

## Arts Committee Report to Council

Arts Committee meeting January 19, 2010

### **Old Business:**

Bill Range reported that the monthly artist display schedule is set through May 2010. September and November 2010, and April 2011 are set, too. The Crosses of Trinity will be displayed in April 2010 to coincide with Easter and Holy week. Patty Marshall requested the possibility of getting newer pieces to display so there is some change to the display from year to year. A discussion followed.

It was also mentioned for the Chair to look into the insurance policy the church has for the visiting artist exhibit. She will talk to Paul Hensel.

The Chair reported she hasn't heard anything from Tom Cooper or Lorann Jacobs regarding the David and the Lambs statue. She mentioned that Mr. Erdman mentioned we look at Hauck Restoration to see if they can assist in restoring the statue. Hauck Restoration cleaned and restored the Good Shepherd and Instructive Christ sculptures a few years ago. The Chair will get the information from Mr. Erdman and research this further.

Since the last meeting, the Chair contacted numerous people regarding the catalog of artwork. After talking to previous Art chairs, Paul Hensel, Nancy Martin, Myrl Busler, who assists in the library, the Chair wrote a short statement for the January Trinity Parish. If she does not receive any further response, she will begin compiling a new catalog. She will begin by contacting Jeff Weaver, the Webmaster, to get copies of the photos of the artwork that appear on Trinity's website. Since Don Catlin was the person from the Property Committee who assisted with this before, she will contact him to see if he has copies of any of the photos he took for the project originally. Patty Marshall and Bill Range thought it would be a good idea to keep visiting artist information in this catalog, too. Patty recommended taking a photo of the artist and his/her work.

The Chair reported that she will begin attending Property Committee meetings this month and be the liaison for the Arts Committee. There are numerous projects both committees are working on together, including the catalog of artwork. The Property Committee has a Columbarium sub-committee now, too. Mary stated that since Jean Romberger, the Arts Chair when this was erected, spent so much time researching an artist for this, the Arts Committee needs a representative and voice on the committee.

It was also brought to the Chair's attention that the photos of previous pastors in the photo gallery near the office are fading. After a discussion, it was mentioned UV glass should be put in the picture frames, but this would be an issue for the Property Committee to handle.

## **New Business:**

Bill Range mentioned the committee should purchase hooks and chains for the Gathering Space artwork display. He brought a catalog from Walker Display, Inc. Jane made a motion for Bill to go and buy new chains and hooks. Patty seconded and the motion carried.

Jeff Weaver emailed all committee chairs in mid-December requesting the committees to examine the description of the committee we chair and provide edited information to him by February 10.

The current description for the Arts Committee is:

*Our Mission: We, as musicians, and artists are passionate about sharing expressions of God's gifts. Through ongoing events and exhibitions, we hope to celebrate these wonders of God with the congregation and community.*

The Arts Committee is responsible for helping to spread the Gospel through music and art. The committee assists the Director of Music Ministries with the yearly concert series and arranges for monthly art exhibits in the Gathering Space.

It was decided by the committee it should be changed to:

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The Arts Committee is responsible for helping to spread the Gospel through music and art. The committee assists the Director of Music Ministries with the yearly concert series and arranges for monthly art exhibits in the Gathering Space. The committee also oversees the maintenance of all the permanent artwork and are the curators.

The Chair will submit the changes to Jeff Weaver by February 10.

Policy Page: The last time the Arts Committee policy page was updated was in 1998. The Chair revised it, and distributed the changes to the Committee. After a discussion and some revisions, the following is what the Arts Committee agreed upon. The Chair will send this to A&P for acceptance/approval.

## COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS AND POLICIES

Mission Statement: We, as musicians and artists are passionate about sharing expressions of God's gifts. Through ongoing events and exhibitions, we hope to celebrate these wonders of God with the Congregation and community.

Guiding Principles:

To foster Artistic Growth

To enhance the worship experience through the arts

To glorify and celebrate God's gifts

### I. ORGANIZATION

A. The chairperson shall be appointed by the Congregation Council or from among its membership.

B. The Committee on the Arts shall coordinate ongoing activities including calendar planning and budget. Membership of the committee shall be the Arts chairperson, the Director of Music, liaison appointed by Congregation Council, Property Committee liaison and any other person whom the Arts chairperson appoints. Terms shall be governed by the Policy Page 1.40.3 (Standing Committee Membership).

### II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Coordinate all activities in the church concerning the arts, dance and drama, in cooperation with the Director of Music.

B. Assist in the search for Director of Music, Contemporary Music Director, Children's Choir Director, Director of Bell Choirs, or any other related arts personnel when needed and help to formulate job descriptions for these positions.

C. Provide guidance to persons seeking to make donations in terms of Art to the church.

D. Overlook the maintenance of Artwork and sculpture throughout the church property.

E. Recommend the purchase and supervise the care of musical instruments and choir vestments.

F. Approve artists' fees for special arts events such as concerts, recitals, and drama presentations.

G. Secure artists for monthly artist exhibits and supply agreement for exhibitor to sign.

H. Seek patrons annually for the concert series.

I. Provide receptions for concerts in the concert series and meals for performers on an as needed basis.

### III. RELATIONSHIPS

The Committee on the Arts will cooperate with and assist other committees with programs involving art and music.

#### Concert Series:

There will be a vespers service for the February concert, featuring the Chancel Choir performing Rutter's Requiem. It was decided since this is a service, no reception will be needed.

The Choral Festival in March will be co-sponsored by the Harrisburg Singers. Tim will ask the Director of the Harrisburg Singers if they would like to co-host a reception. Tim will then inform the Chair of the decision.

The Faith-X concert is scheduled for the end of April. In previous years, the Fellowship Team has co-sponsored this, and the Arts Committee was responsible for the punch. The Chair will contact Debbie Wilson to see if the same type of reception will be planned this year.

Messiah College will be renting the church for the Messiah College President Concert that will be taking place in May. The Arts Committee won't have any obligations for this concert.

Tim mentioned that he is working on compiling the 2010-2011 Concert Series.

Choir Robes: The Chair reported this is still a top priority, but we are waiting for the Connie Henricks settlement check until we can continue this project.

The Chair asked the committee if we should host a visiting artist reception in June. Bill stated he would like to wait until 2011 to try this again. He thought perhaps hosting this every two years would be a better idea, and we might get a better response.

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM after the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 15, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Haar

Committee Chair