

# FELC Ministry Team & Committee Minutes

## Ministry Team or Committee: Worship and Music

Meeting Date: December 12, 2017

**ATTENDEES:** Merlin Kneisler, Jeff Tengesdal, Nathan Birkholz, Rodney McComb, Karrie Aaseby, Nancy Boetcher, Karen Kneisler, Milly Rugland

Items that may require Council action: None

Items (outside budgeted amt's that may require budget/finance coordination) to be presented to Finance Committee. None

Reports of Task Forces: None

Ministry Team Minutes:

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**Thank you 😊**

- Call to Order, Devotions, Minutes: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Merlin Kneisler, Merlin read a devotion based on Joy to the World. Minutes were read and approved with correction of the spelling of Nathan's last name.
- The October Financial report was submitted and reviewed. It was noted that reformation books should not have appeared on our expenses as their cost was a gift. The total cost of the 500th anniversary of Reformation service is not yet available.. Jeff will check it out and get back to the team. He will also obtain the schedule for writing checks to help make payments to musicians and others in a timely manner.
- 500 th Reformation Anniversary Update: Attendance for the 500th Reformation service at DS was 280 and was 184 at NS. We will consider having both traditional & contemporary music at future services which are held at one site.
- 2018 Proposed Budget: The proposed budget is being reviewed by the Finance Committee and council, and we will have a final budget available in January.
- December Activities: Barry and Nathan hung the DS banners on November 29. Volunteers set up and trimmed the NS tree on Sunday Dec. 10. Volunteer Decorating of the DS chancel for Christmas will take place on Friday, December 22, beginning between 1 and 1:30. The DS nativity set will be placed behind the rear altar on Friday and put in place among the poinsettias after the Dec. 24 Advent Service so as to be in place for Christmas Eve later that day. The Nativity scene, Candles for Christmas Eve, and other chancel supplies are kept in a storage area in the Reuter Room. Karrie will get the names of the winners of reserved pews and what service they plan to attend. Poinsettias will be delivered Friday Dec. 22 at both sites. There will be one service at each site on Christmas Day - 8:00 at downtown and 9:30 at NS. The December 6th Advent Vespers was well attended, with members from both sites attending and lots of children. We need more worship volunteers for Christmas services. Candles for Christmas Eve are not taken care of by the decorating committee. Jeff will check out who has done this in the past.
- Bulletin update: The trial of not printing bulletins for the NS seems to be working out well ( the music team and pastors have bulletins), and Jeff Picken and Rod are working on putting musical scores on the monitors. The question of how many bulletin inserts to print is being examined. (The idea of message monitors in the gathering areas of both sites to highlight congregational events and information was raised for future consideration with other relevant ministry teams to reduce printing and reach more members.)
- Continued Discussion on Times for 2 Services at DS: Discussion was held followed by a consensus was that we should finalize at our January meeting the decision as to whether to go to 2 services at the DS next summer together with recommendations as to times for the 2 services, and that if we want to keep the door open to revise the times for fall services we try choose times for the summer services that would work in conjunction with Sunday School needs. There is general agreement that we would like to find more ways for kids to be a part of the worship service and will want to research what other churches are doing and get input from our education committee. Some ideas for times for 2 services were 8:30 and 10:00, 8:00 and 10:00, 8:15 and 9:45 and 8:15 and 10:30. Council president, Jon Hagen, said that the council will seriously consider our recommendation.
- Merlin distributed a color coded spread sheet tracking attendance at both sites for the years 2012 through October of 2017. which show a significant drop in total annual attendance of approximately 1,000 per year. We will study the data in detail looking for reasons relating to the timing ( like the turnover of music directors) and ways to improve attendance. We note that attendance is up this year as well as pledges and new members.
- Submitted ;by Milly Rugland. NEXT MEETING IS JANUARY 9, 2018