

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 1/7/16

Present: Jim Nelson, Greg Stoen, Bruce Wymore, Steve Ferguson, Gayle Nemmers, Carolyn Moeller, Nancy Anderson. Absent: Pastor AJ.

Jim Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Meeting minutes from last meeting need one revision: Under usher's report, we need 4 ushers/Sunday. Meeting minutes then approved.

Treasurer's report: The year ended up as follows (% spending to budget) - Worship musicians 117%, Choir music 39%, piano/organ 100%, licenses 82%, Praise Band 152%, Chordsmen 280%, Worship supply 88%, Communion supplies 80%. Total: 107% of monies budgeted.

Music Guild: Need more choir members! Suggest putting note in bulletin that we sing twice/month and practice the Sunday we sing at 8:00 a.m. (no evening rehearsals). Maybe do women's group also since there is a lot of interest there. Choir currently scheduled to sing 1/17 and 1/24. "Christmas Hallelujah" on Christmas Eve was WONDERFUL and very touching! Thank you to Laurie Kluver, Chelsea Nelson and Carolyn Moeller! Suggestion was to make that piece a tradition for Christmas Eve service. With Pastor AJ gone for January, we won't have a hymn of the month (HOM) but suggest that we be sure to continue again starting February. Any suggestions for HOM are welcome from committee members (contact Carolyn or Nancy).

Altar Guild: Purchased 1 case of wine for \$50.94.

Pastor's report: No report since Pastor AJ is gone until Ash Wednesday.

Usher's report: Nothing new to report. Encourage greeters to have visitors sign the guest book.

Reviewed Advent liturgy. Feedback – it was okay, nothing extraordinary, and some would prefer not to use again. May use again for variety for Sundays in Lent. Will discuss at next committee meeting.

Reviewed worship surveys that have been received and did a quick count. Many comments on the survey form. Nancy will put data on spreadsheet and send to worship committee members.

Other business: Suggestion for maybe putting star on top of each Christmas tree next year. Idea from another church is "noisy offering" – children pass "pail" for coin offering after offering plate is passed – and bring up "pail" to altar to empty into larger bucket. Coins are collected for 2 months, then given to either local charity or international charity (i.e. Heifer) – also involves kids in service. Steve said they need someone to do the children's sermon for 1/24 – suggestion was to ask Angie Anderson to do. Steve will contact her. Jim asked that Paulette be notified of next committee meeting (done).

Next committee meeting: Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

- Treasurer's report

- Music Guild report
- Altar Guild report
- Pastor's report
- Usher's report
- Discuss Lent/Easter services/liturgy
- Discuss worship survey
- Talk about summer services (Wednesday evenings, June 8 thru August 31).

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anderson, Secretary