

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

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

Carla opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading from The Lively Garden Prayer Book, the “Dogwood’s Winter Dilemma.”

**New Business**

- For this upcoming Sunday: there will be a “re-investiture” of Kent; Kent will preach; we will have communion, the choir will sing a Shaker hymn and Carla & Kate Grigg will perform a Shaker dance.
- Larry is working on the organ.
- The bell choir will be attending a bell workshop – “Branching Out,” a Central Kentucky Hand Bell Workshop – on February 22. This is at a cost of \$15.00 per person and the money will be provided from the choir director line item, professional expenses.
- It was suggested that we find a way to publish sermons like Rachel’s from last week (Beatitudes) and other items of interest.
- Rob requests that he receive the music (usually 3 hymns) 1.5 weeks in advance.
- The bell choir needs to be scheduled two weeks in advance, with exceptions expected. There were some problems, partly due to sickness, getting the bell choir up and running. It was discussed that it would be nice to encourage the young people to join this group and that the library might be used for practice so those challenged by stair climbing would be more comfortable. A minimum of ten bells are needed for a working choir; this would mean two bells per person. A “bell choir open house” was suggested to boost interest.
- Kent suggested that we keep in mind having our young folks preach from time to time.
- Carla will be gone from Feb. 27 – March 11.
- Kent and Rachel will plan the Ash Wednesday service.
- Rachel said more people need to be trained to run our sound system. Della Walters is learning but we need more trained volunteers. She also said that our bandwidth needs to be enlarged. We all agreed that money given in memory of Shirley Dean should be used for sound improvements. Rachel said the most common feedback about sound is that some folks talk too fast.
- Kent said there is something called an induction loop that will help people by allowing them to use their own hearing aids. He also said that his mic cord is bad.
- Carla said we need another mic and a designated place for the mics as they are often difficult to find when they’re needed. After discussion, it was decided that someone, at the end of each service, would make sure the mics were in a basket by the pulpit.

- Kent told us that sound system money is available and that he will order another mic and a mic cord.
- Dorie said some hemming work needed to be done. Kent said he thought Abigale Embry would volunteer to help us.
- Carla announced she would not be continuing on the Worship Board

### **Updates or Old Business**

- Rachel said she heard a lot about the healing service we had. It was very powerful and she said maybe we should do one quarterly or yearly.
- Carla lauded Rachel's leadership during the Christmas season; the late night Christmas Eve service went very well. Rachel said that a few of her "good" ideas didn't happen and that it was sure good to have tradition to fall back on. Carla countered by saying that our space looks so inviting but sometimes it doesn't work as expected because it is a small space.
- Carla talked with Gina about her tenure. She said she would be missing at least two weeks through Easter. It now appears that with a date in sight, we can look towards permanence for the/these position/s.
- Kent said the search for this position is a priority. A team of five – Carla, Merlin, Doug Hindman, Rachel, and Kent – met to discuss, "where do we go from here?"
- There was discussion about the make-up of the search committee; there should be a mix of expertise, style and culture. It was decided the committee should consist of five people:
  - Bell Choir member (to be selected by other members of their choir)
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  - Carrie Jadud
  - Congregation member (perhaps Stephanie Woodey or Chris McKenzie)
  - Worship Board member
- Rachel said the tasks before this search committee are: there is x amount of dollars, and these different configurations for one or two positions. With our hopes and dreams before us, how will we advertise, recruit and hire?
- Kent said there would be about \$1,500 available for this committee (field trips, materials, ads, etc.)
- Carla gave us an acolyte update. Rather than split up the duty, Joyce Henderson would like to return to the helm full-time and do both the openings and closings.
- From Rachel: greeting after services might be handled this way: the one who preaches that week will stay forward and greet folks as they head towards coffee and snacks; the non-preacher will go to the narthex and greet folks as they leave the church.

With a reminder that our next meeting is March 12 at 2:00 pm, this meeting was adjourned.