

## 2018.05.10 Worship Planning Team Meeting Minutes

Present: Bev Davis, Justina Danison, Pastor Scott DeBlock, Eve Kenyon, Chuck Seifert and Peg Thompson

Pastor Scott DeBlock opened with prayer and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Reviewed January 18 meeting minutes.
- Review of May-August 2018 Worship schedule.
  - Tom Carter has confirmed that he will preach on May 27, June 17, July 22, and August 5.
  - The Ecumenical Service will be hosted by our church on July 8 with communion. Pastor DeBlock will speak to the Deacons about coffee hour. The praise band will be available. Scott has it planned out as a normal service with perhaps one of the new pastors preaching.
  - Armer Farm Worship Service will be in August. Pastor DeBlock will speak with Harry and Laurie Armer about possible dates.
- Mother's Day this Sunday, May 13. Christian Ed will purchase carnations for all women. We will take a special offering in honor of mothers to give to Schenectady Women's Shelter.
- Pentecost is next Sunday, May 20. We will encourage the congregation to wear red.
- Worship Survey Review
  - 47 took the survey.
  - Satisfaction rating was very high with First Pres in general. Most said they would choose FPC again, would recommend it, and it is close to ideal. People are happy with the order of service, the announcements, and the use of multimedia/ power point.
    - Discussion on announcement procedure. If there is an announcement to be made, it should be made known to the worship leader ahead of time. It shouldn't be done from the pews.
    - We will try to do announcements first, then prelude, call to worship and praise songs so as not to break the flow of worship.
    - We will put the power point announcements both at the very beginning and at the very end.
    - We will start attaching team meeting minutes to session meeting minutes so the congregation can be aware of what teams are doing as well.
  - People were fairly satisfied with the frequency of communion, how it was administered and the participation of lay participants/ readers.
  - The quality of sermons and connection of sermons to scripture were rated the highest.
  - Responses were very satisfied with the choir. The type of music, relevance of music to message, praise band, hymn usage, use of organ received an average score, but these are also where there were the most variance in answers, as expected. However, most everyone liked the blending of contemporary and traditional.
    - Perhaps we can switch things up a bit once in a while. Start with a hymn, end with a praise song, vice versa.
  - The preferred time was 10 am, with a few suggesting half an hour before or after. The majority was not interested in a mid-week service. Most would like Adult Sunday school time to be before service on Sunday. Curiously, many would like Children's Sunday school on an evening during the week.
- Ministry on Action Plan is an ongoing process and we will continue to discuss it further in the future.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 6:30 pm.

We were homeward bound at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Justina Danison