

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2013

Members Present: Pastor A.J., Gretchen Nelson, Paulette Johnson, DiAnn Zimmerman, Shirley Finley, Gayle Nemmers, Jean Johnson, Terri Elsey

Members Absent: Doyle Polson (Council Liason)

Pastor A.J. opened the meeting with prayer and Gretchen lead devotions.

Old Business:

- ◆ The NEW ReClaim Hymnal is now being printed. Pastor A.J. had a paperbound copy for the committee to see. There are 270 hymns and 3 service settings. The price is \$22 each for the hardcover hymnal. The Worship Committee recommends ordering 300 hardcover ReClaim Hymnals contingent on seeing a sample hardcover copy to be sure the binding, etc. is what we expect.
- ◆ The Committee would like to go on record thanking Ray and Chuck for the beautiful furniture they made for our sanctuary.
- ◆ The Sacristy refrigerator was purchased. Gayle was going to see if the size would work in the space allotted in the room.
- ◆ The Committee felt “Invitation Sunday-Open House” was very successful.
- ◆ The Praise Band is still in need of a piano player. There is a non-member that may be interested. Pastor A.J. will make the contact. The committee also recommended that the Praise Band come up with a “short” list of songs they play so the congregation can become familiar with the songs before adding additional songs. We would like the Praise Band to be the “Song Leaders” on the Sundays they play. Our music is to worship and glorify God.

New Business:

- ◆ Poinsettia Offer for December- Paulette had information from Anderson Floral and Parkers Prairie Floral. Gretchen will check with Colorful Seasons. It was recommended that congregation members can order regular or large poinsettia plants in memory or in honor of individuals and they will be used to decorate the front of the church during the Christmas Season.
- ◆ The Covenant Church has offered to give us three 12 foot artificial Christmas trees with lights. The committee is recommending that we take these trees.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Service will be November 27th at 7:00.

- ◆ Christmas Eve Service will be December 24th at 4:00. Gayle will make sure we have enough small candles.
- ◆ Gayle will purchase new Advent Candles.
- ◆ Sanctuary Decorations - Good through the Christmas Season.
- ◆ Service Time - The Church Council had discussed this at their Council Retreat. The church service will remain at 9:00 with Sunday School to follow the service.
- ◆ Acolytes- Pastor A.J. will talk with the confirmation students.
- ◆ Communion servers will be reminded when blessing children to use their hand that does NOT touch the bread.
- ◆ Consider standing for Old and New Testament lessons.
- ◆ The Christmas Sunday School Program is December 15th.

Gretchen closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Elsey, Secretary