

Present: Liz Beale, Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Bev Wacker, and Susie Smalley

Page 36 from the Use of the Means of Grace was read and discussed. (Holy Communion)

Old Business:

- ❖ summer concerts – 7/11 The Diners: attendance 73, \$139 collected;
7/25 Acoustic Juice: attendance 72, \$140 collected.
(Groups are paid \$150)
- ❖ choir robes – The choir robes are dry-cleaned and back in the closet.
- ❖ staff evaluation special meeting – Pastor Scott, Bev, Linda, Susie, and Sherry discussed the staff review forms and the process for using them on July 5.

New Business:

- ❖ Augsburg Music Clinic – Susie attended a music workshop at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, IL, on Mon., July 30. and Tues., July 31. Although much of the workshop was geared towards Augsburg selling their product, there were several learning opportunities for Susie. Even during times when the workshop session was not applicable to our size choir, bell choir, or congregation, she watched the directors' methods, techniques, and made note of tips, hoping to improve her skills.

One of the ideas we may try is publishing the list of the next week's hymns in the bulletin insert each week. One of the clinicians, Wayne Wold, said his congregation does this, and many people enjoy knowing what's coming up.

Another thing Susie would like to try is to have the choir go through hymns each week (with emphasis on not-as-familiar hymns) during choir rehearsal. Pastor mentioned that one of the choirs he belonged to used to warm up by singing the upcoming Sunday's hymns.

- ❖ Gospel Acclamation – Some are still struggling to sing this, however we believe it's improving. Susie believes that, once the choir is back in session, people will become even more comfortable with it.
- ❖ piano tuning – Linda arranged to have the pianos tuned Fri., Aug. 10. Our committee is under the understanding that the sanctuary piano will be tuned 3 times per year, the pianos in Moline Hall and Shepherd Hall once a year, and Linda does not need to ask for permission to schedule each time.
- ❖ choir – choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 5. The first time the choir will sing for the season will be Sunday, September 9.
- ❖ outdoor service/picnic – This will take place Aug. 19. Sherry brought in pictures from last year so we could remember how we set it up. We will set it up the same way this year, as everything seemed to go smoothly last year. Even though the candles didn't stay lit last year, we will light them again this year. Also, Susie suggested using the metal cart to hold hymnals, so people can take one before they sit down and return at the end of service.

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

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018 – 1:00pm in the church library

Respectfully Submitted, Susie Smalley