

## November 11, 2014 Worship and Music Ministry Team Minutes

**Attendees:** Linda Hash, Nancy Boettcher, Milly Rugland, Nathan Birkholz, Pastor Jeff. **Excused:** Rhonda Rossing, Jim Stellmacher, Lori Maves, Sue Swanson

NO council action/budget/ task force action required.

### Both Sites:

Oct minutes approved

Linda presented a thank you note from summer interns for the donation of the pew to the auction.

Jerry Lokensgard has resigned from the team

Jim Stellmacher will be relocating to Illinois in 2015. Staff has begun discussions of how best to handle his departure from his FELC job as a time for this has not been determined yet.

### Finances:

All October expenses in order.

All ministry teams have been asked to reduce 2015 budgets to 2014 levels. It is hoped that the church's financial situation will turn around so items removed may be put on a "wish list." W and M chose to remove the floor pockets, reduced Steinway piano tunings, choir music, Seasonal Décor, palm rental, equipment maintenance and repair, and candles. \$306 for pew Bibles was added per Brenda.

### Old Business

NS subgroup: Nancy is working on putting a group together that would potentially meet once a month on Sunday morning and then help as needed (i.e., for poinsettia setup and care).

Microphones: No purchase of choir mic or NS body mic necessary or prudent at this time.

Joint Worship Service: Well-received. Report of numbers (400?) was down from previous year.

Wondered if the coffee hour beforehand was sufficiently advertised? Maybe signs on the doors and/or verbal announcements. Pastor Mary will put something together for CTK Sunday, Nov 23 to explain the purpose of the new banners and institution of processions on festival Sundays.

Fall decorations: Harvest décor is up at both sites. Linda and Nancy will save bales for next year.

NS Advent Wreath: Time ran out to get a new Advent wreath ordered for the NS for this year. Will work on this in early 2015. Brenda has ordered candles for present wreath. Have memorial money.

Advent/Christmas decorations:

Pastor Jeff will contact NS worship assistances to make sure they have Advent setup covered. Milly said there was a document posted on the website in previous years to help with Advent setup.

Linda gave Nancy a hard copy of this at the October meeting.

Nancy will oversee the setup and decoration of the tree.

Linda will deliver some of the newly made Chrismons to the NS.

W and M decorating subgroup will take care of poinsettia set up at DS and help Nancy and NS subgroup as well. Delivery is scheduled for Mon, Dec 22 to both sites.

Candles will be put in NS and DS windows before Advent. Lighted on Sunday mornings at DS, not until Christmas Eve at NS. Boughs will be added to both when they are delivered with the DS trees and wreaths. Pastor Mary will take some from DS to NS when she works at NS Tue, Dec 16.

Other Christmas: Pastor Jeff will touch base with the Snyders regarding their reserved pew for Christmas Eve which they purchased at the Make an Impact auction.

Nurseries: Cathy Boettcher is not able to help out at the NS. Given the church's financial situation at the moment, expanding nursery coverage to more than just the DS 9:15 service seems unlikely. W and M will continue to support this expansion as a way to make all services more family friendly.

### New Business

Worship Matters: Worship planning subgroup is working on this.

How to increase worship attendance: Tabled until January. Team will look at handout from Pastor Jeff and see which ideas W and M might be interested in implementing.

### Downtown Site

Greeting/Creed: Pastor Jeff will look into format of Apostles creed. Currently printed as a paragraph and harder to follow than the previous formatting. Pastors will use the traditional greeting occasionally rather than automatically going with what is in Sundays and Seasons.

Bulletin: We'll try this after Christmas. Pastor Mary will print out copies of the lessons. We will need a place to put them and some advertising so people know they are there. Will try for six weeks or so and see what the response is.

**Next meeting:** January 13, 2015, Downtown Site