

Worship and Music Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Participants: David Roden, Anne Pickett, Rosa Fullerton, Paul Stetsenko, Larry Hayward, Becky Davies, Carolyn Carmack, Paul Van de Water, Katherine Gunter, Jan Dickerson, and Sherrie Cathcart.

David Roden opened the meeting with prayer.

Month in Review

Communion by intinction was offered at the 10:00 AM service on June 8th. The process for serving the choir was very effective. The congregation also moved efficiently. An announcement or bulletin message is needed about being served in the pews. Several procedural directions for the rovers were discussed.

Month Ahead

David Erwin's high school bell choir will participate in the 10:00 worship service on June 15th. The Saturday night pick-up time will be distributed by Paul Stetsenko and Molly Roden.

M&M Week begins on June 16th for about 20 kids. Paul Stetsenko will lead the musical and Molly Roden will lead the educational component.

Due to high demand, Baptism services will be added on the last Sunday of each month through the end of the year.

The communion on July 13th will be served in the pews. Recruiting an adequate number of servers remains difficult.

Other Business

The Session will not be meeting in August, so any decisions for September that require Session approval must be acted upon by early July.

The first three weeks of the Wholeness and Healing service have been very well received. Approximately a dozen people participated in each service. The noise level does not appear to be a problem. Using the sanctuary transept provides an appropriate worship space without totally dampening the socializing after the 10:00 service. The participants and the leaders have been emotionally moved by the experience. It appears to be servicing a significant need. Pastoral care follow-up procedures should be developed to dovetail with these services.

Meetings with the potential donor of a new instrument for the Chapel have confirmed that a digital organ is feasible within an acceptable price range. Paul Stetsenko and Carolyn Carmack are planning to test several instruments in the next few weeks. Concerns about the need and placement of external speakers were discussed. Two hidden speakers in the front should provide

more than enough sound for the space. Carolyn Carmack will draft a letter related to the potential donation for distribution to the Gifts and Bequests Committee. A review by the Administration and Finance Committee and Session approval may be sought in July. If approved, the instrument could be available for September services. The disposition of the existing Chapel piano will be the responsibility of the Worship and Music Committee.

The dedication of the sanctuary piano and organ is scheduled for 2:00 PM on September 21st. It will be 45 minutes of piano music followed by a short intermission and 45 minutes of organ music. The organ pipes are now fully installed. There are a few loose connections that need to be addressed. Paul Stetsenko asked the committee to help him gauge when the organ is too loud. Since the new instruments have front baffles, he is no longer able to hear how loud the organ sounds to the congregation when seated at the organ bench. It will take some time to identify the proper settings. People with hearing aides are often more sensitive to organ sounds.

Anne Pickett reported on the first meeting of the lobby improvement committee. Efforts to visually integrate the lower, middle, and upper lobby areas are of primary interest. The need and function of the upper lobby doors is being discussed.

The Administration and Finance Committee's request for a list of potential gift ideas generated a number of items. Orchestral chimes (~\$4,000), bell table covers (~\$3,000), communion trays that hold both bread and juice for serving people in the pews during intinction services, a smaller cross and shorter candlesticks for the communion table, electronic candles for the Chapel, taller wooden tables for displaying Sunday flowers, and purchases of music for special musical productions.

The draft of the Worship and Music Committee Reorganization Plan was reviewed and discussed. The general approach was favorably received. There were several questions and concerns about the details or labeling of various activities. The wording about fund raising and the potential of worship planning teams needed significant clarifications. The relative role and composition of the support teams and guilds was unclear. David Roden will incorporate the committee comments into the next draft for review in July. The committee decided that the solicitation of potential participants could be postponed until September. The additional assistance needed for the music events in September will be recruited separately.

David Roden closed the meeting with prayer.

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