

Worship/Music Committee Meeting
May 14, 2008

Present: Ed Bastille, Brenda Bouton, Warren Bouton, Emily Clement, Tammy Emond, Tyler Emond, Bob Harrington, Diane Maher, LuAnn Mussari

Absent: Bob Bengtson, Carolyn Carwell

Bob H. opened the meeting with a reading from Joel

April minutes were approved as printed.

Year-at-a-Glance: Tammy offered a Year-at-a-Glance grid by combining similar documents from the old Worship and Music Committees. She also inserted some of the events that the current committee knows are upcoming. We took a look at May. Question for Bob B.: Is the sign-up for summer music ready to go? It was suggested that, when it is, members of the congregation as a whole could be invited to sign-up through Tower Tidings and a Sunday announcement as a way to encourage musical offerings that are a bit different than the norm.

Council Update:

- Tammy shared that Educational Ministries will be reviewing the Child Safety Policy.
- We as a committee need to set aside time to consider what it means to be a Just Peace church. Each committee has been urged to offer a “study” group of church activity to highlight our journey toward better understanding what it means to be a Just Peace church.
- The Friendship Club has been faltering, but had a better recent gathering.
- Our Environmental Stewardship should include us continuing to choose biodegradable Coffee Hour products over plastic and styrofoam.
- Diane Maher has offered to shop for half-and-half for upcoming Coffee Hours. (It was noted that coffee is not served during summer social times.)

Director of Music’s Report:

- Putnam Fund sponsorship of the planned Bisacchia concert seems possible.
- An estimate is being sought on the refurbishment of the Steinway.

Pastor’s Report:

- Thanks were offered to Ed and Louise for their ministry last Sunday.
- Trustees have approved \$1500 for organ parts.
- “Children Around the World” is planned for Sunday’s Children’s Sunday.
- The summer schedule of services will begin 6/22.
- Ten DVDs are being produced and shared weekly of our Sunday service. Action has been taken to expand this idea to Public Access TV. Tyler, William Stanley, and James Coddington have been learning how to tape. Editing will be done to assure that the Children’s message, announcements, and Prayers of concerns are deleted to protect the privacy of those involved.

Director of Christian Education’s Report:

- Emily enjoyed a 3-day conference on the Cape.
- Children’s Sunday will feature fast-paced hymns with piano accompaniment which it is hoped people will join in with gusto!
- A week’s worth of Vacation Bible School curriculum has been purchased to be used over the course of the summer for summer Church School instead of the Garden of Eatin’ this year

Community Open Mic:

- Plans are coming along. Stitches of Love will offer a display, Bethany will sing with accompaniment from Brenda, Bethany will also offer a poem, Bob H. will read a poem, Tyler will sing and play as will his friend Jacob, and Jaylene and Phil may be free to join in. Question for Bob B.: Will the downstairs piano be tuned by then? Otherwise, we may need to consider using a keyboard.

Special Monthly Events:

- Bob H. will talk with Bob B. about Choir Appreciation Sunday on June 15th and will begin the planning for this time. He will also see to the ordering of a sheet cake. The Bell Choirs could also be thanked at this time as well.

Usher Schedule:

- LuAnn agreed to Head Usher for the month of June.

Budget:

- We may need to look for fat to trim in our budget because of a \$50,000 shortfall church-wide.
- A 13-month year was brought up as a funding option.

Other:

- Tyler would like to pursue bringing in another Soulfest artist for a concert in the spring/summer of 2009. It was suggested that he research what it would cost and whether we could catch him on a tour through the area. Ed will check to see if any Soulfest artists are booked to stay at Gunstock Inn. Bob Holbrook could be asked about a Putnam Fund tie-in. It was suggested that Tyler make a tape for Bob to listen to in considering this possibility.

Next Meeting: June 11

Opening: Warren

Closing: Brenda

Tammy will take notes and distribute minutes next month.