

## February 9, 2016 Worship and Music Ministry Team Minutes

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

NO council action/support ministry coordination

Minutes: January minutes approved.

Finances: December and January financials look fine except there was a charge for City Park rental for the date that was changed (for Mile of Music). Pastor Jeff will look into it.

### Old Business

**IMPACT Auction:** The W and M donation was changed to two pews at both sites for the service of the purchaser's choice. The parking spot was not necessary and too hard to mark.

**Nurseries:** Task force is planning a nursery shower for the month of April. Suggestions for items to be donated will be made. Playhouses will be put in the Gathering Areas of both sites as a visual reminder and a place to deposit donations. Linda reported that the nursery will be limited to children four and under when it is being staffed. At other times (like when a parent is in a meeting), older children may use the room. Linda will ask Sara if there are issues with the room being left messy by people using it at other times.

**NS Advent Wreath:** Brenda has some designs for an Advent wreath and stand. Waiting for prices. Arts and Environment will discuss the designs later this month.

**Pew Bibles:** Karrie is waiting for Nancy to print off the labels so she can put them in the Bibles.

**Lent:** Palm fronds for Palm Sunday have been ordered so we won't have the same problem as last year. Milly will pick up two palm plants for the DS. She will check to see if the ones at the NS are still alive and replace them if needed. Last year the DS ones did not survive the lack of sunlight so they will need to be moved from the chancel earlier if they are to survive. Wednesday services will follow the "Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind" study with personal testimonials on grief, fear, resentment and estrangement. Speakers have been advised of a good length and to stick to how this relates to God and faith.

**Communion Hygiene:** The team discussed options for minimizing the spread of germs in the intinction method and decided that the individual communicant would need to decide the best way to avoid germ transmission. Suggestions were to sit in the front (to be the first to use the dipping chalice), not take the wine, go to a service with individual cups, and go up for a blessing only.

### New Business:

**Watch the Lamb:** Will be at the Good Friday service March 25. Linda and Heidi are recruiting youth to participate.

**Easter plants and chicks:** We will only be doing lilies this year as the other plants offered last year ended up costing much more than we collected. Linda tweaked the order form to make it more clear that the chicks are NOT for FELC members.

**Chancel Care:** We had a couple responses to our appeal for new chancel care help. One fell through, but Marilyn Orvedahl will join Gloria Gillis. Barb Kuenzi and Karrie will remain the other team. They will rotate. They will do a thorough cleaning of the chancel before Easter.

**NS ministry team members:** Pastor Jeff will spearhead this campaign this spring. As previously discussed, the NS group would meet on Sunday morning or at their convenience and Nancy or Pastor Jeff would serve as liaison.

**Clarinetist:** Nathan has spoken with Noah and David about use of the microphone. Karrie, who attends 9:15 regularly, says the sound is getting better.

**Member concerns:** Several members approached Linda and Lee Sunday about some concerns.

1. The new format of the prayers is awkward at best. The team agreed that there hasn't been much positive feedback on this change and that the prayer list in the bulletin is really intended for prayers at home throughout the week.

2. Location of the children's sermon does not fit with the gathering-word-meal-sending structure of Lutheran services. It fits in better near the sermon. There was some discussion about the flow of the service and how much time is actually saved by putting it right after the opening hymn. Probably not much, particularly if the pastor gets started up before the stragglers get there.

3. A member remarked that the blank page in the bulletin would be a good—and friendly—place for the lessons. There are still not very many people who take their Bibles out when asked to do so and the readers are inconsistent in the amount of time they give the congregation to find the page. Lessons in the bulletin would be more visitor friendly.

**Announcing funerals and weddings:** Linda wondered why we don't announce funerals on Sunday morning or pray for couples who will be getting married the following weekend. Not everyone reads the obituaries.

Milly is going off council but will remain on the team. ☺

### Other:

Narrative lectionary: tabled indefinitely

For Fall: Christmas Day is on a Sunday. One service at each site?

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Downtown Site Lounge

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