

First Lutheran Worship and Music Committee.

May 14, 2013 – 6:00 pm

Present: Michael Olson, Gene Okerlund, Emily Burggraff, Del Herrmann, Pastor Corey Bjertness, Becki Tollefson, Del Herrmann, Mavis Tjon, Pastor Laurie Neill, David Ferreira, Pastor Marty Tollefson, Janet Rostad

The meeting was opened with the Mission Statement and Emily gave devotions.

The minutes from the March 2013 meeting were approved with one change. The DuBois Seven Last Words will be performed as the 2014 cantata.

Del reported on the financial details. The expenses for the Easter flowers were \$1300 and donations received for those flowers totaled \$1274. Through the month of April, Worship and Music budget expenditures are within \$.27 of that budget.

The viability of the W&M committee has been a concern. David suggested that in our discussions we follow a format that puts on the table all those things that are working well first and then proceed to items to be improved

Pastor Corey presented visually and verbally facts and figures on the worship demographics of First Lutheran. Overall, worship attendance has been one of growth with a 20% increase in worship attendance in the last 24 months. The “lake effect” in the summer brings about a 35% drop in that season’s attendance.

The 11:00 Celebration service is very full – bursting at the seams! This is a great “problem” that will need to be addressed soon. One possibility would be to bring some changes to the 11:00 Sanctuary service in terms of blending. Gene brought up the possibility of the formation of a special musical group for that type of service.

The process suggested by Pastor Corey is one very similar to that suggested by David whereby the sustainability of present things that are working well is discussed first and secondly, discussion of needed improvements takes place.

Staff will bring tonight’s comments and ideas to their next meeting for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Burggraff