



LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Music Fellowship Committee
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Music Fellowship Committee Minutes

February 11, 2017

The Music Committee convened its monthly meeting at 8:45 am. Present for the meeting were Barbara Jacobs, Jann Blanchard, Sue Wachter, Mike Schramm and Charles Hess. Absent was Angi Mahlendorf.

The Music Committee discussed the organist and musician positions in relation to the approach for the church services. Discussion centered around Sue Wachter's present situation in which her employment makes it difficult for her to do advanced scheduling. Sue pointed out that although she can submit a schedule, if her company calls upon her and other employees to work based upon production needs, etc., it puts her in a difficult position. Sue and the committee also discussed the shortage of organists for churches in general, and at times, she is called upon by her home church – Redeemer – and another church St. Paul's of Sheboygan to play the organ. It was pointed out to Sue that this discussion with her is based upon our love for her and our understanding of her situation. Discussion occurred and it was agreed upon by everyone that Charles would be scheduled as the organist each Sunday and if Sue is in a position to play the organ, with enough notice to Charles, his name can be removed and Sue can play. It was also agreed upon that Sue would have to get in touch with the assigned musician/singer for that week in order to schedule a practice. Barb also encouraged Sue to participate in the singing portion of the schedule as a way to expand what she might contribute to the overall musical program at Luther. Jann pointed out that everyone must adhere to the set schedule that is developed in the music committee each month. Suggestions or deviations from the music schedule must be discussed in the music committee so that one and all are aware of what is occurring. The music schedule was then discussed and prepared for the month of March 2017. (It will be distributed to the music committee members).

The Music Committee then discussed expanding their role in the church to include that of fellowship. Discussion surrounded the idea that the Music Committee had progressed in such a way that the musical portion of the committee takes such little time because the members themselves know where and how to proceed with music for the church – i.e., musical selections, music schedules for musicians, practices, etc. By a voice vote, the music committee members agreed to expand the music committee to that of a music fellowship committee. The music committee will be expanding into fellowship at Luther Memorial and will seek to add additional congregational members to the committee in order to undertake fellowship functions.

By a voice vote, after discussion, the music fellowship committee members agreed that there will be a deadline on members submitting their names, addresses and telephone numbers for the church directory by Saturday, March 11, 2017. By a voice vote, the music fellowship committee members agreed that a monthly newsletter will be sent out to the members of the congregation with news and items of interest about the church. The Pastor, on that particular Sunday in which the newsletter is ready for distribution, will announce to the congregation that they should pick up their monthly newsletter as they are leaving the church. The newsletter for the members of the congregation will be placed in a mailing envelope and those newsletters/envelopes which remain unclaimed, will immediately be mailed to the prospective member. By a voice vote, the music fellowship committee members decided to have a church bake sale on Sunday, March 12, 2017, to raise funds on behalf of the church for postage which will be needed for the mailings.

By a voice vote, after discussion, the music fellowship committee members agreed that the Luther Memorial Webpage has been neglected and is in need of updates. It was pointed out that there are advertisements for services at Luther Memorial which have come and gone. The music fellowship committee decided to adopt the Webpage / Facebook page for Luther Memorial. Undertaking this project is in conjunction with the directory information. The hope of the committee is that news about Luther Memorial will be distributed to all members via monthly newsletter, Webpage information, Facebook and emails.

By a voice vote, the music fellowship committee members agreed that Charles can represent the committee at the next church council meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Music Fellowship Committee meeting is Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 8:30 am.