

Worship/Music Committee Meeting April 9, 2008

Present: Bob Bengtson, Brenda Bouton, Warren Bouton, Emily Clement, Tammy Emond, Tyler Emond, Dave Frost, Bob Harrington, Diane Maher, LuAnn Mussari
Absent: Ed Bastille, Carolyn Caswell

Bob H. opened the meeting with a reading of Nothing Gold Can Stay by Robert Frost.

Committee Leadership:

Bob Harrington will continue in the role of committee chair.

Tammy Emond graciously offered to take on the role of vice-chair.

LuAnn Mussari will assume the secretary's role.

Budget:

The budget was redrawn by Bob H.:

Piano Maintenance	\$600.00
Organ Maintenance	2,300.00
Guild Membership	150.00
Music Purchases-choral	600.00
Music Purchases-handbell	300.00
Special Services (Music Director)	400.00
Special Artists	600.00
Undesignated	625.00
TOTAL	\$5,575.00

Purpose/Mission of new combined committee:

- The bylaws state that we have four purposes:
 - Organization and evaluation of public worship
 - Organization and evaluation of musical programs
 - Maintenance of musical instruments
 - Ushers
- After consider surveying others for their thoughts and later dismissing the idea, the committee agreed to try to insert some different one-time events into our public worship and musical programs and see how they are received. These might include:
 - A second (annual?) Advent carol sing;
 - Tie-ins to Multi-cultural Market Days, downtown parades, motorcycle week, etc.
 - Hymn Sings/Gospel Hours;
 - Camp Sunday modeled after Biloxi Sunday;
 - Blessing of the Animals – October
 - Varieties of Gifts/Coffee House

- Worldwide Communion Sunday prepared/served by the children with breads from around the world – first Sunday in October;
- After considerable discussion there was a move for us to commit to doing something different monthly and evaluate the event afterwards.
 - Emily/Tyler/Tammy will work on the Coffee House idea;
 - Emily will speak with Ed Ministry about Worldwide Communion Sunday;
 - Bob B. will work with Emily on the Advent Carol Sing;
 - Warren may work on the Blessing of the Animals;
 - Bob B. will work on Paul Bisacchia, pianist, for late October/November.
- We talked about the state of the churches current website and our wish that it was an asset to the church. Someone with time, skill, and interest would need to step forward to build it to what it should be.

Practical Matters:

- Bob B. has been authorized by the committee to order \$1500 worth of organ parts. He will write something for Warren to take to Trustees next month so that amount can be replaced from general coffers.
- Bob B. will make contacts regarding Paul Bisacchia persuing specifics to be considered. It was suggested that Bob Holbrook be consulted regarding the Putnam Funds willingness to sponsor the event.
- Bob B. will check into the current costs to refurbish the Steinway Upright in Church Hall inside and out. Bob H. will add this and the below to the “Wish List” for Church Council for possible inclusion in a Capital Fund Drive:
 - church acoustics
 - LCD projector for praise hymns
 - Stained Glass
 - better lighting in the sanctuary
- Bob B. reports that the piano tuning is in the works.

Council Update:

- A historian is being sought for archives;
- Environmental stewardship is being stressed
- Fair Trade Coffee for all Coffee Hours;
- No Styrofoam cups;
- Ministry of Outreach focus:
 - What does it mean to be a downtown church?