



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF WORSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		Beth Faeth, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	■		Jasper Jonson (2019)
■		Karen Barstad (2020), <i>Chair</i>		x	Jerry Jorgenson (2018)
■		Rossi Clem (2019)	■		Penny Needham (2018)
■		Nancy Geertz-Larson (2020), <i>Secretary</i>		x	Jamie Bonczyk (2019)
■		Karl Jones (2019)		x	Vacant (2020)

GUESTS:

Actions Taken:

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Item 2. Motion: Based upon the feedback from the congregation and the endorsement of Leadership Council, the Board of Worship moves that we go forward with the proposed church schedule for next year.

- 9-9:50 First Service
- 10-10:50 Fellowship/Education (with information tables set up in Guild Hall)
- 11- noon Second Service
- Noon – more fellowship

Jasper made motion, Rossi seconded. Passed unanimously

Item 3. Penny moves that we skip Communion on May 20. Passed unanimously.

Opening Thought – Karl

Karl read from the Enlightened Heart, a book of sacred poetry

- Poem by Rumi
- Poem by Mechthild of Magdeburg

Change in Sunday schedule

Karen has been receiving written comments about the proposed change. People are open to a change. Seth & Nina came up with survey for First Service families.

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.

One concern expressed is that the education time is shorter than current Sunday Forum time.

One suggestion was that the times be flipped with current 10:30 am service starting at 9 am.

Leadership Council is 'on board'. Ushers are comfortable with the proposed change. Penny has been talking with choir members and people in the Parlor. There is openness, some suggestions for weekly potlucks. There is openness to a change from some older members. Choir members OK as long as the last service of Sunday ends at noon.

One assumption has been that the 10:30 service is 1 hour 15 minutes; that isn't necessarily true.

Will need to be clear with everyone that everybody needs to stick to the schedule – start on time and end on time. It will be easier for everyone if we all stick to the specific times. "Leave them wanting more."

Education hour will NOT be time for committee meetings!

Sunday Forum is 9 am – 10 am, but frequently runs over because audience is very engaged and has many questions of the presenter. Committee that arranges for Sunday Forum speakers will need to reduce speaker's presentation time to fit this schedule.

Confirmation time is still being discussed. Clergy needs to talk about how the schedule impacts them. The preacher will probably be the same in both services. If Seth is teaching Confirmation, he can't be involved in other education activities. It's possible that timing of Confirmation may vary each year depending on the group. Because of budget considerations, the church may not be able to support 4 clergy. During transition, will be looking at what clergy model works best for Plymouth.

Will be discussed again next week at Leadership Council. Leadership Council stated that Board of Spiritual Formation & Board of Worship have power to make this decision.

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Status of committees of the Board of Worship, job descriptions & liaisons to each

Karen sent out job descriptions for committees and would like them updated.

Second Service Worship Hosts

Karl chairs this group.

Communion

Beth suggests talking to Nancy Gores who coordinated Communion in the past. Nancy GL will check with her for names of previous volunteers.

First Service Worship Hosts

Rossi & Jasper chair this committee

Worship Spaces (paraments, artwork, candles)

The head usher changes the paraments with the change in church season. Don't need to have a committee to handle this task.

Memorial Host Committee

Karl last met with the current volunteers (Lois Larson and Katherine Ferrand are co-chairs). They did have some concerns that were also expressed and addressed by the clergy & Emily Venell. The committee has to come up with volunteers on very short notice. Beth suggests having a connection to the Board of Worship. Should we do something at some point to honor them? – Possibly All Saints Day? Possibly honoring them at coffee hour? Karl will ask them to write up a committee report. We could possibly provide a brunch for them?

Board members for 2018 -2019

Three (?) positions to fill

We need to start inviting people to join the board. We need 1 more person to fill term until 2020. We need to have 3 people serve term that ends 2021.

Suggestions for new board members

Karen will approach Maureen Tanis and Marsha Hanson. Jasper & Rossi will think of people who attend First Service. Karl will talk to Steve Anderson. Karl will talk with Andrea Bubula. People will inform each other once they have an answer, will inform potential people that multiple people are being asked. The Leadership Council has already reviewed the nomination forms submitted.

Board Fair on April 22 to highlight boards

Karen will be at the table. It is also helpful to approach people personally.

Communion Services

Timing & frequency for both services

First service

- First Sunday of each month

Second Service

- First Sunday of Lent
- Maundy Thursday
- Pentecost (50 days following Easter)

This year there is a conflict with Youth Sunday, May 20. Youth Sunday is the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend. Confirmation Sunday is May 6. The anniversary is May 19 & 20.

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- A summer Sunday – either the last Sunday of July or the first week of August
- World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October)
- First Sunday of Advent

There are some people who stay away when Communion is served.

Mary Welfang will do some research about previous practices around Communion.

What does Communion mean to us as a church community? Should we have some discussions about the meaning of Communion in Plymouth? Could the education hour in new schedule be a time to have these discussions?

Lent Debrief

The Healing Service was meaningful. There were children who participated in Wednesday activities other than during Spring Break. Members of the Board believed it was helpful to have information about Lent presented in the Second Service. Had good attendance for Ash Wednesday and other Holy Week events. Many people came for the labyrinth. The labyrinth could be a 10 am education event. Consider doing similar activities next year.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Fireside Room

Opening thought by: Karen

Closing thought by: Penny

Closing Thought – Nancy

Poem by Angela Shannon

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Geertz-Larson, Secretary*