



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF WORSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No	
■		Beth Faeth, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
■		Karen Barstad (2020), <i>Chair</i>
■		Rossi Clem (2019)
■		Nancy Geertz-Larson (2020), <i>Secretary</i>
	x	Karl Jones (2019)

Yes	No	
■		Jasper Jonson (2019)
	x	Jerry Jorgenson (2018)
■		Penny Needham (2018)
■		Jamie Bonczyk (2019)
■		Vacant (2020)

GUESTS: list

Opening Thought: Nancy – reading from 40 Days of Decrease

Actions Taken:

- Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.
- Item 2. Karen will check with Allison about including Parish Register information in the Announcement Sheet.
- Item 3.

Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday – February 14

- Service will be in the sanctuary
- The Choristers will sing during the service. They will have a practice that evening at 5:20 pm.
- The Church has a supply of ashes we can use for voluntary imposition of ashes.
- Will include some education about Lent during the service. Paula is preaching & Beth is putting together the liturgy.
- Have time restriction of 1 hour because of board meetings & choir practice. (service will be 6 – 7 pm)
- There isn't an offering but would be helpful to have some greeters. We would need 8 people. Beth will check with confirmands on Sunday. We will look for additional volunteers that evening.

First Sunday in Lent – February 18

- Communion at First Service: First Service has Communion first Sunday of the month so won't be serving Communion February 18..
- Communion by intinction at the 10:30 service

Minutes Procedure

Minute-taker submits draft to group within 10 days of meeting; members have 7 days to submit revisions (no response is treated as approval).

If any revisions, minute-taker forwards revised draft to group within 3 days for electronic approval; members have 2 days to respond (no response is treated as approval).

Minute-taker submits approved minutes in Microsoft Word format to the Ministry Assistant for Programs (Doug Freeman, dougf@plymouth.org) upon approval.

- How the traffic will flow & where servers will be stationed
  - In December had 2 stations at the front and 2 on the balcony. Paula and Carol served the choir. Serving the balcony went well.
  - There are some ways to make it more manageable – could have 4 stations in front.
  - Could also put a station halfway back and leave a row open so people could rotate.
  - The ushers could direct traffic.
  - Only need 1 pair in the balcony; the pair that serves the choir could serve those who need to be served while sitting; most of them sit near the accessible entrance.
  - Need 9 servers in addition to the clergy
  - Will try to walk through the directions with the servers before the service.
  - Have enough plates & cups since First Service won't be serving Communion that day.
  - Plan to have extra grape juice to refill chalices
- Preparing the elements
  - Karen will buy the elements & prepare the bread
  - Suggestion made that the bread be cut a little larger so fingers don't get submerged in grape juice.
- Setup & Clean up
  - Nancy & Karen will help set up the elements before the service.
  - Karen will check with Karl about additional volunteers to help with set-up & clean up

### **Lent Considerations**

- Beth put together some ideas for spiritual/educational intergenerational activities each Wednesday
- Possibly have a table in Jones Commons each Wednesday in Lent. Activities for all ages. Could include the 'reading for the day' from the Lenten Meditation book.
- Beth has heard people say they wish for some sort of healing service. Mid-Lent could be a good time for a healing service. Can include anointing oil & healing prayer. Could be similar to 'longest night' service. Chapel Singers use the Chapel for practice on Wednesday evenings. Seth will start service project for the evening after the healing service. It would be helpful to provide description so families can decide whether or not to include their children.
- Beth shared a potential schedule for the subsequent Wednesdays in Lent.
- Beth will discuss traffic flow and child supervision with Seth & Nina. They will also work on developing more concrete ideas for activities.
- The Wednesday service activities could be woven into our practice of Lent this year and provide some education about Lent.
- Beth will send out email with ideas generated so far. Please send any additional ideas with Beth.

### **Maundy Thursday**

- Held in the sanctuary. Communion served by intinction. Senior Choir sings; joins the congregation for Communion.
- The bread that will be used for Communion will be baked by a group of members as a spiritual practice.

### **Good Friday**

- Staff would like to offer something on Good Friday.
- Could be a vigil or walking the labyrinth – could be 10 am – 1 pm
- Security staff have requested that the building close early.

## ***First Service***

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### **Should the extra material in the 2<sup>nd</sup> service bulletin be added to that of the First Service?**

- Rossi has been adding the Announcement Sheet into the First Service bulletin. First Service has bulletins printed monthly. Could the 'parish registry' be added to the Announcement Sheet? Karen will follow up with Allison.

### **Parity between the two services**

- If we're looking at equity between the services, should we look at the timing so First Service doesn't 'have to end because 10:30 service is starting'? Sometimes clergy need to leave before the end of First Service so they can get into robes and line up for Second Service.
- Seth will come to future board meeting to discuss a different schedule for Sundays: First Service, Education Hour, and Second Service.
- Staff is working to ensure that minister leading First Service can stay for the complete service.
- Attendance at First Service is growing and attendance at Second Service is shrinking.
- First Service should have same spiritual significance. Some people have suggested more content in First Service. A full hour would allow more time for content.
- First Service attendance is running about 70. Chapel can accommodate 100.

## ***Other Worship Services During the Year – didn't have time to address this topic***

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### **Celtic Worship Service**

### **Vespers Service**

**Closing thought** – Jasper – poem: Dream Better by Robert Longly

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, March 8, 2018 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Fireside Room

Opening Thought by: Karen

Closing Thought by: Penny

*Respectfully submitted*

*Nancy Geertz-Larson, Secretary*