

Page 29 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed.

Meeting was held in church library, as Catharine's zippy chair was out for repairs and she had limited mobility.

Old Business:

- ❖ piano tuned – The sanctuary piano was tuned this morning. Linda says the temperature of the room in which a piano is located should stay within five degrees of the “ideal” temperature, and not below 65°. Pastor suggested that, if the temp. needs to be x , then we will inform Phil and ask him to program the thermostat to be x , in any given “tuning season”.
- ❖ Bell repair – Mary Alice sent the bells to be serviced with Jeffers, and they are now back! She unpacked them and checked them over – they look spectacular and seem to be all in working condition. Thank you, Mary Alice!

New Business:

- ❖ time & talent sheets – Mary Alice said that Mary Larson and Kendra have both expressed interest in being in the bell choir! She hasn't gotten any other names of interested people (from the time & talent sheets), and asked about those. There have been some extenuating circumstances that have kept Judi out of the office, but Pastor Scott said that going through those is high on her list of ‘things to do’.
- ❖ Myrna – Myrna is retiring from the W&M committee. She was responsible for getting Communion presenters (Sherry will take over), and was also on the SVE (Sanctuary Visual Effects) Team.

Pastor Scott wondered about having presenters *every* week and thought perhaps we could schedule them, just like ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers, et cetera. Another system Pr. Scott mentioned is using a technique in which every Sunday, name tags for various jobs/duties would be laid out on a table and whoever would like to volunteer for that job that day could just grab that name tag and the position would be filled. We discussed this for a bit, and will table it until a later time.

SVE: We've found that many people want to help; they just don't necessarily want to be in charge. Pastor and Sherry will work together and will ask people to help as needed.

- ❖ Ash Wednesday – Last year, imposition of ashes took place at the font, which was in the back of the sanctuary. Now, the font is in the middle of the center aisle. Pastor will figure out what will work best and decide where it will take place this year.
- ❖ Wednesday Lenten Services – Sign-up poster will go up this coming Sunday for the suppers. Worship and Music Committee is ‘in charge’ of the first Wednesday. Last month at Council, Sherry suggested having different committees in charge (of set up and cleanup) each Wed. during Lent. She said she'll mention it this month again – hopefully the spots will be filled.

Sherry also suggested that free will offerings this year go to Laundry Love. Pastor would like the Council's input on this matter, and will ask this month.

- ❖ Palm Sunday – Sherry has not ordered the palms yet, but will add them to the Easter flower orders. Pepper Creek has had their first price increase in five years. They are now asking \$10.30 for daffodils and tulips; \$9.90 for lilies. Mary Alice suggested no lilies (allergies), so we will order daffodils and tulips and ask \$10.50 for them.
- ❖ Palm Sunday – Keeping length of service in mind, we will do continual communion this year. Last year, we gathered in the Memory Garden, then processed into the sanctuary, and the weather was cooperative! This year, weather permitting, we will try that again.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday – It was an exceptionally long service last year, with the laying on of hands, communion, and foot washing all happening during the service. Pastor said, we could speed up the service by having continual communion, but these “time consuming things” are all part of the Holy Week services! Foot washing: Pastor will talk to Deaconess Cheryl and will decide whether or not to do that again this year.
- ❖ Good Friday – Are black candles needed on the altar? No. Are intercessory prayers needed? Yes. Some people thought it was too dark last year. We will address that, and work on it.
- ❖ Vigil of Easter – March 31: This year, service will begin at 8pm.
Candles: we will need to purchase new/better quality pew candles.
- ❖ Easter – Sherry talked to Janette. Things went well last year, as far as time, with the breakfast in between the two services. We will do the same this year: services at 8:15 & 10:45. Breakfast at 9:30 (we need to make sure we publish this!)
Butterflies will be put up Saturday morning, March 31, and taken down April 16. Pew candles will be used Easter Sunday.
- ❖ summer concerts – WHS Jazz Band has agreed to come again this year, Susie just needs to give Sean Maher a date. Maybe 6/13? Susie will email Patte and Carol, asking them when they are planning VBS
- ❖ setting change – we will switch to setting 4 during Lent (Ash Wed. (Feb. 14) – Maundy Thurs. (Mar. 29))

Meeting was closed with a quick prayer, led by Pastor Scott.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 6, 2018 – 1:00pm at Catharine’s house

Respectfully Submitted,
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