

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – 7/25/18

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

Pastor AJ opened with prayer.

Minutes: Approved as read.

Financial report: January/June report - at half the year, spending for worship supply is 58%, communion supplies 12%, worship music 47%; choir music, licenses and praise band – 0% spending to date.

Music Guild: Carolyn suggested that we have congregation favorite hymn list again on information table. Women sang twice this summer and really enjoyed singing. Men sang Memorial weekend – will try to get them to sing again. Special music scheduled for 7/29, 8/19 and 8/26. Choiraires will sing sometime in September. Hope to get Sweet Adeline's scheduled.

Altar Guild: Purchased 1 case of gluten free wavers for \$13.59 (price went up \$3).

Ushers report: Last Sunday there were 114 people at church with lots of visitors. Nice! Nothing else to report.

Pastor's report: For worship, have been using LBW absolution/confession for a change-up. New bulletin format received well. Power point going smooth. Wednesday evening service has been very light attendance. In September, with Pastor Jeremy gone for a year, Pastor Nate Hanson (Battle Lake) will be the interim pastor. For Lent services, Pastor AJ, Pastor Mike Hanson and Pastor Nate Hanson might switch some Wednesday evenings; will have youth groups from LWLC and Nelson together for youth projects. At youth gathering in Des Moines, the youth came up with an idea for them to have a mission weekend at our church – bring sleeping bags for Friday/Saturday nights, eat at church, then do mission projects around Alexandria and our church. GREAT idea!!!!

Old business:

- Handbell program was wonderful and heard a LOT of great comments from the congregation. Would like to have them back again sometime but next time advertise to bring in others.
- Summer worship – very light attendance
- Reviewed 2018 goals: have done a lot of advertising; have had hymn sing/handbell choir; youth – maybe get them more involved on praise band Sundays, have mentors work more with kids to keep them involved; when they come to church, ask them to help with offering, etc.

New business:

- Sept. 23rd will be stewardship fair.
- We discussed stewardship talk – would recommend that be an extended (possibly) temple talk rather than having it as part of the sermon.
- Goals for 2018-19 – start thinking about for future meetings.
- Gayle mentioned Terri Eley found small cinnamon rolls at Walmart – keep in mind for next Easter.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 13, 8:30 -9:30 a.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Anderson.