

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 3/22/18

Present: Gayle Nemmers, Steve Ferguson, Gregg Stoen, Pastor AJ, Carla Beem, Nancy Anderson. Absent: Carolyn Moeller, Doyle Polson, Jim Nelson.

Pastor AJ opened with prayer.

Minutes: Approved as read

Financial report: As of February, not many expenses – everything looks good and on track.

Music Guild: Nothing to report.

Altar Guild: Gayle purchased 1 case of wine at \$53.94. Will use red paraments for Maundy Thursday.

Ushers report: No report. Comments from committee that we really like having the confirmation kids helping out with Wednesday night services – they do a great job and are enjoying it!

Pastor's report: Good attendance for the Wednesday Evening services and people seems to really like the Return From Exile series. Pastor will continue to use same format for Holy Week. He will be gone the Sunday after Easter – maybe will get Pastor Don Suetter to do the service (Praise Band Sunday). Discussed Lenten sentence for Sunday services – people seems to like this and are singing well.

Old business: Discussed the hand bell choir from St. Cloud. Decided would work well for a Sunday morning and possibly do a pot luck afterwards. Nancy will contact them for dates they may be available this summer.

New business:

- Palm Sunday: Will do procession with palms. Palms were picked up and are in kitchen refrigerator (individual palms and palms for altar vases).
- Maundy Thursday: No first communion kids but there will be communion for all. Will need a few people to strip altar (no music during altar stripping).
- Good Friday: Passion reading – got a few volunteers to read from worship committee – Pastor will ask a few more. Carla Beem will close service by singing three verses of “Were You There”. Following that, ushers will ring the bells like a toll as congregation walks out silently. Steve will talk with ushers to alert them to bell ringing.
- Saturday Easter vigil: There is a sign-up sheet for people to chose times from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday: No pre-service music; will leave lights off in main part of church. Pastor will have opening sentences, then Carla Beem to sing v. 4 of “Were You There”; the lights will be turned on and will process in with processional cross. Need a sign over the light switches to remain off ‘til ready and ushers turn on. Cinnamon rolls ordered (10 dozen). Jim Nelson will pick up Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. from Roers Bakery and deliver to church. Will need 40 additional side chairs set-up at end of current rows. Also would like 2 additional round

tables/chairs set up in back (or have readily available to set up as needed) and 2 additional round tables/chairs on south side by praise band area. Nancy will ask Mary Jo Redfield to arrange the Easter flowers brought in.

- National Day of Prayer: Coming up May 3, 2018. Need pianist for the 7:00 p.m. evening service (Nancy to arrange). Full day starting with prayer breakfast (Fat Daddy's?), will have tables and prayer stations set up around the church. More details to come.
- Summer services: Will start June 6<sup>th</sup> and finish August 29<sup>th</sup>. July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Wednesday and we will have an evening service at 7 p.m. Steve will contact the Evangelism committee regarding advertising for the summer services.
- Bible School summer dates: August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Council liaison. Council is discussing if a committee member is currently on the Council, he/she could be the committee's council liaison. Gregg will follow-up and let us know.
- Discussed keeping future meetings on Thursdays – but maybe a different time. Will discuss after we find out about the council liaison.

**Next worship committee meeting: April 12, 2018, tentative time 8:30 a.m. (meeting time will be confirmed by email from Steve Ferguson).**

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anderson, Secretary