

Worship & Music Committee meeting online: via Zoom Aug. 1, 2023

Present: Deacon Cheryl Erdmann, Sherry Scheider, Carolyn Ciaccio, Dave Musser, Richard Popp, LaVon Downing and Susie Smalley

Deacon Cheryl opened the meeting with the Morning Blessing from Martin Luther and a prayer.

Old Business:

† **Pastor Scott:** The committee did not meet in July because of the holiday. Pastor Scott, who had been our Pastor for almost 8 years, resigned in July. He accepted God's call to serve as the pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in University City, Missouri, near St. Louis. He was always a big help to this committee and will be missed.

Deacon Cheryl Erdmann was assigned by Synod to be our Interim Minister. Some of Cheryl's duties will be to arrange for supply pastors to come to our services on Sundays and be the celebrant. They will, at the least, distribute communion and if they would like to do more, they may. If not, then Deacon Cheryl will fill the roles of everything in service except Holy Communion.

Upcoming supply pastors will include Steve Erickson, Denver Bitner, Loren Nielsen. We welcome Deacon Cheryl as our interim minister!

Cheryl spoke with Sherry regarding setting up the altar. Sherry had asked because the supply pastor we just had this past Sunday moved the elements on the altar to different places from where Sherry put them. Cheryl spoke with former Bishop Clements, and he said "Do it the way you have been taught. If the supply pastor would like it changed, they can change it."

† **Richard's requests:** There are more things that Richard would like to have purchased, all under \$100 individually, but not combined. These items (and their approximate cost) are as follows: a music stand (\$27), an amp stand (\$50), a guitar edition of *All Creation Sings* (\$65), and a psalter (Year B) with accompaniments to the psalm tones and refrains (\$35). Richard was previously approved to purchase a conga drum (\$300) and lamp for the organ (up to \$200). The lamp, however, with shipping will cost \$283. He's not sure what to do about the extra \$83. Our committee recommends he ask the treasurer (Phil) and/or the Finance Committee what the budget is to find out if he can purchase these additional items. If the budget is there, and with approval from the Finance Committee for those items, our committee approves moving forward and acquiring them.

† **favorite hymns:** How is this going so far?

Richard said we received suggestions from about a dozen people (one was two pages long!) One hymn got several requests: "In the Garden," but it is not in our hymnal. Cheryl mentioned that, though not a bad song by any means, there are liturgical reasons certain songs are not included in our hymnal. Richard said the requests have been helpful and he has already incorporated some of the requests into the hymns he has chosen for August!

† **organ committee:** What is next?

Dave was very angry because he felt his ideas about replacing the organ were shut down and squashed. He said Council is asking Carolyn and him what we are doing with the organ and that he must answer, "I don't know" and he doesn't like that.

At the start of our second organ committee meeting, we were told by Pastor Scott that Dave informed him he would not be attending any further organ committee meetings.

Dave's ideas, along with other ideas, were actually discussed during the second meeting.

Sherry suggests we, as a committee, report to Council *something* regarding our current organ.

Richard suggests that Dave can report to Council that we have been discussing a successor instrument. We will discuss again next month.

New Business:

- † **Season of Creation (September)**: We will again observe the Season of Creation during the four Sundays of September. Cheryl had different readings than those given to Susie in 2018 by Pastor Scott, which have been what we've used since we started observing Season of Creation in September. (Susie had emailed Richard the PDF file that she had received from Pr. Scott). Cheryl will email a link to Richard with the other readings so he can plan music for September accordingly.
- † **readers**: Deacon Cheryl will send out an email inviting people to read each Sunday. (She'll need contact information for everyone).

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 at 11am, via Zoom
Respectfully Submitted, Susie Smalley