**WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**

**JANUARY 19, 2020**

The Worship & Music Committee met on the above date in the social room. Present were Lisa Fortwangler, Arlene Baumann, Rick Vanstone, Pastor Wende Bleam, and Lynda Sadusky, Chairperson.

**Minutes** – The minutes of the October 27th meeting were approved as read.

**Correspondence** - none

**St. John’s Choir** – Pastor Wende reported that John Bindi is interesting in joining. He will be contacting Rick. Rick reported he is currently scheduling anthems around Billy’s schedule.

**Schedules –** Sherrie will continue to do the schedules except for the Altar Guild Schedule.

**Altar Guild** – Altar Guild had a meeting in December where the teams were picked for 2020.

Pastor Wende wants members to remember to move the Altar candles back on the Altar.

**Old Business –** The Committee evaluated the Advent and Christmas Seasons:

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – need to go over what to do the week before and also provide the reading a week ahead. This is a good practice for all readings.

The Committee recommends switching to liquid candles for the wreath. Lynda will email Sherrie to have the Finance Committee check into using Memorial monies to purchase them.

Christmas Eve Service was a little disorganized. Next year, we need to go over the lighting of the candles with the acolytes a couple of weeks before. Also, need to remember to make sure to put candles for Pastor Wende and the Lay Assistant on chair.

We will start to sing the Psalms, choir will sing the first part, congregation will sing the second part.

The choir will practice first for 2-3 weeks. Will announce to the congregation a week before. Will start on Palm Sunday.

Contemporary Service – the dates this year are May 31st and August 30th. We will start planning the May 31st service after Easter.

**New Business** – The Committee started making plans for the Lenten Season.

Ash Wednesday is on February 26 at 7:00 pm - We will use the same service we have been using.

There is no information about the Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship as of this meeting.

Palm Sunday (April 5) - will process outside weather permitting. We will use the same service we have been using.

Maundy Thursday (April 9) – have service at 7:00 pm in social room and go upstairs for Stripping of the Altar. Will continue to have the congregation help with the Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday (April 10) – service is at 7:00 pm. We will use the same service as last year. We will need to find “thunder” and find someone who does the lights (which can no longer be dimmed). The Committee suggests that we need to replace markings on light panel so we know which ones to switch off. Pastor Wende suggested using nail polish.

Easter (April 12) – We will use the same service as last year.

**Other** – Pastor Wende reported we have two baptisms coming up: Feb 16 & Apr 26. Lynda will email Mary Anne to inform Altar Guild members. We need to check on our Baptism candles supply as well as the Thrivent momentos and purificators.

Lynda proposed the following meeting dates through June:

February 9

March 8

April 5

May 3

June 14

Pastor Wende reported that she will again take vacation for three weeks in July. Rick reported that he will take vacation for two weeks in July.

**Next meeting** – February 9

The meeting was adjourned with the praying of the Lord’s Prayer.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Lynda S Sadusky, chairperson