

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

MINUTES

September 29, 2016

Present: Tim Martin Johnson (presiding), Lorie Hershey, Peter Horst, Sarah Gotwals Rody

Absent: Tim Schellenberg, Carey Davis

1) Opening Prayer - Tim

2) Review of Minutes

- All committee members should look at the survey on the website, thinking about people who are not included on it. Please remind people to log in and complete the survey

- Tim will put an announcement in the bulletin asking people to complete the survey.

- Tim will put an announcement in the bulletin asking for new volunteers for Children's Time.

3) Reflections on recent worship

- The joint worship services with Calvary were appreciated.

- At a recent worship service visitors were asked directly to introduce themselves. It is better to give people an opportunity, but not to draw attention to people.

4) Plans for upcoming months

- Oct 2 is World Communion Sunday. Lorie, Peter and Sarah will all bring different kinds of bread.

- Lorie talked about a potential speaker from Germantown named Jay Johnson to talk about Kingdom Builders Construction and their employment of returning citizens. We will ask him to come speak on November 13.

- October 29 we will have an Adevnt planning meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Tim's house (coffee cake included) to which we will invite all those in leadership on those Sundays. Tim will ask Dorianna to send out an email inviting them.

- Christmas is on a Sunday. Tim is song leader and Brooke is worship leader. They will plan a service involving music, scripture, and perhaps sharing. No sermon.

- Christmas Eve is the start of Hannukah. The rabbi of Kol Tzedek has asked if we and Calvary would consider having a joint service on Christmas Eve, celebrating both religious holidays. They would include some of the Jewish tradition in the service, but do not want us to minimize the role of Jesus in our Christmas Eve service. We believe WPMF would be supportive of this and gave Lorie our blessing to proceed with the idea.

- 5) Worship workshop
 - At our next meeting we will put this on the calendar for a Saturday in the winter.
- 6) Reminder card for worship leaders
 - Lorie will put together a list of last minute reminders for worship leaders. It will be on a laminated card and left in the office for worship leaders to refer to as they get ready on Sunday morning. We discussed several things that should go on the list. Lorie may contact some worship leaders for ideas as well.
- 7) Laurelville Worship and Music Workshop, January 6-8
 - Peter is considering attending and will look at his calendar and decide. Lorie will put out an invitation to others to attend as well. We have funds in the Worship Committee budget to help participants pay for it.
- 8) Website improvements
 - WC members should look at the website before our next meeting and think about what we can remove to make it better. There is too much there. Go to Resources>Worship Leading>scroll down and click links to "more suggestions"
- 9) Piano bench
 - The piano bench was damaged recently and needs repair. Tim will put an announcement in the bulletin asking for a volunteer to repair it.
- 10) Worship schedule
 - The current schedule goes through December. Tim will do the next one.
- 11) Next meeting
 - scheduled date: Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Martin Johnson