

Worship & Music Committee meeting [online: via Zoom](#) May 3, 2022

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Carolyn Ciaccio, Linda Longardner, Liz Beale, and Susie Smalley

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 121.

Old Business:

† setting changes: No changes since last month. We shouldn't need to talk about it until our August meeting.

[We briefly discussed our July meeting: Pastor Scott won't be able to meet that first Tuesday; Susie can't do the following. We could possibly move it to the last Tues. in June, or just skip the July meeting altogether. We can discuss this more next month.]

† Palm Sunday (April 10, 2022): Attendance: 57 in person, plus 10 households on Zoom.

Processional hymn: It was very confusing again for many people and those inside were at a different point in the hymn than those who were processing when the procession finally entered the sanctuary. We discussed how we could make this run smoother.

Some ideas for next year:

- shorten the path of the procession!
- Pr. Scott keep his microphone on while singing? (control volume in sanctuary) (how would that help/hinder Linda?)

We will definitely need to revisit this and work on ironing out details (and spreading the word about the plan) next year!

The reading of the Passion went well; everyone who participated did a great job. They all spoke clearly and loudly!

† Maundy Thursday (April 14, 2022): Attendance: 17 in person, 8 on Zoom. Stripping of the altar went well.

Pr. Scott said that we should also remove candles, to the extent that we can (meaning the Paschal Candle, not the sconces on the wall).

† Good Friday (April 15, 2022): Attendance: 17 in person, don't know the number of people on Zoom. The candles are not lit on Good Friday, nor is the light behind the cross. Things went smoothly.

† Butterflies - The butterflies were hung on Sat., April 16th and there were 28 helpers! They will come down on Thursday, May 12th, at 9am, rather than Saturday, May 14th, due to a memorial service.

† Easter Sunday (April 17, 2022) - Easter was well attended. There were right around 100 people in-person and there were 11 households on Zoom.

- We only had one service (9:30am) and did not do an Easter breakfast this year.
- There were coffee and treats afterwards.
- Pr. Scott inserted a sequence hymn before the reading of the Gospel. (We will do this again on Pentecost.)
- Monica (violin) joined Linda in accompanying the hymns, and Karen Dolan and Susie sang "He Is Alive" during the offering, with Monica and Linda accompanying.

† Holy Week overview - Pastor Scott noted that there were two things people commented on most during Holy Week this year: ending Palm Sunday with "Were You There" and the music on Easter Sunday.

New Business:

- † Linda - Linda had to leave the meeting early. Before she left, she requested that we find a substitute for her once a quarter. She said she also plans on sending out an email to Council.
- † geraniums for Pentecost: Sherry asked if we should again offer geraniums and we decided yes. She also asked about the color of the foil - we decided on gold.
- † readers: spots are not being filled in on the sign-up list. Carolyn asked what happens if we don't have a reader sign up (which also means not an additional communion assistant). We discussed how we could do communion with just one assistant: Pastor said that the ushers would dismiss just one side at a time, (then the assistant would need to just switch to the other side after the first side was finished). The flow might be interrupted briefly while the assistant exchanges trays. Susie thought of another option: we could go back to kneeling at the railing. Pastor would distribute the wafers as he used to do prior to the pandemic. The deacon of the month would share the wine, and instead of having the second person (the reader) following with a basket, we would just have the collection baskets on either side of the sanctuary (where we used to put the college/military names) in which people could place their empty cups.

As we discussed this, we all agreed that there would most likely be many willing and able people there on any given Sunday to jump in and assist with communion. (Susie volunteered to be a last-minute fill-in, as did Carolyn and Sherry (right, Sherry?)).
- † bulletin inserts: Pastor would like to have a semi-permanent insert in the bulletins, containing information for visitors. It is not intended to have info that changes every week.
- † Augsburg Press order: Pastor is going to order some items from Augsburg Press. He wanted to know if anyone else wanted/needed to add to the order, since we'll be paying a shipping fee anyway. He also thought that perhaps a Year C psalter for the ELW hymnal would be useful for our church. It is only \$33 and is applicable to every Year C, which is every three years, rather than just this particular Year C: 2022, like the Sundays and Seasons book. Those of us who remained in the meeting (Liz and Linda both had to leave earlier) agreed it would be a good investment.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 1pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smalley