

7/27/2021

In attendance: Pastor Ritchey, Ellie B , Mike B, Sarah S

I. Opening Business: Pastor Ritchey opened with prayer. The Agenda was approved. There were no corrections to the previous meeting minutes and it was approved.

II. Devotional: tabled

III. Pastor and Session Reports:

1. Pastor Ritchey introduced Ellie Brown to the team. The role of the Elder on the team was explained; this is presently Jeff VanDerWeele. Members present gave a brief introduction of themselves and Ellie described her journey to this point. Pastor Ritchey explained how WT is a resource for Ellie but are not supervisory.

2. Pastor Ritchey explained a movement to engage elders more in worship services; Elders will be tapped to do prayers, readings, etc. They are the spiritual leaders of the church and will be utilized in that capacity.

3. September 12 is Kick-off Sunday

4. Pastor Ritchey will be mentoring Ellie

5. Ellie inquired about Communion. Pastor Ritchey explained how GEPC celebrated Communion pre-covid and how it is now celebrated. We have Communion supplies through September. If there is a continued need to use the Communion packets, WT will need to ponder the situation beyond covid.

6. There was discussion about refurbishing vs replacing the Sanctuary piano, including a letter from organist Kelly H. This will be tabled until Chuck is present.

IV. First Service Worship Leader report: Chuck is on vacation leave

V. Second Service Worship Leader report:

1. Pastor Ritchey explained 2nd service Worship leaders use iPads and many are not functioning so he purchased a \$300 iPad for Ellie's use. WT supported the purchase.

2. Ellie would like to recruit additional members for the Praise team. She has successfully scheduled through November. It was noted this has been an ongoing problem. Pastor Ritchey noted there is precedence in churches to use schools as a source for musicians. Mike suggested making announcements at services. Pastor Ritchey suggested using the back of the communication card for sign-ups.

3. Ellie has talked with Bill L and inquired about him joining the WT and explained her reasoning. Pastor Ritchey asked the members at the meeting about having Bill attend some meetings and then evaluating his fit with the team; he sees Bill as a liaison between Ellie and the WT. Ellie will ask him to attend the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

1. Piano repair (discussed above)

2. The Apostles Creed recitation: this will take place every 6 weeks

VII. New Business

1. WT needs to be notified that a new time needs to be set for WT to meet as Ellie has a standing prior commitment for Tuesday's at 7 pm.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 25, 2021 at 7 pm