Worship Committee Meeting Minutes

for Westminster Presbyterian of Akron, Ohio

April 30, 2017 at 11:30 am

Present: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Sue Wallin, Nancy Keogh, Raphael Peoples, Dave Stobbs

Absent: Jim Mismas, Kristy Yates, Earl Pierson, Anna Marie Wilton

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

Sue Wallin called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the April 2, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with one correction (changing “session” to “Session”) following a motion from Dave, seconded by Raphael. Motion passed.

*Communion*

Westminster currently provides two kinds of bread for Communion. One type of bread contains gluten. The other does not. The committee discussed a request from a member of the congregation that we provide an alternative for those who have an allergy to soy and corn. The congregant told the pastor that soy and corn are present in both the bread with gluten and without, making both of these options something that this individual and her child cannot tolerate.

Dave agreed to do some research regarding wafer alternatives.

*Candelabra*

The Worship Committee is considering purchasing new candelabra. Raphael has been researching available options and agreed to send some options to the committee by e-mail. He will also inquire about replacement parts.

*Worship Committee Vacancy*

Mary Johnson has resigned from Session and the Worship Committee. She is 85 years old, and she and her husband, Herb, have some health challenges.

Several names were suggested as possible additions to the committee. Nancy agreed to follow up with Phil Fry who works with the Communion team. Jon agreed to follow up with Michael Dunbar who serves as a liturgist and Debbie Rutan who is married to a pastor and served the Worship Committee at Barberton Presbyterian.

*Communion Table Parament*

Westminster provides seated Communion twice per year. Once is at Mother’s Day. The other is on World Communion Sunday in October. The committee discussed the Communion table parament for the seated Communion in May. A member of the congregation has offered to iron the Communion table parament for Mother’s Day. The committee agreed that this would be appreciated.

*Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. Next meeting will be determined by e-mail.