the position; looking into the possibility of expanding the position if needed

- NS Facilities
  - New platforms for altar and worship team: Jeff Picken has been working on building these; should be finished by mid-August; Jennifer Leahy is selling our drum shield (since we have an electronic drum set) and will use the money to pay for the carpeting
  - *Sound system (speakers, not sound board)—tabled*
  - *Lighting – need better/more, especially if we expand video ministry—tabled*
  - *Sunshade film for windows—tabled*
  - *Chair replacement—tabled*
- From Jean: “Each ministry team will design one specific program or remodel an existing program to bring it more in line with the emphasis on invitation and the FELC mission statement: *Love Jesus. Live Your Call.*”
  - Lift up the idea of taking the NSRV Bibles to people outside of our church who would benefit from hearing God’s word: **Milly** is writing something for the bulletin
  - Create an invitation to put in the bibles: **Milly** is working on designing bookplates
  - Create collaborative opportunities with the interns/outreach teams to do something with the farmer’s market: may pass on this idea
  - Create invitation opportunities through the summer worship in the park: have a worship volunteer position (“spotter”) for someone to greet/invite over other park users, also could ask, “Is there anything we can pray about for you?”: emailed Jean to check about this possibility
  - Format the Wednesday night worship to be more like a camp worship service--be outside when possible, have a campfire, use lots of guitars, sing Christian camp songs, prayers, snacks; theme nights (i.e. pajama night—for kids): shared this idea with Joe
- Baptism shells: Karrie shared this great idea and they have already been in use!
- Other:
  - *Staffing nursery at the NS—tabled*
  - Christmas tree decorations: would like more/new ornaments; looking into Chrismons—could be a Sunday School project or crosses—**Jennifer Leahy** will look into the cost of buying new ornaments or materials
  - Christmas trees: should start including these in our budget just in case they are not able to be donated
  - *Advent changes: turning the church—tabled*
  - Accessibility of DVDs to people who are not in the Fox Valley area: discussed possibility of putting the church services up on a You Tube channel—**Jennifer Leahy** will look into this
  - Service Information/Bad Weather: looking into a way of having these scrolled on top of the website instead of having to navigate the page; would list whether or not the Summer Worship in the Park would be inside or out; could also list whether or not church activities are canceled due to weather conditions—**Jennifer Johnson** will check with Jean
  - Church service times at the North Site: the Learning Ministry team proposed that the North Site learning time has longer sessions (DS has an hour of learning time while the NS has only 50 minutes, 10 minutes of the learning time is devoted to the choir which does not leave enough time to thoughtfully go through the lessons for the week, students feel rushed instead of having time to bond and reflect, teachers and students miss out of fellowship time due to hurrying to get to class); the Worship Ministry team recommends that we start the first NS service at 8:15, Sunday School runs from 9:25-10:25 (leaving time for fellowship before hand and allowing for some “wobble room” if the service runs long), and the second service starts at 10:30 (as usual); we recommend changing the times in the fall when the NS returns to 2 services

Submitted by: Jamie Parma