

Worship & Music Team Minutes
September 19, 2011

Present: Pastor Maurice, Emily & Rudy Schleif, Shelly Thorson, Carol Engebretson, Bea Lebal

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes from the August meeting were read and accepted.
- Emily reported that some members of the congregation had requested communion be served with glasses and kneeling. The team agreed but thought that this should already have been occurring - alternating between intinction and full communion. Disposable cups are available for use, making clean-up quicker and easier. Carol will check with Rebecca regarding communion schedule.
- Confirmation robes
Pastor Maurice agreed to obtain samples of robes from the 2 on-line rental companies he had mentioned at the August meeting. A decision to rent or purchase will then be made, as well as payment options - budgeted item or family responsibility.
- Contemporary service update
The alternate style service has started out well.
Pastor Maurice noted that finding appropriate music that the congregation may know is a challenge. He mentioned a book (Worship & Praise) from the ELCA resource center he had been using that was very helpful. Bea noted that there are some more contemporary music books in a filing cabinet in the storeroom under the stairs. Carol volunteered to look through the cabinet, possibly with Rebecca, Marlene G., Bea & Pastor Maurice, at a date to be determined.
The new liturgy being introduced will be used at least until the end of the year.
- Gideon presentation/3rd grade Bibles
The Christian Education team is excited about combining the 3rd grade Bible presentations with the Gideon presenter. October 30 - Reformation Sunday - is the date under consideration. Irv will be in contact with the Gideon representatives.
The Bibles to be presented to the 3rd graders are a student bible more appropriate to their level of understanding with 'helps' included (ex. maps, character explanations, devotions).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Choir Christmas Cantata
Bea presented her idea to perform the cantata at the Christmas Eve 4:00 and possibly the 7:00 service. The cantata chosen incorporates the lighting of candles as well as the Christmas story and would make a dramatic statement.
Points brought up during the ensuing discussion included:
 - Some congregation members attend expecting their traditional Christmas Eve service
 - Cantata can be adapted - adding sermon, more familiar hymns. Segmented to include more traditional aspects
 - Pastor Maurice would like to offer a variety of worship styles for the Christmas services - a family-oriented service at 4:00, possibly Lessons in Carols for another, and a more contemplative, quiet candle light service at 10:30The optional date for the cantata would be Saturday, Dec. 17th at 4:00.
The team determined time was needed to think the idea over. A decision will be made at the October meeting.
- The team viewed the power point Pastor Maurice had completed for the new member initiative. Great!
- Traditions
Since OSLC no longer has the Lutefisk Dinner, maybe we need to start some new traditions. We have the lefse/meatball sale in November. What else could we do? - Fall Festival, Christmas Decoration Day gathering, each team planning a fellowship event??
- A suggestion to provide anti-bacterial hand sanitizer for the congregation was made. The team approved purchasing the sanitizer and adding the cost to the W&M budget for next year.

- 4:30 Saturday service

The '28 minute' service has been in existence for 3 years, with steady attendance. Some attendees voice their negative concerns if the service lasts longer. Anne Torkelson spoke with Pastor Maurice about changing the emphasis on the '28 minutes' so people would be prepared when the service ran longer. The team agreed that the time should be more flexible. A plan of action should be determined at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: October 17 at 2:00

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Engebretson, Secretary