

MINUTES FOR WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

ATTENDEES: Gordon, Pastor Fred, Joan, Sandy, David, Julie, Sheri, Carol, Jessie

EXCUSED: Lynn, Kevin

1. OPENING DEVOTIONS – Kevin Seidel was unable to attend; Sheri pinch hit! Very brief discussion of one of her favorite hymns = Let all Mortal Flesh keep Silence, ELW 490. No research possible, but the hymnal notes that it is a French folk tune. Sheri said she likes the melodies – it sounds like angels singing!

2. FEEDBACK ON RECENT EVENTS/SUNDAY SERVICES

a. Reformation Sunday – fabulous music! Kudos to Julie, Kevin and all others!!

b. Harvest donations – lots of positive comments but donations were somewhat less than expected. One commenter suggested that shopping for the item of the week would have been easier with earlier notice: if not published until Friday it wasn't always possible for this person to shop before Sunday. If we do this again, put all four weeks into a list at the beginning of the month.

One other problem, the hay bales seem to have attracted a bunch of tiny moths! Traps are out, but let's use something else next time!

3. COMING ATTRACTIONS

a. Thanksgiving Tuesday service on 11/26 at 7 pm. Multiple congregations participating; chief of police will speak.

b. Day time midweek Advent lesson/meditation/prayers – we were considering an in person mediation but an email from Lynn asked us to reconsider something online. After much discussion, we ended up with a 3 PM in person event. Pastor believes he can successfully turn one camera on and off which will allow the devotion to be "live streamed" and recorded for those who want to watch it later.

c. Online Advent candle lighting? Given the discussion above, we will not be doing this.

d. BIG Christmas tree construction/further discussion of decorating – George Seidel will lead us on Thursday Dec 19 with the assembly of the big tree. Sheri will ask Kathy to put in a newsletter article asking the congregation to stay after service on Sunday Dec 22 to put the rest of the decorations together including a "Forest of Trees." Sheri has a list of "tasks" [aka "The Clipboard". LOL] and will bring that on the 22nd. Sheri and Pastor will arrange to "dust" the small trees that are just "loose" in the basement. Kathy has coordinated with the florist and we expect 30 red poinsettias to be delivered Monday Dec 23; the cost to sponsor a flower will again be \$15. Kathy will coordinate that as well.

Reminder, we will have one service on 12/24 at 7:00 pm. The Kurbansade family will be singing.

e. Can we settle on time of Christmas Day service – yes, 9:30 am. Last year only 18 people attended in person but there were ultimately 51 views.

f. When December music is settled, Gordon Snyder needs to know what Christmas hymns have been included because there will be Christmas hymns in January and he doesn't want repeats. Julie has completed the choices and will get a copy to Gordon next week – just need to review with Pastor. Also need a copy to Kathy.

g. Extra special this year: 12/29 is First Christmas and 1/5 is Second Christmas. We don't often get extra chances to sing all the holiday hymns. We may have bells on 12/29 as Louise Olshan has offered – Julie will follow up and see if we can work that out.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Any additional input on licensing issues that would limit our ability to add music selections to our website? Discussed and decided the “prize isn't worth the risk.”

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Jan 26 Agape will provide music. Linda Clark will work out the “plan” with Pastor, Julie, and Kevin very soon.

b. Julie played at a church in Succasunna where the organ has been damaged by a lightning hit. She has called Peragallo and asked what we should have to protect ours? They recommended first, a lightning rod on the building – Pastor says we have one. Second, check our insurance policy and make sure the organ is covered. Third, consult an electrician and consider a surge protector system that goes in at the electrical panel and protects the whole building. Peragallo believes we have a surge protector at the organ? Julie will ask John S to check our insurance and have some more discussion with Peragallo. They are coming to tune our instruments on Dec 4.

DECIDE WHICH HAND TO RAISE

a. Devotion leadership volunteer for next meeting. The team unanimously assigned this to Kevin since he was unable to make tonight's meeting!

b. Upcoming dates (review):

- a. Dec 1 First Advent, start liturgy setting 1.
- b. Tuesday Dec 24 Christmas Eve, one service at 7 pm
- c. Weds. Dec 25 one service at 9:30 am
- d. Sun 12/29 First Sunday of Christmas
- e. Sun 1/5 Second Sunday of Christmas
- f. Sun 1/12 Baptism of Jesus
- g. Weds 3/5 Ash Wednesday
- h. Sun 4/20 Easter

6. CLOSING PRAYER at 8:09 pm

NOTE! NEXT MEETING DATE WILL NOT BE DECEMBER 17. SKIP THAT ONE
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE **TUESDAY JANUARY 21 -with a possible reschedule to January 28.**
Watch your emails for updates!!