

# FELC Ministry Team & Committee Minutes

**Ministry Team or Committee: Worship and Music**

**Meeting Date: January 9, 2018**

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

Items that may require Council action: **Recommendation to change DS summer worship times to 8:30 AM and 10:00AM .**

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

Reports of Task Forces (include in minutes plus complete the form in the team folder) **None**

## Minutes

**Call to order, devotion, minutes:** Chairman Merlin Kneisler called the meeting to order and read devotions. The December minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

**Financial reports:** November financial were reviewed. It was recommended that we seek information about special music funds and any other relevant funds that do not show up on the financials. Merlin will request information on special funds.

## Old Business

Times For DS Summer Services : Discussion continued from the prior meeting on a member's recommendation to have two Sunday services at the DS in the summer and potential times for the services. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to recommend to the Council and Pastors that there be two summer Sunday worship services at the DS, from the last weekend in May through Labor Day at 8:30 AM and 10:00AM, and that the NS continue with one summer Sunday service at 9AM. This proposed change is a trial to be reviewed in the fall to assess how well it is received and its impact, if any, on attendance and donations. It was further recommended that details as to music and staffing will be worked out by music staff and pastors without needing further input from WMMT.

Final Attendance Figures for 2017: The spreadsheet of final attendance figures for 2017 and the attendance figures comparing Christmas 2016 and 2017 were reviewed. The DS total yearly attendance was down by about 1,000 and the NS up by about 300, but the results were satisfactory when considering impact of several significant factors such as having only one service on Reformation Sunday and losing the last Sunday in Advent because of Christmas Eve falling on the last Sunday in Advent.

Review of Christmas Worship Services: Christmas services were well received at both sites, and well attended..Attendance at the late services at both sites dipped slightly. The number of poinsettias at both sites was just right. Music was exceptional and moving, -the praise bands, choirs, instrumentalists, and solos and special music during preludes. There were a few technical issues at one service arising from inexperienced volunteers. There was consensus that an in depth, written review recording details of the WMMT discussion and suggestions would be a helpful tool for next year's planning. Milly volunteered to prepare a draft of this tool.

## NewBusiness

Review 2017 Objectives and Task Forces : Discussion was followed by a consensus that the objectives adopted are ongoing and that going forward we will determine how to measure and record success. Task forces are also ongoing and we consider in the future where and how to numerically measure and track success.

**The Meeting was Adjourned:** Respectfully submitted, Milly Rugland

**Next meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 7 PM at the North Site.**