

Ministry Team: Worship and Music

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018 - location Downtown Site

Attendees: Merlin Kneisler, Chair, Pastor Jeff Tengesdal, Nathan Birkholz, Rodney McComb, Karrie Aaseby, Nancy Boetcher, Bonnie Clasen, Karen Kneisler Excused: Milly Rugland.

Items that May Require Council Action: None

Items to be presented to finance committee: None

Meeting Minutes

Call to order, minutes: Merlin Kneisler called the meeting to order and shared devotions. We were happy to welcome a new member to the committee – Bonnie Clasen. The minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: Nathan had visited briefly with Brenda in regard to what the special music fund is being used for (currently \$4900). Merle will follow up with Brenda to get further clarification. It was noted that the \$228.90 expenditure for the microphone was for a replacement for one used by the pastor at the North Site. Printer paper was used by Nathan for copying downloaded music. The January expenses were approved.

Old Business:

Attendance Reports: Attendance for February 2018 was reviewed.

Short Term and Long Term Goals: One of our goals is to do follow up on new members to make sure that they feel welcomed and engaged within the congregation. New member Bonnie Clasen mentioned that she and her husband John had been warmly welcomed and that several groups had reached out to them. John recently joined the Senior Choir. Bonnie has joined our committee. Welcome to both.

Review of March, April and May Activities: Karrie will coordinate ordering palms for Palm Sunday. The red twigs have been placed in the urns in front near the altar at DT. Karrie will also coordinate a team to clean the chancel area Good Friday morning. She will order 4 palms for DT and 2 for NS. Nathan volunteered to transport the 2 palms to the NS when they arrive. He will take care of watering those at the DT as needed. Nathan and Berry Hoff will hang the Easter Banners. Rod and Christie Howard will put together white streamers for Easter to be used in the services at both sites. We discussed advertising Easter week services in the paper. Brenda will either join the full page that is done for all the Appleton area churches or do 3 separate ads for Easter week. We will put something in the May newsletter in regard to ordering geraniums. We will add “planting the geraniums” in the next Count Me In.

Summer Service Set up: Pastor Jeff will announce the change to the summer services in the May Newsletter. The change to two Sunday services at DT will start on Memorial Day weekend. They will be 8:30 and 10:00. Noah will play for the 8:30 service with Nathan doing an organ closing. Nathan will play organ for the 10:00 service with a relaxed version of the normal 10:30 service.

Youth Task Force: Discussion continued on how to increase attendance and to get more youth involved. Nathan shared the idea of starting a youth bell choir at DT. NS currently has no youth choir, only short-term for Christmas program. Rod is currently trying to organize youth music training participation in the NS services to encourage more youth engagement. There is currently no music for all children in the Sunday School program due to time constraints. We will continue to discuss ways to include music with our Education partners.

New Business:

Communion Discussion: It was mentioned that there is some confusion as to when and who should bring the gluten free wafers down for communion when there is a visiting pastor. Going forward, for more consistency, Pastor Jeff will have the assistant bring the wafers down and hand them to the usher prior to ushering members to come forward.

Review of Christmas 2017 Worship: Recommendations for Christmas Eve services going forward

- All services will have candles
- All services will use the same bulletin
- All services will have communion with clear direction as to how it will work
 - DT – 4 stations at 3:00 & 4:30 services
 - NS – 4 stations at 4:00 service
 - 2 stations only at later services at both sites
- Sing fewer verses of each hymn

The meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kneisler

The Next meeting will be April 17 at 7 PM at the North Site Library.