

West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship

Worship Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:00pm at Tim Martin Johnson's house

Present: Lorie Hershey, Peter Horst, Sarah Gotwals Rody, Tim Martin Johnson, Tim Schellenberg

1) Reflections on recent worship:

- We expressed appreciation for the recent series on Bible Stories, especially the opportunity to hear stories and sermons from a variety of voices. The art project was a bit hard to follow, but it was a good opportunity to get the children and youth involved.
- It was suggested that in the future the Visiting Sunday should not immediately follow the joint service(s) with Calvary, to allow for informal discussion of plans the week before visiting
- We discussed the possibility of having one, rather than two, joint services with Calvary per year. Since planning jointly is difficult, each church could take turns planning every-other year.

2) Fall planning

- We discussed who to ask to share about their daily work for Sept 3. Lorie will follow up with those mentioned.
- We decided to use the new hymnal's "Great Day of Singing" packet as part of a music Sunday on Oct 8.
- We discussed plans to do an upcoming series on mental health, including a Sunday School series as well. We suggested that it should include personal stories, but needs to be grounded in faith/scripture. This is also an important issue for our youth. We agreed to gather together a group to plan (similar to the anger series). The series is tentatively scheduled for Oct 22, 29; Nov 12, 19
- We discussed including a choir song for World Communion Sunday, Oct 1

3) We agreed that we can record singing for the "War of the Worlds" project. The song leader should be notified about standing away from the recorder.

4) Worship participation survey

- We agreed to have laptops available to fill out the survey on Oct 1, before and during the fellowship meal
- Lorie and Sarah will provide the laptops
- Lorie will ask Dorianna to print the current results, to have for reference at the table

5) Reminders for worship

- We received a hard copy of the "Reminders for Worship" from the website

- Lorie will send out a revised copy with Sarah's additions to the Children's Time section
- We were asked to read through the reminders and approve them via email

6) Next meeting

- Tuesday, Oct 18, at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Horst