

June 9, 2015 Worship and Music Ministry Team Minutes

Attendees: Linda Hash, Milly Rugland, Tom Maves, Karrie Aaseby, Lori Maves, Pastor Jeff. Absent: Nancy Boettcher, Nathan Birkholz.

NO council action/support ministry coordination/task force

Both Sites:

Minutes: May minutes approved.

Finances:

All May expenses in order. Linda will check on chicks. Nathan has made arrangements for lots of lovely special music which is being paid for out of two designated funds. Attached is a summary of special music for the last couple months.

Old Business

Apostle's and Nicene Creeds:

Pastor Jeff provided information on the new version of the creeds via ad document called Praying Together published in 1988 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation and was first published in 1988. The confirmation students still have the LBW version. Pastor Jeff will see about a newer version so we are consistent. It was suggested that we use the meanings from the catechism as part of our worship services on occasion.

Fall stewardship drive: See attached. Team was asked for input on the fall stewardship drive. Basically worship enhancement through music, sound, decorations and making the services more welcoming to families (nursery) and encouraging families to worship together, not while their kids are at Sunday School.

Nurseries: Linda and Sara Laumer met and discussed staffing as well as physical improvement to the DS nursery. Linda contacted Heidi Schreiner about having the art intern or Art Week participants do a mural or some other painting to spice up the place. Arts and Environment has a policy against murals on walls so some other installation will likely be needed. Linda will meet with Heidi.

Weekly email update: Pastor Mary has been including a wonderful blurb about worship in the weekly email update and there have been announcements in the bulletin encouraging folks to sign up for the update.

Worship Matters: Worship Matters program will be implemented in the fall. Will include an adult class and talking about and encouraging worship in as many ways as possible: during worship itself, confirmation and Sunday School, music, bulletins, etc. Family worship will be encouraged.

NS subgroup: Cheri Paisar will work on getting an altar guild like group together at the NS once she is working out at the NS.

NS Advent wreath: no report

New Business:

Worship in the Park: June 7 (rained out) and 21, July 12 and 19, August 2,9 and 16

Other:

Narrative lectionary: tabled indefinitely

Loadings zone: Property oversight is looking into it. Tom will talk to Alderman Jirschele.

Organ upgrade: Linda will ask Nathan what he has learned about past proposals.

NS summer schedule: Why one service and is this a good idea? Look at over winter.

NO MEETING IN JULY

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Hash

Next meeting: August 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the NORTH SITE

Email from Nathan Birkholz 6-9-15 regarding special music, etc.

Attachment to W and M minutes

The following are some highlights from the Music ministries from the last month or so. Please add to anything I may have missed. I'm at home writing this up so don't have access to some info. at church but I'll try to touch on everything.

Lawrence student cantors sang for their last Sunday on 6/7. Yulia Pak heads back to Kurgan, Russia so we won't see her again. A couple of the cantors have indicated that they would like to return in the Fall. One of them, Caleb Rosenthal is here this summer, so I may have him back to sing a solo at some point.

Kirsten O'Donnell, a senior mezzo soprano from Lawrence (about to graduate) sang 'Qui Sedes' from Vivaldi's Gloria at the 10:30 service on 6/7. I played with her for her senior recital and we did this piece for that so were able to repeat it at FELC.

Luther's paraphrase of Psalm 130 set to his own hymn tune (ELW #600) was used as the Psalm for the 10:30 service in lieu of chanting the Psalm as we usually do. The LU cantors led this on 6/7.

Also on 6/7 for the HOD, ELW 523, Let Us Go Now to the Banquet, a Hymn that comes to us from El Salvador and apparently is very well known in Latin America, I solicited some help from the congregation in playing some shakers as we sang this tune. While this is nice for adults to do as well, I primarily offered this up as a great way to get the youth involved in the Liturgy. After repeating the refrain as written each time at the 8am service, I came to the quick conclusion that it gets too long, so for the 9:15 and 10:30 we repeated the refrain only in the beginning and then only sang it once each time thereafter.

Also on 6/7, Jennifer Johnson, Becky Soltwisch and Sarah Bauer sang/played an anthem at the 8am Communion and 9:15 Offering. They were heard clearly throughout the church without amplification. Sarah Bauer also joined Noah Harmon on some of the Liturgy and hymns? on the cello at the 9:15 service which I understand will continue through the summer?. I was rehearsing with the LU cantors so couldn't attend, but perhaps someone there could comment on that. Or Pastor Mary would certainly know.

God's Trombones led by Ward Patton played on Easter 7 (May 17). They accompanied the organ and congregation on 2 hymns and played prelude, Offering, Communion and postlude at the 8am and 9:15 services. There were about 13 or 14 trombones playing, some with a lower or higher range. They were a nice addition to worship that morning. The Parish Choir sang for the last time this 'season' at the 10:30 service.

On May 10, Parish Choir Men sang at 8am, Angelus sang at the 9:15 service as well as the Pre K and Kindergarten Sunday School children, and the Handbell Choir played for the 10:30 service.

On Pentecost, I was out of town, so Noah Harmon played all three services. I heard they went well.

On Holy Trinity, May 31st, the Handbell Choir played at the 8am service Offering as well as the 9:15 Call to Worship. From what I heard, our last hoorah was well received. I attempted to conduct and play at the same time which for the most part went OK! The LU cantors sang at the 10:30 doing Luther's setting of the Sanctus found in our hymnal, ELW 868 which draws on the text from Isaiah 6 from that day's readings.

Ministry Team Input for Stewardship – Summer 2015

Our stewardship of God’s abundant gifts is holistic. Stewardship is about how we live our lives – how we earn, save, share, and spend – our time and our financial resources. It is about how we treat God’s creation and all His people. It is about how we Love Jesus and Live Our Call.

One of the responsibilities of the Stewardship team is to plan and lead FELC’s annual pledge campaign. The success of our collective efforts will have an impact on funds available for FELC programs. Our success also depends upon how FELC members are motivated by what they see happening at FELC.

So your insight and advice are valued. We cannot promise to follow every suggestion, but we do need your input. Please complete the fill-in blanks below and thank you for your partnership!

Ministry Team	Worship and Music
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What are the three most important elements of programming currently guided by your team?	
1-	Music - to enhance worship thru corporate and indiv/group ^{opportunities} music
2-	Worship Service variety - ^{Scheduling} AS Sunday Services + special services - how are those services structured?
3-	Chancel / nave liturgical year enhancements - physical space

What potential new initiatives or programs (up to three) in your ministry area or others might inspire members to increase their giving?	
1-	Nursery improvements - ^{* Staffed @ more services *} Welcoming to young families - ^{better signage,} new child friendly room
2-	Worship enrichment - choirs, special music, instrumentalists, banners, organ upgrade, flowers
3-	Sound system - evaluate - improved training

What suggestions do you have for the Stewardship team about communications, campaigns, or anything else??	
W and M and Learning will be presenting information from Augsburgs <u>Worship Matters</u> series during worship and adult Sunday school class. This could fit in well with stewardships message on time and talent. Coordination would be great!	

Return form via e-mail to Jon Stellmacher at jstellmacher@new.rr.com by **July 6**. THANK YOU!