

## **Minutes: Music and Worship Committee February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **Present:**

Hope Yeager, Carol Egbert, Diane Mellinger, Hugh Belton, Jessica Stout, Jenny Gelfan, Anne Macksoud, Don Ransom.

We looked at the revised list of services from now until Daniel returns to see what still needs to be filled in. Hope Yeager, Jenny Gelfan and Hugh Belton all stepped up to be service coordinator for the services that still needed a SC.

### **Conversations**

We talked about the need to make the people who are filling in for Daniel feel welcome and appreciated, whether they are guest reflectors or members of our own community. Some were concerned that we have a habit of being critical if the guest reflectors don't "measure up" to our expectations. We talked about the idea that we (the worship committee and the congregation) are the hosts when someone new comes and they should be treated like our guests. There was talk of finding a palatable way of reminding people to be non-judgmental about what is offered even if it isn't to our liking.

Finally someone suggested that we need not worry so much about how we feel about a presenter – we may (and probably will) feel critical if we don't like the content or the tone of the reflection, but that's OK. Our task is to accept that person regardless, knowing that they are doing their best and that others might like the reflection as much as we do not like it. All seemed to think that this last suggestion was the most realistic one. Case Closed!

A couple of the guest reflectors have asked to change songs that the choir is singling. We need to let them know that they are welcome to have input into what hymns are sung, but the choir songs are set weeks in advance and cannot be changed at the last minute.

It was agreed that the hymn or the choir song does not always have to match the theme of the reflection. And in the end, everything (music-wise) is subject to Diane's approval.

### **Tasks**

1. Hope Yeager will be service coordinator on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Jenny Gelfan will be service coordinator on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>
3. Hugh Belton will be the service coordinator on April 6<sup>th</sup>
4. Hugh will help with coffee hour (food/cleanup) on February 23<sup>rd</sup>
5. Carol Egbert will do Opening Words for our **next meeting on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**

### **Closing**

The meeting lasted only for 1 hour and 5 minutes. That is because so much of the work that we generally do has already been done by all those people who have helped plan the 3 months that Daniel will be away. It took a lot of work by a lot of people and we are all very grateful to you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Macksoud