

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

February 8, 2010

Attending: Bruce Black, Marta Clugston, Buzz Hoon, Rev. Becky Lembke, Tim Lembke, Marcia Moulden, Maureen Nation, Gary Saunders, Lynn Thompson

Absent: Ray Brinker, Tom Ford, Rev. Russ Smith, Terecia Torrance

Team leader Marta Clugston called the Worship Committee to order at 5:31. Rev. Becky opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and accepted with motion by Marcia and second by Lynn..

Rev. Becky reviewed January worship attendance numbers from 2009 and 2010. The 2010 figures showed an increase of four people on average per Sunday over 2009.

The Ash Wednesday service, February 17th, will be a “love feast”. It will be held in the Atrium after the Faith Encounter meal. Participants will sit around the tables and eat sweet breads while sharing their thoughts on questions placed at the tables. The service will end with the ceremony of ashes.

During February 21st service the church library staff will distribute copies of the children’s version of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe to those children present. Fifteen copies have been obtained at a very reasonable cost

Wesley Church is this year’s host of the community Lenten services. These will be held on Fridays from 12:05-12:45. The six services will be based on John Ortberg’s book, God Is Closer Than You Think. Faith Encounter during Lent will involve small groups and be based on the same book.

Palm Sunday service, March 28th, will be a cantata. Lynn has asked that costumed actors be available for some of the songs. They will not have speaking parts. Buzz volunteered to find those actors. Heidi Clemmens will dance during the last song.

The Maundy Thursday service, April 1st, will involve the play, Table for 13. This will involve a cast of two. Marcia will find the actors.

There will not be an Easter Sunrise service this year, due to the light attendance of previous years. It was suggested that in the future the youth should be involved in this service as it would be good for them and it would also bring their parents to the service.

There will be a children’s Easter egg hunt during the Sunday school hour.

Lent will have five services that will involve the book, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. The first is February 21st. Pastor Becky is planning the services. They will each involve a video clip from the book, a recipe and sometimes a sample of food that goes with the lesson. Marcia volunteered to get volunteers to help make the Mississippi Mud Cake for March 21st. Bruce Black will show the movie in his first movie night, February 12th, at 6:00pm. Tim will arrange for the video and Bruce will take the lead in the decoration of the sanctuary. Communion in March will be on the second Sunday; the 14th and done in the manner used the past year or two. The form of communion was discussed to see if communion could fit in at the normal time. It was decided to retain the present form and change the date.

It was again suggested that as we are planning a unique Lenten series of services, we should advertise them to try to draw in new people or bring back those that don't frequently attend. It was suggested a newspaper article (interview form) could be written and taken to the local paper as one means of accomplishing this. Another method is to change our weekly Friday ad to reflect the upcoming service. It was pointed out this all is part of the mission of the Witness Team. Rev. Becky will contact them.

Lynn said we had spent considerably less than one half of the funds available for the first semester of music interns. He suggested we could therefore afford one more intern for the second semester. He suggested a guitar player for the Praise Band.

Pastor Becky reported the acolyte training went very well. The junior high group was a great help in showing the younger students the procedures involved.

The service April 18th will be a Cowboy service. The Praise Band will lead both services. There will be a meal sponsored by the Nurture Committee. Marta volunteered to contact people she knew who raise miniature horses and might bring some of them that day. There will also be a skit as part of the service. It was again suggested this is the type of service that should be publicized and advertised to attempt to draw new visitors to our congregation.

The Youth service is scheduled for May 2nd. Becky wants the youth to be directly involved in the planning of the service, as opposed to coming in and doing what the adults had planned for them.

Tim mentioned that new equipment is needed now or shortly will be for the sound and video portions of the service. He requested two laptop computers that would be dedicated to this task. He currently spends more time than needed to do his part of the service due to equipment limitations. He also mentioned good lapel microphones are needed. In addition, a monitor that can be seen by the choir and organist is needed. Tim was asked to prepare a list of items, with a description and approximate cost, in priority order. It was suggested this list could be turned over to either Jim Olsen or the Trustees as a request from the Worship Committee for funds from recent bequests.

The meeting was dismissed at 7:08.

THE NEXT WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 5:30PM.

