

## **Worship and Music Committee Minutes**

### **Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

**Participants:** David Roden, Rosa Fullerton, Larry Hayward, Paul Stetsenko, Becky Davies, Jan Dickerson, Sherrie Cathcart and Carolyn Carmack.

David Roden opened the meeting with prayer.

### **Month in Review**

The communion tray for the south transept ran out of cups for Communion on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Fewer cups were prepared to help reduce waste. No reliable way of providing more cups for one tray and not others was identified.

### **Month Ahead**

Palm Sunday arrangements were discussed. Palm crosses will be handed out by the ushers after the service. The Children's Choir will lead the processional with bells followed by other grade school children. Molly Roden will be responsible for organizing the Children's Choir and distributing palms. Casey FitzGerald will arrange the other children.

The Palm Sunday afternoon worship featuring music by Rossini and the Memoirs of Pontius Pilate will start at 3:00 PM. Usher arrangements will be confirmed. The offering will be dedicated to the Music Offering account. The program should include wording to this affect.

The services at 7:30 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week are being planned and lead by the Associate Pastors. Communion by Intinction is to be offered on Maundy Thursday. Jan Dickerson will prepare the elements. Karen Blomberg will prepare Communion elements for the Easter Vigil on Saturday.

The Commonwealth Brass will participate in the Easter services and offer a 15 minute prelude to the 11:00 service. Other upcoming services include Youth Sunday on April 20<sup>th</sup> and last Sunday with two services will be May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

The joint concerts of the Westminster Choir with the Alexandria Symphony and Alexandria Choral Society on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> were a major success and a good learning experience.

The Easter flower and mission project was doing well. Over \$600 dollars had been collected to date. If possible, it would be helpful to include a note about the flowers and the mission contribution in the Easter bulletin. If not, the March 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin should highlight the contribution to the Moi's Bridge orphanage.

The contractor has agreed to start installing the organ by the end of March. It will likely take several months to complete and tune. The original plan to "revoice" the organ does not appear

likely, though the contract should be reviewed to see if this is included. The door to the pipe cabinet is very tight and some damage to the pipes has occurred. The pipes also need to be sealed to reduce air leaks.

The dedication service for the sanctuary furnishings may be postponed until the fall. Several furnishing elements have not as yet been funded by the Capital Campaign committee.

A children's Vivaldi musical and congregational dinner is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>. A youth choir is being organized to prepare an anthem for the Youth Sunday service on April 20<sup>th</sup>. M&M week is being planned for June 16<sup>th</sup>. Since Casey FitzGerald will be on maturity leave, the non-music portion of the program will need to be arranged by the CE Committee.

David Roden and Casey FitzGerald proposed a four week music session as part of a Creation Station rotation in the fall. A local grade school music teacher has agreed to teach the class using Orff instruments and then provide music for the pre-school children during the worship hour. The committee whole heartedly supported the proposal and agreed to pay half of the \$500 program costs from the music budget.

The Alexandria Symphony asked if they could offer their children's Christmas concert in our sanctuary. The date has not as yet been set, but it will need to be scheduled around the Christmas Pageant, Lessons and Carols, and Festival Sunday. The staff will start planning the Advent services on March 25<sup>th</sup> and will set the calendar on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The schedule partially depends on the availability of choir members on December 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> for the Festival Sunday music. The December 21<sup>st</sup> is preferred if enough people plan to be in town.

David Roden outlined the results of discussions he and Anne Picket had with Larry Hayward about the future roles and responsibilities of the Worship and Music Committee. The proposed organizational structure has three primary focus areas:

1. Worship Guild – provide support for worship services through preparation of communion elements, ushers, flowers, paraments, candles, decorations, furnishings, recordings, pew checking, lighting, sound system, etc.
2. Music Guild – provide support for music in all aspects of church life including vocal and bell choirs, children and youth education, church-wide fellowship events, special musical offerings and instrumentalists, and concerts for the general public.
3. Worship Education and Planning – provide support and assistance to the pastors in planning special worship services and provide opportunities for church members to learn more about why we worship the way we do. The recruiting and training of lay worship leaders and Communion servers is included here. An adult church school class is being planned for the fall for the pastors to discuss worship and worship planning activities.

Between three and four key people will be identified to help lead each of these areas.

Larry Hayward closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM.