

## Worship & Music Committee meeting

March 6, 2018

Present: Linda Longardner, Catharine Edlen, Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Bev Wacker, and Mary Alice Peterson

Meeting was called to order. Pastor Scott advised that he had to leave at 1:45 to attend another meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Ash Wednesday Service – Sherry stated that the Ash Wednesday was good and that having the imposition of ashes at the front worked well, the lighting was good, and the Ash Wednesday sermon and the Wednesday Lenten sermons were very nice and well received. Pastor Scott has already talked to Judi about the sign by the side of the road being changed to advertise special services. Judi is following up with Don Wiese.

Bev and Mary Alice mentioned that people are not comfortable with “Lamb of God” and “Let the Vineyards be Fruitful” arrangements in the setting we are using now. Pastor Scott reminded us that many times we try these new things when the choir isn’t singing, and that also means the choir cannot lead the congregation, but with practice the liturgy becomes familiar. Sherry pointed out that SVLC uses more settings than most other churches.

### **New Business:**

Organ – The organ continues to decline, and now one pedal plays when it wants to and sometimes without even being asked. Catherine asked if the organ was bought when the building was built. Sherry remembers that organ being there for the last 40 years.

Can we get by with just a piano? Pastor Scott and Linda agree that even a single note played on the organ will fill the space better than a piano note. This is helpful in some liturgies. Linda states that most of the hymns and service music can be played on the piano, but that an organ is necessary for special arrangements for pre- and postludes and funeral services.

The last time the organ died, congregation members were able to resuscitate it. This time, the organ is still “functional” but we do not know what is causing one pedal to malfunction or if the problem is a simple fix or more involved. Committee agrees that we should work with a professional person or company to avoid putting anyone from the congregation in an awkward spot if they attempt to fix it but end up with a non-functional organ. Linda is uncertain if the piano tuner can look at or fix the organ, but thinks she has a contact for an organ repair company in Madison that has serviced the organ before. Linda will call the company and start a conversation about troubleshooting, fees for onsite service, and other options. Bev asked if the company sells organs, or sells used organs. Linda says they do.

Palm Sunday – Sherry has ordered 6 bunches of palms, asking \$9.00/bunch on sign-up poster. Service will begin in Memory Garden, weather permitting. Bev mentioned that people have been confused about how to do “continual communion”. Pastor will explain it at the beginning of the services incorporating this style.

**Maundy Thursday** – Last year it was the foot washing that took the longest. Pastor will chant the Psalm again this year. Sherry will recruit people to strip the altar at the end of the service. Lighting to be the same as it was on Ash Wed.

**Setting Changes** – We have been using Setting 4, and will continue that setting through the Maundy Thursday Service. Pastor Scott and Linda will decide on what setting will be used from the Easter Vigil through Pentecost.

**Good Friday** – This year the rugged cross will be hidden as it was last year. We will also alternate parts of the scripture reading with hymn verses. Pastor Scott will make sure the bulletin includes directions so the congregation should stand or sit.

**Easter Vigil** – The butterflies will be put up on March 31 at 9:30. Pew candles will also be set up at that time. Sherry will set up the sign for readers and refreshments after this service.

**Easter** – 8:15 and 10:45 with breakfast in between. We have done more advertising this year compared to last year. Pastor Scott will confirm with Susie that the choir will sing offertory at first service and prelude at second. Continual communion during these services.

**Upcoming Special Events** –

- ❖ Ascension: Falls on a Thursday this year, and was celebrated last year by Gloria Day with a lovely service.
- ❖ Pentecost: We will have geraniums again this year, pew candles, and streamers. We need to remind the congregation to wear red.
- ❖ Holy Trinity: (no discussion)
- ❖ Summer Concerts: Should start on June 13, every other week, for 6 concerts.

**Other** – Linda asked Mary Alice about bell choir. Mary Alice reports that she is trying to coordinate a time with Mary Larsen, Kendra, and Lily to go over bell basics.

*(1:45 – Closing prayer and Pastor Scott left)*

**Pentecost** – More discussion about the streamers. Could we use ½” – 1” wide red ribbons instead of streamers and use them as stoles or leis for the congregation to wear? Sherry will talk with Pastor Scott.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 1:00 PM at Catharine’s house**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Alice Peterson