

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 9/13/18

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

Pastor AJ opened with prayer.

Minutes: approved as read.

Financial report from August: Worship supply at 64%, communion supply 15%, musicians 80%, piano maintenance 50%. Discussed licenses. Steve will check because several licenses should have already been paid. Pastor AJ wondered if we should renew the Ylvisaker license for \$50 – he doesn't use much except the Psalms. We voted to renew.

Music Guild: Suggested putting out favorite hymn list for upcoming hymn sing for 9/30/18. Choir starts 9/16/18; Chordaires won't be coming to Alexandria; have not heard anything yet from Sweet Adelines.

Altar Guild: Gayle purchased - 1 case of wine @\$53.94 and 1 box altar candles @\$45.75.

Ushers report: No report.

Pastor's report: Pastor AJ suggested getting more youth involved in services. Maybe easiest way would be to talk to them when they come in and ask if they'd like to help usher/collect offering. No confirmands this year – there may be a baptism on Reformation Sunday (10/30/18). Pentecost lessons (Holy Spirit/Ephesians) was really great. Great praise band this last Sunday – nice to have both drums and bass – balances better. Need to work on getting more songs in Praise Band book as people need the music. Will be good to have choir for services again. Used LBW liturgy this summer – will talk within the service about why we do the creed and other portions of liturgy. Pastor AJ will be gone 10/7 (Martha Hanson), 11/4 (Don Sutter), and still looking for someone for 10/21. Looking at seating options (i.e. benches) for amphitheater area by fire pit.

Old business: Summer worship was good. Numbers were down but consistent and had some visitors. Would like to continue. For next year, Pastors Nate Hanson (Fahlun), Mike Hanson and AJ will rotate Wednesday nights (only at Morris and Living Word) so Pastor Mike and Pastor AJ will have some Wednesdays off. Maybe will have Ken Elvejhem play guitar for a few Wednesday services. Maybe have one Wednesday night/month tied in to youth. Lots of value with these Wednesday night services.

New business:

- Temple talks 9/16/18 (30 seconds each) for the different committees.
- Stewardship fair on 9/23/18. Be sure to have responsibility sheets/goals (for 2017-18) on tables for anyone interested.
- Discussed goals and budget for 2018-19 (see attached sheet following minutes)
- Time change suggestion via Council. Suggestion was made thru Council that we change service time from 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Reasons: older members need additional time to get to church as do younger families, people that travel a distance/weather concerns. Plan would be to have Sunday School/Bible study at 9 a.m., worship at 10 a.m. and fellowship at 11:15. Much discussion:
  - o This would "kill" the choir because they need to rehearse before church (and there are only two rooms with pianos). Evening rehearsals don't work (we've tried that). If 9 a.m. start time, where would you find separate areas for Sunday School, Bible study, choir rehearsal and Praise Band rehearsal?
  - o People like the fellowship time and it's a vital part of our church – if fellowship didn't start until 11:15, it is likely people won't stay and visit as they do now.

- If the purpose of a 10 a.m. service is to encourage people to attend Bible study and for kids to come to Sunday school, more would likely attend following the service rather than before the service.
- If the concern is that younger families need additional time to get to a 9 a.m. service, how would they then get their kids to 9 a.m. Sunday School?
- Bible study opportunities are currently offered throughout the week (men, WOW study, etc.) and a number of members attend Bible studies outside of our church.
- Distance/weather should not be a concern because if weather is bad enough that they are not able to get to church by 9, they probably wouldn't make it by 10 either. Everyone that lives a distance out of town has to use their own best judgment for safety with travel/weather issues.
- An additional thought was that most churches having only one service start usually at 10:00 a.m.
- It was also brought up that a survey on service times was completed a number of years ago (8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30) and the majority of people had voted for 9 a.m. One committee member felt there was no need for a new survey.
- This topic needs more discussion. Tabled until next worship committee meeting.

Next meeting: October 25, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anderson

Following page lists the goals/budget for 2018-19 for worship committee.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE GOALS – 2018-19

1. Summer worship – continue annually; keep at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights; do additional advertising; rotate Pastors Nate Hanson, Mike Hanson and AJ Kluver to handle services for summer of 2019.
2. Increase ways to get youth involved in worship (both KREW and confirmands).
3. Additional worship service events to include community invitation.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2017-18 budget</u>	<u>2018-19 Budget</u>
Pulpit Supply - 016-01-01-15	\$1800	\$1800
Worship Supply – 016-02-04-02	800	800
Communion Supplies – 016-02-04-04	425	425
Fellowship Expense – 016-02-05-04	100	100
Worship musicians – 016-04-06-01	3400	3400
Choir Music – 016-04-06-02	300	300
Piano/Organ maintenance – 016-04-06-03	300	300
Licenses - 016-04-06-05	760	760
Praise Band – 016-04-06-06	200	200
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8085</b>	<b>\$8085</b>
 <u>Income</u>		
Fellowship income – 015-01-00-09	\$1300	\$1300