

Worship Minutes from November 8, 2011

Present: Clark Stein, Marisol Wylie, Bev Huber, Kathy Goebel, Lynn Spencer, Sharon Manocchio, Lynn Hobzek, George Gee, Karen Thielman

The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer by Lynn.
The October minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

1. Processional Cross article and pictures were in the November Good Word.
2. Coffee hour for November was adjusted. Sharon & George said it went well the first week.
November 13: Kathy Goebel setup and Karen cleanup
November 20: Lynn setup and Kathy Auble cleanup
November 27: Linda setup and Bev cleanup.
It is important to read all the instructions thoroughly before setup and cleanup. Circuit breakers can't hold all the coffee pots so adjustments must be made.
3. The visitor's brochure will be going through some changes via the office.
4. Marisol will refresh the Advent wreath with a touch of greenery. The Christ candle has been purchased by the office.
5. Hanging of the Greens will take place Nov. 26 @ 10 am and Nov. 29 @ 6pm. A sign up sheet was passed around for worship members to help. All the congregation is welcome.
6. Marisol will decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias December 15 @ 3pm with the help of Bev and Kathy Auble. This is a change in date from December 22.
7. An ad will again be placed in the Plain Dealer worship directory for five Sundays - November 19 and 26 and December 3, 10 and 17. A block ad will be priced for Christmas Eve services and placed with Clark's approval.
8. The Usher workshop was well attended. Les Buttolph has volunteered to coordinate extra assistance to those in need - for example, the handicapped & Chippewa Place residents.

New Business

1. Confirmation class and worship involvement - Clark stated that the confirmation class is being restructured. Clark is teaching and the confirmands will be joining the church at the end of their class commitment. Rather than require the students to pledge worship involvement, Clark and George would rather see them discover their gifts and talents, challenge them to think for themselves, and bring them beside us during worship.
2. We will be taking down the decorations on January 14 @ 10 am. Worship members volunteered to help.

COM report

1. The Rite of Passage has been changed to a Communion Workshop which will be held during the Sunday School hour on Jan. 22 and 29. The students will help serve Communion on February 5.
2. The Mission Fair will be on January 8. An organizational meeting will be November 10 @ 7 pm.
3. Clark is still looking for Advent authors for the Devotional.
4. Evangelism committee received a \$1000 anonymous donation. They will provide hot chocolate and cookies following the Tree Lighting ceremony and Christmas Parade on December 4 from 4-4:30.

Additional Business

Bev reported that the Acolytes are doing a wonderful job. Those students involved are enjoying their commitment to worship.

Karen thinks that about 6 Welcome Bags have been used since September. She will replenish. They seem to be disappearing from the front bench.

Marisol said there will be no UMW cookie walk this year.

There will be only one Christmas morning service at 10 am.

There will be only one New Year's Day service at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Clark.

There will be no December meeting - thanks for all your (up coming) help in preparing the church for the Advent Season.