

## **Worship Committee Minutes July 23, 2007**

In attendance: Sue Dietrich, Ruth Holmes, Marisol Wylie, Cathy Buttolph, Lynn Hobzek, Ruth McDonel, Karen Oehl

Pastor Karen opened meeting with prayer.

Sue led us in a brief introduction time. We welcomed new member Cathy Buttolph. Other new members are Jeff Schillo, currently in Germany, and Greg Decker, who was desperately needed to play softball in the rescheduled playoff game.

Sue shared the purpose of this committee: “To work with the pastor and the Music Staff to ensure that the congregation provides opportunities for worship that will help people develop and strengthen their relationship with God and live more faithfully as Christian disciples.”

New business included doing some thinking about worship support roles:

Possible new ushers (we need to increase the “pool”)  
Karen will follow up on names generated.  
We are still looking for a head usher.

Need a new “class” of communion stewards, usually a couple. Karen will follow up.

Task Force or Steering Committee for Sunday Morning Schedule Transition—Cathy Buttolph volunteered to represent Worship on such a group. Others will be named and a task outlined at the next Council on Ministries meeting, August 6.

We briefly discussed how summer worship is going. A suggestion was made that would make it comfortable for some people to opt not to stand for the whole time of the Worship Songs, which is uncomfortable for some seniors and others who might have knee/back etc. concerns. Pastor Karen will find a way to introduce this August 5.

New business: Joy McGuire will officially come on board on August 8. She will be present at August 12 worship, but Jacques will still be leading that. They will overlap for a Praise Team rehearsal on August 14, then Jacques will be finished. Joy will attend the Worship Arts Picnic and the next Worship Committee meeting. She will begin immediately with the Praise Team, then Chancel Choir on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Not sure of start date for bells, since some need to be sent for repairs, and it might help Joy to hold off on those rehearsals for a few weeks. She does plan the same schedule, with bells before choir on Thursdays. The plan for children is to move their choir program to an after school time. This has worked well at the church where Joy currently works. It would have been impossible to continue Children’s Choir with Joy as director in the present format, and we would have to move it when the schedule changes in fall of 2008.

Joy has some ideas and names for us to pursue for someone who might work as an organist/accompanist.

Jacques has expressed appreciation for his opportunity to be here this summer. He called it a “healing experience.” And, after getting over some of our early miscommunication, it has worked well and truly been a blessing to have this time of transition.

Chris Toth, one of the other candidates for our music positions, will be playing for the fall weddings here. What a terrific guy!

Sue shared a tool used during Strategic Planning about the different characteristics of Traditional, Praise, and Sensory Worship, to help remind us of where we are. If you look at it, we are still very traditional in both our worship services, and certainly a long way from Sensory Worship which includes testimonies, loud music, aching hearts, drama, bands (like with guitars and drums) and computer technology.

This looks like a long meeting, but it really ended shortly after 8:00. Next meeting is Monday, August 27.

Karen Oehl, minute taker