

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Worship Committee Agenda

November 29, 2016

MINUTES

- 1) Present: Tim Martin Johnson (presiding), Lorie Hershey, Sarah Gotwals Rody, Tim Schellenberg, Carey Davis, Peter Horst
- 2) Absent: none
- 3) Minutes follow-up
  - the piano bench is as good as new. We will plan to leave it out for others to use
- 4) reflections on recent worship
  - the recorder for sermons is not working. Bryan Geib is going to look at it.
  - the interactive rituals two weeks ago were very good, and Mercy's dance was beautiful
  - not sure if visitor packets are being handed out. Lorie will ask Jim Kurtz to email greeters to remind them to give them to visitors
- 5) web-site editing
  - we looked at the resources and agreed that they need to be simplified and streamlined. We want a short, simple paragraph with some general information, then several buttons that people can click with further information. For example: Worship leading guidelines, Childrens time guidelines, Song leading guidelines, Communion guidelines, etc.
  - Peter volunteered to look at what is there and organize it into appropriate categories
  - Lorie will talk with Dorianna about what we want and determine how easily this can be done.
  - we hope to have this accomplished by the time we have our worship workshop this winter
- 6) Laurelville
  - we have enough in our budget to send several people. Peter, Brenda and Mark have volunteered to go. Tim S is also considering it. Tim MJ will tell Brenda and Mark to turn in expense reimbursement requests.
  - we hope the attendees will be willing to share about what they learn at our workshop
- 7) Anger series
  - the adult education people asked for our input about having a series sometime on anger. It grew out of the discussions on racism
  - we decided February would be a good time for this. Lorie will work on putting it together

8) Biblical literacy series

- the elders are thinking about having a series focusing on Bible stories and biblical literacy.
- we agreed that a whole year is too much, but that a series, or a couple of shorter series would be good. The different series could focus on different parts of the bible, such as prophets, psalms, history books, prophecy, etc.
- It is important to think about what the overall goal is, and this will help shape the series.

9) Date for worship workshop

- Saturday, January 21, 9:00-11:30
- Tim MJ will work on a venue
- Tim MJ and Lorie will get together to plan this, and may invite others to help
- Tim MJ will create an announcement and will send it to Dorianna

10) Lent planning

- Lent begins March 1, so the first Sunday is March 5
- we will have a planning meeting at Tim MJ's house on Saturday, February 4 at 9:00am to plan. Tim will contact all the worship team participants for those Sundays to invite them. Lorie will send Tim the resource materials by email so he can attach them.

11) date of next meeting:

- Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 pm at church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Martin Johnson