

FELC Ministry Team & Committee Minutes

Ministry Team: Worship and Music

Meeting Date: April 17, 2018

ATTENDEES: Merlin Kneisler, Chair Pastor Jeff Tengesdal, Bonnie Clasen, Karen Kneisler. Milly Rugland.

Excused: Nathan Birkholz, Rodney McComb, Karrie Aaseby, Nancy Boetcher

Items that may require Council action: None

Items (outside budgeted amt's) to be presented to Finance Committee: None

Reports of Task Forces: None

Call to order, Devotions : Chairman Merlin Kneisler called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the North Site. He gave devotions based on John 1: 3-7

Minutes: Minutes of March 13, 2018 were approved with corrections made to spelling of Barry Hoff and Kristie Howards names.

Financial Reports: Financial Reports were reviewed and approved. Merlin will provide updates on the special music fund. North site needs a new snare drum.

Old Business:

Attendance Reports: Attendance for March was reviewed. Demographic studies regarding opinions and attitudes of the various generations are available.

Review of May-June Activities: 1) Pentecost- Process and placement of Geraniums for display in church for Pentecost will be handled the same as last year; ehn transplanting geraniums outdoors we will consult staff and the DS landscape volunteers about locations might make care easier and impact greater. 2) Trinity Sunday - the 10 AM service will have procession with the white ribbon banner.

Youth Task Force: 1) We will proceed with investigating increasing youth participation through music education and participation; Merlin will contact Kirsten Owens to discuss how we might make this work with Sunday School and coordinate learning ministry team. 2) Karen described a successful program where the youth planned and led the entire Confirmation service. 3) Pastor Jeff reported that Rally Day is the second Sunday in September and we will keep the summer schedule for that day so families can leave for God's Work Our Hands.

New Business:

TV Ministry: TV ministry ended when the public channel no longer broadcast it without charge, and is now DVD ministry; DVD's are now mailed to 4 or 5 of the approximately 24 shut-ins who requested it. It costs about \$1200 per year. Discussion including possible ways to reduce expense such as starting a DVD delivery ministry, include it in our budget, or changing to higher tech such a streaming will continue at the next meeting. Jeff will check with the pastor of another church for information about their streaming service to shut-ins. Volunteers filming this summer will be filming the 8 AM service.

Review of Easter Services : Feed back on Easter services was positive in all respects. Music was special at both sites with Rod's composition of a breathtaking trumpet solo augmenting the praise band, and the parish choir

being accompanied by a brass trio, timpani drum, bongo and tambourine, a cantata for organ, childrens' choirs. Processions with white ribbon streamers, lilly decor, were impressive and sermons inspiring. Merlin plans to send us the WMMT worship evaluation form for more detailed input for our records.

Combined Site Services: There was a consensus that incorporating music and talent from *both* sites at services where all are worshiping at one site (like Advent and Epiphany) would make the services more welcoming and more comfortable to all, more special, more unifying, and might also increase attendance. It was agree to continue this discussion at future meetings.

First Sunday in June: There will be no coffee hour at the NS on the first Sunday in June to allow orderly set up of food for the church picnic being served from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

The meeting was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Milly Rugland.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 PM at the Downtown Site Lounge