

## **Worship and Music Committee Minutes** **Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

### **Participants:**

David Roden, Anne Pickett, Carolyn Carmack, Paul Stetsenko, Paul Van de Water, Rosa Fullerton., Sherrie Cathcart, and Peggy Grant.

David Roden opened the meeting with excerpts from a Lenten sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor

### **Month in Review**

Recent worship services were reviewed and discussed. The children's participation in the Ash Wednesday service was noted. March 4<sup>th</sup> at George Mason went very well even with a makeshift microphone stand. Communion on March 11<sup>th</sup> worked somewhat better.

The words and music for the Sanctus were printed in the bulletin and the bell piece was a very nice addition. We still had considerable traffic problems caused by older members who remained seated and were served in the pews. Since several pieces of bread were left floating in the juice, it was suggested that heavier bread might be a better choice for future intinction services at Westminster.

In response to concerns about the service length, David Roden reported a number of time statistics from the last few services.

The children's sermons average less than five minutes; the "adult" sermons average 19 minutes; the offering and announcements took between 5 and 7 minutes each; the communion liturgy took 4 minutes and the serving took 10 minutes. The only service that went beyond 12:00 was the communion service which finished at 12:10.

### **Month Ahead**

The service on March 25<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to what we have learned at Agudas Achim. David Roden will suggest to Larry Hayward that the pillar gift should be mentioned at this service so our members have a clear understanding of what we are talking about when the gift is officially presented on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most of our worship equipment should be removed from Agudas Achim on this date.

A work day to prepare the sanctuary for worship on Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, will be start at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Paul Stetsenko's organ should be moved in on this day or before. The usher captains will be invited to attend an orientation meeting and run through that morning. Carolyn Carmack has ordered palm fronds and crosses for the processional and after worship. The opportunity for the choir to practice in the sanctuary on March 29<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Occupancy permits, a piano, and piano tuning were identified as likely complications.

The communion service on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, was planned with four intinction stations and two roving servers. The guidance on candelabra and flower arrangements was to keep it simple. The worship committee does not believe we have any special responsibilities for the services at noon and 7:30 on Good Friday.

The Commonwealth Brass and a simple flower arrangement by Gale Grindstaff are planned for Easter. Once Great Hour of Sharing envelopes will need to be placed in the pew rakes. Extra chairs are likely to be needed, but probably cannot be placed in the back. Some chairs will be added to the bell transept.

### **Upcoming Events**

Communion is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

A decision about serving in the pews or continuing with intinction will need to be made at the next committee meeting.

May 20<sup>th</sup> is the pledge dedication Sunday for the next Capital Campaign. Usher responsibilities on this day will

need to be clarified. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the celebration and recognition Sunday for the new space. A picnic will follow worship.

It is not clear if the worship and music committee has any special responsibilities for any of the activities on this day.

The first wedding in our new space will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Committee responsibilities will be identified.

### **Other Business**

Carolyn Carmack reported that a generous offer has been made by members of the Church to donate money for the purchase of new choir robes. A series of cost estimates were prepared based on the number of choirs and various robe options. These estimates will be presented to the donor to clarify the details of the gift. If the gift does not cover the full cost, one of the restricted music funds would be used to complete the purchase. The motion was discussed and approved pending final details from the meeting with the donor. The motion is:

*That the donation of monies specified for purchase of new Choir Robes be accepted, and that a Robe Committee of Choir members, in coordination with the Director of Music Ministries, the Choir, the individuals donating the monies, and the Pastor, proceed with the selection and purchase of robes.*

The need and desire for new pew pads was originally raised by the New Member Committee and recommended to the Worship and Music Committee for consideration. Vienna Presbyterian Church has the type of pew pads suggested by the New Member Committee.

Carolyn Carmack gathered information from Vienna about their pew pads and will prepare a cost estimate for consideration at our next meeting.

David Roden reported on the status of recording various components of the worship service for distribution to members or on the church web page.

The Worship and Music Committee could support the audio or video recording efforts by asking the head usher to start and stop the recording from a control panel in the narthex. The Committee does not have the skills or time we believe is needed to generate and edit the high quality product appropriate for the weekly distribution of sermons on the church web site.

We would like to have professional recordings of special music, worship liturgy, education, mission, and fellowship activities posted on the web site to provide a more complete impression of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Closing Prayer by Paul Van de Water

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:30 PM.