

Minutes of the Worship Board, Union Church, Berea, KY

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

Members Present: Carla Gilbert, Dorie Hubbard, Rhonda Edwards, Joe Jagers, Rev. Rachel

Carla opened the meeting with prayer.

New Business

- Rachel applauded us for the work we do! Carla asked the group if there were things to make note of for next year. Rachel said, "Let's plan Long Night in November!" Carla agreed and Rachel continued by saying dates for caroling, Long Night, and services should be planned sooner than they were in 2013. She also said she noticed at least half the people present at Christmas Eve's service were from the community and not our church showing that this is a much needed service.
- From Carla: looks like we will break even on the budget. The budget is \$38,050 and as of the end of November we have used \$35,030. Carla also talked about Designated Funding. Our budget is \$42,000; the biggest expense we have is for music funding and organ maintenance which uses about \$12,000. She anticipated investment funds coming in that will be distributed.
- Carla found a binding to preserve the piece of silk that Kent found in _____.
- Dorie suggested we buy a rainbow tablecloth she found for \$60.00. It would have multiple uses. Carla said to get it since it's only \$60.00 and can come out of the Designated Funds. Rachel will pick it up.
- Rachel would like to see more young people doing the lay position; she will give Carla a list of names.
- Carla said she needed to make suggestions to the nominating committee about the Worship Board. She asked Joe if he would be continuing and he said due to health reasons it might be difficult for him. Rachel suggested that we might make him an ad hoc member. Dorie said she would continue on the Board.
- Community Life and Growth will host a potluck on February 9 at 6:00 PM. Kent will be the guest of honor. Instead of a Bingo party, we will have a Kento party! Rachel also said that since he was decommissioned when he left, he will be re-commissioned upon his return.
- Rachel (a little shyly) talked about her additional pay while Kent was gone. It was \$1,000 in December and she proposed \$100.00 each to the 3 young folks preaching in January with the remaining \$700.00 for her. She will write up an invoice and send it to the Worship Board and Pastoral Relations board for our/their approval. After approval, she will send it to Shirley.

- Because of various scheduling problems our next meeting will be February 5th at 2:30 PM.

Updates or Old Business

- Carla said Joyce Henderson wants to continue contact with her acolytes. So, she will continue to do the recruiting. And on Sundays Carla will get them down the aisle and Joyce will do the closing. Carla said it would be nice to have a party for Joyce and the acolytes; a “Celebration of the Lights.” After discussion, it was set for Feb. 23rd.
- More basket news from Carla: she will be talking to Janet Northern soon. She doesn’t want to lose sight of this project but at this point it has a low priority. Ten baskets will be needed and Carla will continue following up.
- Talk of the six tables we need is tabled until Feb. or March.
- I asked for the list of music positions and the full names of those currently occupying them. Rachel and Carla obliged:
 - Choir Director – Gina Chamberlain
 - Organist – Rob Hadden
 - Piano Accompanist – Jenny Bromley
 - Bells – Shirley Calberg

Betty Hibler will fill in for Jenny or Gina when necessary.
- Rachel talked with Gina. She was willing to do the choir directing for \$500.00 but found it was not enough money and wondered if we could do more, possibly \$900.00. Rachel would like to pay her more but thinks \$900.00 might be more than we should offer. Because Gina lives in Louisville, she travels 2 hours each way on Thursdays and Sundays. Carla said if we had the funds there was no reason not to pay her more. After discussion and commanding math skills by Joe on the breakdown of Larry’s salary, we decided to offer Gina \$700.00. The money would come from the Mileage Reimbursement Fund. This offer is to be reviewed again on Feb. 15th.
- Rachel also said that Gina requested that we remove the TV since we don’t need it and that she would also like the risers and the curtain removed. Carla said a banner (paramint?) could be used to cover the exposed poles. We all agreed that permanent changes shouldn’t be made until we have a permanent choir director.
- From Carla: Should we pay Jenny for mileage? It was suggested that we might offer her \$150.00. Carla also said that Jenny would be gone the first two weeks on February.
- Rachel said that Rob would continue playing the organ until we find someone else. It is taking a toll on his family. He would also like the hymns more than a week in advance.
- Rachel was happy to report that Plan A for January preaching (having the young people do it) is working out after all!
 - Anna Kate McWhorter (22 years old and a Berea College student) will preach January 12th on Jonah and Prophetic Temper Tantrums

- Ethan Hamblin (also 22 and a Berea College student) will preach January 19th on the Remembrance of Baptism. Rachel wondered about his take on baptism being different than Union Church's stance and Carla said as a church we proclaim freedom in the pulpit.
- Abigale Embry (25 years old and a Lexington Theological Seminary student) will preach January 26th.

The meeting was dismissed.