

First Lutheran Church Worship Committee

Minutes from Worship Committee meeting 1/14/20

Present: Keith Melberg, Gretchen Enoch, Pamela Schroden, Harriet Wicklund, Linda Mellon, Anne Taylor

Not attending: Nancy Swenson, Janel Trosvig, Marjean Hanson

Our meeting opened with Prayer.

Old Business:

- 1) Review of last month's meeting minutes and report on assignments
 - a. Special instructions for sound operators.
 - *there has not been another training; no date has been set for this session. P. Gretchen talk with LeAnne.
 - *Discussion held regarding systems in place for sound management.
 - *Committee members should continue to document notes regarding issues noted with sound so we have documentation of problems.
 - b. Organ Project and concerts:
 - *Keith has confirmed the concert date for John Behnke's visit for 10/11/20 at 3pm.
 - *Funds required to complete the organ expansion have been raised!
 - *Re: expenses for printing and mailing – Nancy verified with Paul Lundeen that the printing was donated and we will not be receiving a bill for it. A thank you card will be sent to the Lundeen Co.
 - *Next payment for the project has been made with no concerns regarding enough money in our account.
 - *Thank-you cards have been sent to all donors to this project.
 - *There was no discussion regarding the Behnke concert.
 - c. Liturgy setting – continue current or change?
 - *Liturgy will change to Setting 3 will be used through the season of Epiphany. The Gospel Acclamation 'Alleluia' will be added to the order of service through Epiphany with Alleluia being recessed at the end of the service on Transfiguration Sunday, February 23rd.
 - d. Development of the role of Sacristan to assist with Sunday morning details.
 - * We could use a few more volunteers for this role.
 - e. Altar Guild Update: met on January 7th; minutes of the meeting shared with our committee.
 - *no new issues reported.
 - f. Congregational song version of the Lord's Prayer will be used each Sunday until Lent.
 - *Discuss use of sung/spoken Lord's Prayer in future services
 - g. Look ahead 3 months for Festival/special Sundays.
 - ***January:** Baptism of our Lord was recognized on Sunday, January 12th, with special recognition of baptism added to the prayers and the Font was moved to the lower level; decorated to draw our attention to it. Communion was done with two stations.
 - ***February:** Transfiguration February 23rd – use Alleluia Banner and recess during closing hymn. Ash Wednesday February 26th – Harriet will work with P. Gretchen on the Ashes. Services will be at each home church. First Lutheran will hold ours at 12:10 and 7:00pm.
 - ***March:** Lenten services will 'travel' to each church as follows with services at 12:10 and 6:30pm; lunch and dinner provided by respective churches:
March 4: Bethlehem March 11: Hope March 18: First Lutheran March 25: Zion
 - ***April:** Lenten services April 1: Augustana.
 - Holy week: the possibility of having a prayer vigil was discussed; Maundy Thursday from 12-6. Services on Maundy Thursday at home churches, First Lutheran's will be at 12:10 and 7:00 with no meals included. Good Friday: 12:10pm service at Bethlehem and 7:00pm at First Lutheran with plans being made to have a joint choir presenting that day. There was no discussion regarding Easter services at this meeting.
 - h. Prairie Grace will be here February 16th and April 5th. They will be asked to present three pieces during the services.
 - i. Harriet has submitted a report from our committee for the Annual Report and has provided comments on the new year's budget for Worship Committee. She has also had one conversation with Katrina regarding additional sorting capabilities of the accounting software so that tracking worship expenses will be easier.
 - *will continue to pursue this option.
- 2) See the updated schedule for hymn selection assignments.

- 3) Discussion regarding resources on worship planning and leadership with the purpose of education for the committee:

*There was no discussion today.

*Altar Guild book (Fourth Edition) is available for us to use as a reference.

*Committee members will bring thoughts from resources mentioned above for discussion/learning at future meetings.

New Business:

- 1) 150 Anniversary in 2022 – no discussion
- 2) Youth Service – how can our committee assist in planning. There was no discussion.

Next Worship Committee meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 4:00pm

WORSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA for next meeting:

Old Business:

- 1) Review last month's minutes and report on assignments:
 - Sound operator training
 - Organ Project and upcoming concert
 - Liturgy setting plans
 - Altar Guild update
 - Look ahead 3 months for festival/special Sundays
 - Discussion regarding worship resources

New Business:

- 1) 150 anniversary in 2022
- 2) Additional items:
 - Altar table

Upcoming Assignments / Plans:

Hymn selection schedule:

February: Anne

March: Harriet

April: Linda (Nancy may participate)

May: Keith

Linda will write Messenger articles on liturgical purpose/history. *Well done and appreciated.

Tabled: Blessing of animals service

*Ash Wednesday – practice with ashes...

Faith & Fellowship shared mid-week services; Wednesdays through the summer months: Overall, the committee was pleased with how these went and felt these services met the needs of our congregation.