

# FELC Ministry Team Minutes

**Ministry Team: Worship and Music**

**Meeting Date: October 9, 2018**

**ATTENDEES: Pastor Jeff Tengesdal, Nathan Birtkholz, Chairman Merlin Kneisler, Karrie Aaseby, Karen Kneisler, Milly Rugland**

**Excused: Rodney McComb, Nancy Boetcher, Bonnie Clausen**

**Items that may require council action:** Recommendation, based on survey results that we hold 2 Sunday services at the DS during the summer season again next summer..

**Items that may require budget/finance coordination TO BE PRESENTED TO SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM.**

Proposed 2019 Budget Plan

**New Task Force (include in minutes plus complete the form in the team folder)** None

**Ministry team minutes:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September 14, 2018 were approved as presented.

**Music Directors' Reports:** Nathan gave an update on the Cantorei, a group of about 8 Lawrence University students that sings at most 10:30 services at the DS when Lawrence is in session. They leave after Thanksgiving and return after Christmas. They rehearse at 9:15 on Sundays and are well received. Nathan would like to get several more of the red robes/white cassocks for this group.

**Old Business:**

**Summer Survey:** Tabulation of survey results prepared by Merlin were reviewed. 98 surveys were returned. 87% liked having 2 instead of 3 Sunday worship services during the summer. 17 suggested we have 2 Sunday services all year long. The basic takeaway was that people liked more people in the pews, and the results show support of the current strategy to make changes to meet changing needs. Pastor Jeff will share the tabulation with council.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to recommend to Council that based on the survey we hold 2 Sunday services at the DS again next summer.

**Fall Activities:** Special fall services ( Reformation, All Saints Day, and Thanksgiving Eve) are under control. There was a consensus not to have a Thanksgiving Day service again this year.

**Organ Task Force:** No Report

**Communion Ware for the NS:** The communion ware has arrived and will be dedicated soon.

**Sub Pay Update:** The recommendation of this committee for increasing pay rates for organ/piano substitutes has been approved by Council.

**Collaboration with Youth and Education:** There will be a first meeting on October 11 between representatives from this ministry team and the learning and youth ministry teams and staff to discuss possible collaboration that could promote synergy and effectiveness in reaching common goals.

Budget: Merlin presented a Reviewed Proposed 2019 Budget Plan which closely follows last year's budget. After discussion a motion was made ( Karen) , seconded ( Milly) and unanimously approved to recommend the Revised Proposed 2019 Budget Plan with the following changes: A new line item for media ministry will be \$1,000; the line item allocation for Parish Choir Music which includes Cantorei music will be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600.

Media Oureach: The amount needed to mail DVD videos of FELC services is \$5 to \$6 dollars per person per mailing. Amount needed is uncertain depending on number who sign up. \$1,000 seems appropriate for the annual budget. Services will be put on Facebook and the church's website also.

### **New Business:**

North Site Nursery: The NS nursery badly needs cleaning and review of toys - many are broken. It was not used on Sundays last year in spite of having a staff presence during services. During the week it has been used by FELC and outside groups. Nancy Boetcher did a good job of oversight and cleaning last year and it is recommended we find another person to help Nancy or take on the task.

Pro Presenter Software: Pastor Jeff reported that this item does not need to be added to the budget.

### **Other**

Nathan suggested that members of this committee and the Arts and Environment committee look at the alcoves in the vestibule at the historic front entrance for ways to make them more welcoming. Ideas include placing the historic baptismal font in the alcove that now has a fake plant and additional lighting..

Milly suggested that the dumpsters at the Main entrance on Ida Street are inconsistent with our welcoming goals, may have a negative impact on visitors and attendance, and requested we ask relevant staff and teams to address the prospect of moving and screening them.

Respectfully Submitted by Milly Rugland

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY NOVEMBER13 at 7:00 PM at the DS LOUNGE  
(All future meetings will be at the DS for convenience of members until further notice.)**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_