

FELC Ministry Team & Committee Minutes

Ministry Team: Worship and Music

Meeting Date: May 8, 2018 - location Downtown Site

Attendees: Merlin Kneisler, Chair, Pastor Jeff Tengesdal, Nathan Birkholz, Karrie Aaseby, Bonnie Clasen, Karen Kneisler

Excused: Milly Rugland, Rodney McComb, Nancy Boettcher

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 at 7:12 pm. The April 17 minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: Nathan will check to see if we can move the Ylvisaker Contract expenses from Music/Choir Supplies to Worship Resources. Nathan will also check to see what the item "2018 Q2 Payment" refers to. There was not update on the Special Music fund. The March expenses were approved.

Old Business:

Attendance Reports: Attendance for April 2018 was reviewed. It was noted that we are down approximately 700 in attendance from last year at this time.

Review of May and June Activities: We received results of the "Count Me In" interest for planting and caring for the Pentecost Geraniums at each site. Merle will reach out to those who expressed interest in helping with this activity. It was noted that Brenda will take care of procuring, planting and caring for the geraniums in the pots in the front of the church at DT. Karrie noted that there is paper at DT to cover each pot of geraniums as they are donated for placement near the altar. She asked that those of us who are planting the geraniums remove the paper at that time and save it for future use. Pastor Jeff will check with Nancy as to the process at NS.

Summer Service Set up: Pastor Jeff has arranged for pastoral assistance at all summer services. The move to 2 services each Sunday at DT will start Memorial Day weekend and extend to 1 Sunday beyond Labor Day to include Rally Sunday.

TV, Homebound Ministry: Pastor Jeff will meet with the pastor from the 1st Congregational church to discuss their streaming services. It was noted that Meri Hujet is currently updating our church website.

Youth Task Force: Merle sent out an email to Kirsten Owens and WMMT to open the door for future discussion on including youth in worship.

End of Season Thank You: Merle sent out a thank you from the WMMT to choir members for their participation in the music program this last year.

Combined Site Services: Discussed the possibility of using a combination of music styles between the sites whenever there is a combination service at one site of the other. This can be discussed further in the future. Also discussed having music printed in the bulletins for Lenten Services next year at NS to make it easier for DT members to participate.

Nathan's Title: Nathan and Pastor Jeff have been discussing a change to Nathan's title – currently, Downtown Music Director. The suggested new title would be Cantor. Nathan explained the history of this title and the meaning behind it. They will discuss further.

North Site Basement Piano: It was noted that the piano currently used in the basement at NS is in poor condition. At last month's meeting, Milly shared that a wish list was being put together for items that were needed but not included in the budget. At that time, we asked Milly to have a piano replacement added to the list. In further discussion this month, Karrie mentioned that sometimes people ask if they can donate things like pianos to Echo's. However, they don't take these large items because of their size. She will however, let the staff know that we are looking for a replacement piano and that if one is offered, it would be evaluated to use at NS. Pastor Jeff will also add something to the bulletin to see if there is a used piano in good condition that would be available.

Nursery: Liz and Jerry Lokensgard indicated that they will be cleaning the nursery in June.

New Business:

Guest Service Survey Results: Pastor Jeff shared the results of the recent survey of guests at FELC. Overall, the comments were very positive.

Organ Repair: Nathan would like to discuss the need for some organ repair at next month's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned:

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kneisler

The Next meeting will be June 12 at 7 PM at the North Site Library.