

MINUTES OF GOOD SHEPHERD WORSHIP COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Members present: Mary Lou Bradley, Sue Edwards, Judy Miller, Ken Schenk and Beth Schenk, Sally Sternberg

Members absent: Melanie Baker, Jim Edwards, Joann Hussmann, Lindsey Robak, Ashley Taylor

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Christmas Decorations** – We received several compliments on the Christmas decorations this year – everyone liked the simplicity of the trees and the large red poinsettias. The stable worked well pulled away from the wall this year although it might be pushed back just a little in 2023. Ken and Beth removed lights from the new star for the wall behind the stable and replaced them with new LED strip lights. Other suggestions for next year include using live poinsettias in the Narthex by the cross and using a larger (9½ foot) tree in the Narthex. After a quick look at the tree boxes in the storage area, the “A” box might work. The 12-foot tree marked “Narthex” needs to be discarded as it is in disrepair.
- **Clean Out Storage Areas** - We agreed to set a time on a Saturday in May to clean and organize all storage areas. We need to properly label and group decorations by season to make it easier to access. Several items need to be discarded. Judy will try to retrofit the Eucharistic banner that was created for St. Theresa so that it can be used on the wall behind the altar.
- **General Decorating Ideas** – We would like to have some silk greenery and floral arrangements made up to use in the spring and summer during Ordinary Time. Judy will speak to Gehlhausen’s to see what can be done. We also need a larger swag/wreath above the ambo for Ordinary Time. All the live palm plants were discarded late last year. Due to all the issues with keeping the palms alive and pest free for the past several years, we discussed purchasing silk trees and plants. There are very high quality trees and plants on the Petals.com website that can be purchased, which would last for several years. (Post meeting note: we ordered 6 silk plants from Petals.com.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ash Wednesday Decorations** – We will set up for Ash Wednesday on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 PM following Adoration. The Lenten display will be set up on the left side of the altar like last year using the 3 large vases and twigs that were purchased last year.
- **Lent and Holy Week Decorations** – We will use the regular church palms in vases like last year.
- **Easter Decorations** – We will meet on Friday, April 7 to arrange the potted flowers in the large planters so that they will be ready to be placed in church on Saturday morning. We discussed using larger and less containers this year. Judy will order the flowers and ferns again this year. We plan to hang the Risen Jesus quilt above the Baptismal Font.
- **2023 Timeline for Lent and Easter Setup** – A timeline for Lent, Holy Week and Easter setup is attached to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Schenk