



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF WORSHIP

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 2018

Attendance:

| Yes | No | | Yes | No | |
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| ■ | | Karen Barstad (2020), <i>Chair</i> | ■ | | Nancy Geertz-Larson (2020), <i>Secretary</i> |
| ■ | | Jamie Bonczyk (2019) | ■ | | Karl Jones (2019) |
| ■ | | Andrea Bubula (2021) | ■ | | Jasper Jonson (2019) |
| ■ | | Rossi Clem (2019) | ■ | | Penelope Needham (2020) |
| ■ | | Beth Faeth, <i>Staff Liaison</i> | x | | Maureen Tanis (2021) |

GUESTS: list

Actions Taken:

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Item 2. Board agreed to create a Communion Committee

Opening Thought: Nancy read Psalm 62

Discussion Items

Ambassador stories – how we’ve made new connections with members or visitors (5 min)

Karen, Penny & Beth shared stories from Sunday.

Preparations for new schedule in the fall (60 minutes)

- Schedule of themes for 2018
 - Artwork to highlight the themes – Board of Fine Arts
 - Karen sent email to chair of Fine Arts and included the list of themes...asked if that Board could arrange art related to themes in public spaces in the church
- Children and youth in Second Service – what might their role be?
 - Will be interesting to see how many families stay for Second Service
 - The Second Service Committee will discuss this topic in the committee
- Additional services – vespers, member-led Saturday or Sunday afternoon gatherings
 - One member interested in starting a contemplative service
 - Beth has had some conversations with David Astin, who organized Celtic Spirituality series. He has some ideas he will work on and get back to Beth.

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.

- The Tuesday morning contemplative prayer – light a candle, one of the ministers share an opening thought, then spend time in silence; service is led by one of the clergy. Is there a way to promote it so that people looking for that sort of experience know about this opportunity?
- Plan for Blessing of the Animals on October 6. Will put a ‘save the date’ in September Flame and also have announcements. Karen will help with an article.

Tasks and Responsibilities

Committees

Allison needs names of committee chairs

- Which ones do we have, and which do we need?
Question: how much freedom does each committee have?
 - First Service Committee
 - Jasper
 - Rossi
 - Laura C.
 - Andy & Brittany Schou
 - Thinking of partnering with Membership Committee to connect with families new to Plymouth
 - Music for First Service will include jazz trio (led by either George M. or Laura C.), and the different choirs. Marie Scholtz is working on a schedule for the choirs
 - Will be collecting names of people to greet
 - Goal – make it inviting, somehow coordinate with Second Service
 - *Jasper sent Google doc with minutes of meeting, copy attached separately*
 - The First Service Committee has the authority to make changes to the service in consultation with clergy
 - First Service has a monthly bulletin, with same music for the month
 - Possibly have weekly insert with the scripture for the day
 - Thinking about re-working expectations for ‘host family’, to make it less burdensome
 - In the summer, multiple people do smaller discreet tasks
 - If more people have tasks, then more people are involved and the service becomes more participatory
 - Second Service Committee
 - Discussed need to clarify work of the committee before inviting members of the congregation.
 - Members:
 - Maureen
 - Penny
 - Karen
 - Also add: choir member (in addition to Penny?), worship host, Philip & Beth
 - Beth would like to have someone on the committee who has expressed some thoughtful observations about Second Service, or maybe someone from the Growth Task Force
 - Maureen will organize the first meeting
 - Will make announcement at Camp Plymouth soliciting committee members
 - Second Service Worship Hosts
 - Karl agreed to continue to lead this committee
 - Greeters & Ushers will report for duty at 10:30 instead of 10 am, due to new service schedule

- There will be 3 different times that people will be entering the building
- Communion Committee
 - Include First Service Communion
 - Rossi handles the bread, Seth or Nina makes sure there is juice in fridge
 - The Communion Committee will be available to cover when needed
 - Nancy G-L agreed to chair the committee; will contact list of names she received from Nancy Gores
 - Karl suggests collecting names and adding them to slots
 - Rossi suggests lunch for people who are cleaning up
 - Have committee members in place for 1st Sunday in October
- Greeters for Second Service – how will that work?

Important Dates

- September 9: Rally Sunday
 - There will be a big party at 10 am, live music & food
 - There will be tables in Jones Commons highlighting different options at 10 am – Board of Worship will have a table with volunteer opportunities and sign-up sheets
- September 29: Leadership Day @ Greek Orthodox Church
- October 7: World Communion Sunday

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Fireside Room

Opening Thought by: Karen

Closing Thought by: Karl

Closing thought – Maureen:

“Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you that we can live in your light and walk in your truth. May the things that have been revealed through our presence here and the thoughts we have shared dwell in our hearts and stir us to action. In your name we pray, Amen.” From the Global Issues Blog

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Geertz-Larson, secretary*