

Worship and Music Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: March 5, 2024

Present: Pastor Julie Morris, Carol Browning (Music Director/Office Manager), Carol Broderick (Altar Guild Chair), Deacon Dr. Cecelia Travick-Jackson (Senior Ministry), Joe Zimmerly (CYFM), Vicky Edell (Volunteer Coordinator).

Absent: Bill Stoll (Council Liaison).

Pastor Julie opened the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle, reading a prayer, and facilitating Caring Conversation about everyone's favorite season of the church year. Then each person shared joys, concerns, and needs within their sphere of ministry.

We discussed Easter planning, including flowers, décor, and seating. Our previous supplier is not providing the pastel calla lilies this year (price was \$7.50). Carol Broderick has arranged to purchase 48 lilies (6 boxes of 8) from Trader Joe's (cost: \$9.99 each) for pickup on March 28. We'll be able to put them directly in the church since the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are held at our partner churches. We will ask Todd Ebright to hang the gold "Alleluia" banners from the large wall cross again this year and will drape a swath of long white fabric through the loft rails (as was done with red for Pentecost in 2023).

Since two pews were removed from the back of the church and the wooden chairs have been used to fill that space, we no longer have "extra" chairs to accommodate the large crowd at Easter (2023 – 200 inside; 11 outside). We have 100 brown folding chairs, 40 of which will be used in Luther Hall for the Easter Breakfast. We'll set up the 16 black leather chairs from the PLC in the sanctuary for additional seating and 30 chairs in the pavilion.

Pastor Julie suggested that, like the "Family Serving Sundays," we have some Sundays where the worship assistants are recruited from various ministries, for example, RIC might want to do a Sunday in June, which is Pride Month (other possibilities are Women & Men's Bible Study, Care Team, Church Council, etc.). The next Family Serving Sunday will be May 19, Confirmation. Joe suggested the scheduled ministry could do a very brief Temple Talk/Announcement and be available after worship in the pavilion to talk to people who might be interested in their ministry. Vicky will suggest a date in April and, once approved, recruit ministry volunteers.

Pastor Julie shared the wonderful news that we received an \$80,000 check, designated for "music purposes," from the estate of Linda Frantz. (We had previously received an \$8,000 donation from her teachers pension fund.) Carol offered a few ideas for the money, including purchasing a high-end Yamaha Clavinova digital piano to replace the upright piano in the loft (recommended by the redesign committee for better use of space), replenishing the former handbell refurbishment fund for whenever the bells need to be refurbished again, funds for special guest musicians, and the possibility of funding ecumenical Taizé Prayer (in conjunction with St. Columba's and Camarillo United Methodist).

An idea for future planning is to have a training/formation day for groups of worship assistants, starting with our Lectors.

It was previously determined that the committee will meet "as needed"; no next meeting was scheduled but will be called by Pastor Julie when the need arises.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Notes respectfully submitted by Pastor Julie