Worship Ministry Team Meeting

March 18, 2025

Minutes

Present: Christina Metzger, Dave Norby, David Schipper, Ron Thoni, Pastor Tammy, Lori Newlun

Gather & Devotions: Dave Norby

February Minutes: Approved as written

Old Business:

- **Review work plan** – all deadlines have been met to date.
- **Electronic Devotionals** – Christina reports that all is going fine to date. She received a request to send them out earlier in the day for those who are early risers, and she has adjusted the send time to accommodate.
- **Sacred Pause** – David reports that this has been going well. Some people come for a few minutes while others stay the entire hour. He is finding benefits for himself as well.
- **Palms & Lilies** – Lori reports that orders have been sent to Felly's and acknowledged.
- **Seating Requirements** – Past 3 years show that attendance for Easter service exceed the current general seating of 125. Lori will reach out to the Loose's to coordinate with them to have the seating adjusted for possibly Palm Sunday and for Easter Sunday to accommodate up to 200. Service will all be done using the screens, so hymnals will not need to be added to the extra chairs.
- **Bulletin Welcome Messages** – no new suggestions were submitted. Lori asked the Team to try and come with more new messages, with some focusing on seasonal themes to give us a larger pool of greeting messages to utilize. Please bring new suggestions to the April meeting.

New Business:

- **Worship Suggestions** – no new suggestions have been received.
- **Faith Through Generations** – no pictures or slide shows have been received to date. Recommended to work with Congregational Life as they have some pictures and to work with Council for the June 8th meeting. Discussion from the Council and Board of Trustees will be regarding the renewal of mortgage due March 2026, and to celebrate the accomplishments to date. They will be having a slide show regarding the building

remodel and other projects. Following the meeting will be a church pot-luck meal. It is suggested that we create a slide show incorporating their slides with others we gather to be shown during the mealtime for members to enjoy.

- **Lay Ministry Group** – Lori brought forth a suggestion from Council that we look at creating a group of members to form a volunteer Lay Ministry group that could lead or assist in services to give Pastor Tammy some relief from these duties a few times a year. This may also be a beneficial factor to add to our profile when we get to the point of beginning the search process for the new pastor. Pastor Tammy stated that she would take the lead on this and contact some individuals who she believes would be willing to serve in this role. The Lay Ministry Group would then work on setting up some rules and guidelines as to how they would function and provide this service, all with the guidance of Pastor Tammy.
- **Cry Room Speaker**- Lori shared a concern from a member that the speaker for the cry room had been removed. The Cry Room is again being used at times during services. It needed to have the speaker returned. It had been moved to the Narthex for use as the one previously in the Narthex had gone missing. The speaker in the Narthex is necessary for when overflow seating is in the Narthex or when there are funerals, so that funeral home staff can hear the service to aid in their duties. David Schipper reported that he had resolved this matter by returning the speaker to the Cry Room and hooking up a different speaker in the Narthex.
- **April 5th Restorative Conversations** – Lori asked Team members that if they had not given thought to signing up and attending this next step in the Conflict Transformation process to give it serious thought. She encouraged Team members to attend. Pastor Tammy explained that this was part of the healing process and would be structured/guided process.
- **June 1st Sunday School Teach Appreciation** – Lori has been in contact with Caitlin Mountford regarding this as the WMT generally pays for the flower bouquets given to the Teachers during the 10:30 service. She and Caitlin will work out all details on this.
- **June 8th** – Summer Schedule begins with service at 9 a.m. This Sunday, the Council and Board of Trustees will be hosting a program afterwards concerning the upcoming mortgage renewal, the history of the project(s) and a celebration of the successes of congregation regarding these projects. They will be using a slide show of the changes and remodeling. There will be a pot-luck lunch following the presentation. All are encouraged to attend for this time of fellowship.

Open Discussion:

- **Piano Cover** – David S. brought up the issue of the need/desire to obtain a cover for the piano in the cry/choir room. It was noted that others at times may "bang around" on this piano and that causes problems as this one is tuned. It was suggested that signage might

also be appropriate to ask people not to use this piano. The use of a cover should help discourage this and protect the piano. Lori asked David to obtain an estimate for the purchase of a cover to determine if this was something that could be handled by the WMT budget, or if it would need to be taken to the Council for approval of funds.

- **Sound System** – there are some on-going issues with the Sound System. Pastor Tammy's son Gabe was here during the first Lent Supper and was able to help resolve some of these issues temporarily and was able to provide input on what may be needed to resolve these problems. Lori asked David Schipper to put together a proposal of what is needed to resolve these issues so that she could take it to Council for approval of funds. Dwight Mueller was made aware of this after speaking with David S.
- **Joint Choir** – David Schipper announced that once again the Joint Windsor/DeForest/Burke choir will be performing at the 10:30 service on April 6th. Lori asked David to provide a write-up for the April Church Newsletter and place announcements in the weekly.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Tammy

Next meeting will be on April 15, 2025, at 4 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Newlun, Chair

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