

Worship & Music Committee Minutes - Tuesday, August 14, 2013

The Worship and Music committee met on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Gene Okerlund, Del Herrmann, David Ferreira, Rachel Disrud, Pastor Corey and Mavis Tjon. We read the mission statement and Gene gave a short devotion.

Pastor Corey reviewed the information given at the last meeting regarding committees and their function: committees need structure and fluidity. Ideas were discussed about how to get new people on the committee and let other members retire from the committee. Pastor Corey suggested that the nominating committee for the council could recruit new people and present committee members could make suggestions. It was recommended that nominated members should have either a strong interest in music ministry or music experience.

There was much discussion regarding this committee, its function and its structure. This committee works with the worship experience in sanctuary worship. As a result of the discussion, the following parameters were voted on and passed:

The Worship and Music Committee would have 12 members, 4 of which are staff people and permanent members. They are Pastor Corey, Michael Olson, David Ferreira, and Becki Tollefson. There will be a representative from the choir, ushers, greeters, lectors, cantors, a council member and 2 members-at-large. The chair position and secretary position will be committee members, but not anyone from permanent staff.

Terms on the committee will be for 3 years, with eligibility for a 2nd term. Then after 1 year off the committee, a member could be re-elected. Terms would be staggered so there will be experienced members on the committee each year, combined with the new members. Permanent staff do not have term limits.

All present members will serve till June of 2014. At that time, members who wish to do so may volunteer to retire from the committee. Otherwise names will be drawn to determine who will leave the committee at that time. The remaining members will determine who will serve 1, 2, or 3 more years. Pastor Corey emphasized we need to add 3 members to our committee as soon as possible for our optimum number of 12. However, nothing specific was recommended regarding who was going to recruit them (unless I missed that part).

There was also discussion regarding attendance at the meetings. If a member misses 3 or more meetings, Pastor Corey will contact them regarding their wishes to remain on the committee or to retire from it. Regular attendance is important to the function of the committee.

As to function, the Worship and Music committee should be a coordinating group to help decide what our task forces need. One thing needed is feedback on people's worship experience, whether good or bad.

We will need a focus group to work on the blended service at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary this fall. This committee will need to decide what a blended service would be. There have been suggestions to have weekly communion, a new "choir" separate from the present senior choir, and worship leaders separate from the Contemporary leaders in the Celebration services. David suggested we attend a contemporary service at Trinity for ideas. He thinks it is at 11:15.

First Lutheran is also in need of another technology person, and this person should be a member of this committee. That would increase the size of staff presence on the committee, but the rest of the committee would remain at 8.

There is a need for another full-time worship leader to function as Rollie does. He/she would need to play both piano and guitar, and would be responsible for the Wednesday evening and 11 a.m. Sunday worship services. Question raised: Would that person also become a member of this committee?

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.

Respectfully submitted,

Mavis Tjon