

Worship and Music Ministry Team Minutes, Tuesday March 8, 2016

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

Devotion: Linda read a devotion based on Psalm 126.

Finances:

Review of Expenses: No financial are available this month due to our bookkeeper Mollie LesCamelas' leaving and the interim transfer of her function to Kristy Howard, doing accounts payable, and Cindy Schwab doing the bookkeeping from Door County.

Worship in the Park: There was a charge from the city of Appleton in January for a Worship in the Park date we should not have had to pay for. Kathy Larson is checking on this.

Old Business:

Nurseries: The nursery renovation task force (consisting of Linda Hash, Sherrill Moard, Liz Lokensgard and Sara Laumer is holding a shower on April 3rd in collaboration with the DS Library volunteers to gather new items for the nurseries at both sites. In addition to refurbishing the nurseries at both sites, items will be collected for a children's reading area in the DS library.

Advent Wreath NS: The Arts and Environment Committee has approved designs for wrought iron altar candlesticks, paschal candle stand, and advent wreath stand (with minor clarifications to be determined). These items will be added to the Wish List which will be available to donors for choosing honorary gifts to the congregation. Pastor Jeff will check on the remaining issue of whether to build a wooden stand to match the paschal candle stand currently in use at the NS, or just order an advent wreath ring that can be placed on the current paschal candle stand during advent.

Pew Bibles: We are still waiting for replacement labels from Nancy Boettcher. Karrie will check with her.

Palms: Nancy will put out Palms at the NS. Milly will do so at the DS. Karrie will move the twigs in the urns to the Christmas closet in the basement of the DS. DS chancel will be cleaned Friday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Watch the Lamb: Linda is still looking for several older children. Practice is at 1 PM on Good Friday and it will be presented at the service that night.

Easter Plants and Chicks: Information about memorial purchases of flowering Easter plants or chicks from ELCA Good Gifts will be in next Sunday's bulletin. Flowers will be put out after the service on the evening of Good Friday at DS. NS plans are not known.

Chancel Care Teams. Karrie Barb Kuenzi are one team and Gloria Gillis and Marilyn Orvedahl are the other, alternating months. They clean the chancel when needed or prescribed, take care of linens and change paraments and reset altar for the various seasons. Additional members are sought. Karrie's announcement at Bible study bore no fruit. Pastor Jeff will ask others and seek ideas from staff. Linda will put schedule in sacristy in case anyone needs to know who the team is for any given month.

Getting NS Ministry Team Members: This has been delegated to staff. Pastor Jeff will check it out.

New Business:

Pentecost - May 15. We decided to again seek donations of geraniums at both sites to decorate on Pentecost and land outside later. A flame banner may be used at DS if there is sufficient time to assemble and install it.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017: This will be a theme for next year starting in September of 2016. Milly will check on availability of a traveling Luther exhibit that we had here some years ago.

100th Anniversary Service Worship May 22nd 2016: Pastor Jeff outlined worship plans to date and welcomed this committee or any member of it to be part of the worship planning going forward.

Appreciation and Training for Ushers: Pastor Jeff announced that the Invitation and Hospitality Team is planning an appreciation and training event for ushers at each site and requests our help providing refreshments and having a representative to say a few words of appreciation for the way ushers enhance our services.

Lenten hymns: The members present would like to sing more of the traditional Lenten hymns as Lent is generally the only time these hymns are sung. Linda will send a list to Nathan

Special music at 10:30: The group discussed paying Lawrence students for singing at the 10:30 service and agreed that they should be "hired" to do special music, not just sing the liturgy. They can do both but should not be paid to just do the liturgy.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Milly Rugland

Next meeting: Tuesday April 12 at 7:00 P.M. in the DS lounge.