

Worship and Music Ministry Team Minutes, January 25,2017

Attendees: Pastor Jeff Tengesdal, Nathan Birkholz, Rodney McComb, Nancy Boettcher. Excused: Karrie Aaseby

Items that may require Council budget/finance coordination to be presented to Support/ Finance

Ministry Team: None

Ministry Team Minutes: Minutes of November 8, 2016 were approved with the following correction- of changing Randall to Rodney in line 6.

Old Business:

- North site wreath stand, paschal candle stand and altar candle stick: Still in progress at the manufacturer. JT will seek obtaining a designated delivery date.
- Nursery Signs - MR will ask Arts and Environment committee(A&E) to confirm its approval of signs hanging perpendicular to the wall, and its recommendations for design of NS signs.
- Advent Christmas Season Discussion: There was general agreement that the worship services and music were terrific. The pre-lit artificial trees required by the fire department worked well and were beautiful. There was again a disconnect in intended use of commemorative gifts for chancel decor - all money collected was used for poinsettias with none going to wreaths, etc. as intended. MR recommends that this be fixed by having the WMMT volunteer place the orders for flowers and greens after learning from staff the amount of money available. RM urged the need to clean out, reorganize and map the NS storage areas in the sacristy and gym. NB proposed all storage boxes be labeled, something she does. She asked what to do with things no longer needed like strings of tree lights - suggested that they be given to Echoes unless any known donor wants them returned. Holographic images were discussed as possibilities for future Christmas outdoor lighting. Next year Christmas Eve will fall on a Sunday and all agreed that having one morning service at each site followed by the normal Christmas Eve schedule of services was probably a good way to handle this .

New Business: Easter 2017 Worship Schedule: JT reviewed the schedule of worship locations for lent and Easter; Ash Wednesday services will be held at both sites, the next 3 lenten services at DS, the following 2 at NS, Maundy Thursday at both sites, Good Friday noon at DS a joint service with other ELCA congregations and an evening service at the DS. Easter services 8, 9:30 and 11 at DS and 8 and 10:30 at NS suggested as was done last year.

- **New Business Continued: Narrative Lectionary:** JT introduced the topic of using the Narrative Lectionary instead of the traditional RCL lectionary currently being used. Kirsten Owens suggests using the NL for Sunday School lessons because it provides a chronological Bible study beginning with Genesis and brings to light Scripture (both OT and NT) passages and stories not being used in RCL resources. NL uses old testament readings and parallel/relevant Gospel readings as the basis for worship from September until Christmas. JT recommends adopting NL not only for Sunday school but for worship services to offer to all members the variety of highlighting the Bible's chronological narrative and valuable stories from scripture that do not appear in the RCL, and to put Sunday School and Worship services on the same page for family discussion. The following concerns were raised. 1) This is a significant change - people generally have difficulty with change and it invites controversy; our congregation is still trying to deal with major changes including loss of a minister and other beloved staff, the decision to bless same gender marriages, major governance changes. 2) there are fabulous resources for music under RCL and minimal resources under NL causing frustration for most music directors at NL churches. 3) The widely used RCL provides ecumenical connections with sister protestant churches whereas seldom used NL does not. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting. More information was requested. JT will send team members links to informative sites.

Meeting was Adjourned.

Submitted by Milly Rugland

Nest Meeting: Tuesday Feb. 14 at 7 PM at DS Lounge.