

## Worship Team Minutes 6/14/2022

Attendance: Ritchey, Chuck, Ellie, Dave, Jim, Mike

Not in attendance: Sarah and Bill

- I. Opening Prayer
  - a. Ritchey opens in prayer
- II. Opening Business
  - a. No additions/corrections to today's agenda
  - b. No additions/corrections to last month's meeting
  - c. M/S/P last month's minutes
- III. Opening Devotional
  - a. Ellie led a devotion from Romans 5:1-5 on suffering
  - b. God forces every trial, every suffering that comes to us must do good for us
  - c. Suffering is a means by which God roots out evil and forces it to good
  - d. Scripture is full of examples of God allowing evil to happen to achieve his purpose
- IV. Session and Pastor Reports
  - a. Ritchey
    - i. Thought Caleb did a great job preaching a couple of weeks ago
    - ii. Trying to talk him into doing one more this summer
    - iii. Nathan Edwards will be preaching 7/10
    - iv. Going to GA on Monday, in Detroit, covet prayers for that
    - v. Continuing this summer through Hebrews 11
    - vi. Trying to get calendared all of the elders' role in the worship service
- V. Chuck
  - a. Will be out of town for a couple weeks in July
    - i. 7/10 – Mark Lancaster will lead worship
    - ii. 7/17 – Paul Weatherford will lead worship
  - b. Karen Hall will solo on 7/17
  - c. Pleased with the number of people who have returned for choir
  - d. Slower to get started with the bell choir; likely won't happen until fall
  - e. Maribeth and Kelly will be doing a piano/organ duet this Sunday

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- f. There are 3 elders that attend the first service that Chuck is working to include, and that's going well
  - g. Still having some issues with first service slides – a quality control issue; looked fine on Chuck's computer at home, but some glitches appeared when displayed
  - h. Plan is to start fresh with a brand new template
  - i. Planning to make a sheet music purchase in the next few weeks
- VI. Ellie
- a. Going well with different people leading worship on Sundays
  - b. Have enjoyed not having to plan every Sunday
  - c. Two more pairs will be leading this summer, then will have an all-team meeting to consider how to go forward in the fall
  - d. Have Tucker Settles and Abigail Brink audition this week for involvement in the worship service
  - e. Prayer for worship team members to show up on time
  - f. Ritchey demonstrated how to run a livestream test without disrupting the upstairs using Vimeo, but will show Ellie how to do this tomorrow (Wednesday)
- VII. Follow-Up Business and Action Items from Previous Meeting
- a. New sound set-up update
    - i. Trying to run new wires in the sanctuary – hopefully Bill and Chris will be able to do this before new baby Stackpole arrives
  - b. Old sound equipment sales update – Bill
    - i. He sold a bunch of the Roland equipment, earning about \$1700 for it; the amount is on a gift card
    - ii. Plan will be to use these revenues for new equipment; if for more than \$500, bring it to the worship team
    - iii. Needs to be properly documented, how it is spent
    - iv. Ritchey anticipates that we will run out of worship team funds before the end of this year
  - c. New hymnals – Chuck
    - i. Considering the Trinity and Hymns of Grace hymnal
    - ii. Trinity
      - 1. Sturdy, well-made, durable
      - 2. Good resources, such as the shorter catechism, WCF, Apostles Creed

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3. Psalter readings
  4. Well-organized
  5. Traditional melodies
  6. A lot of new hymns (to Chuck) and likely new to the congregation
- iii. Hymns of Grace
1. Not as well bound, not as high quality
  2. Legible print – easy to read
  3. Likes the progression of themes
  4. Simple and well-organized
  5. Does not have the same types of resources – creeds and theology
  6. Cheaper
  7. Has a lot of hymns that are new to the congregation
  8. Recommends that we go with the Hymns of Grace
- iv. Ritchey and Ellie will examine the hymnals and come back to the next meeting with their thoughts
- d. Additional discussion on Communion requested from last meeting
- i. Question is whether we continue to use the little cups
  - ii. Discussion of the pros and cons of returning to the traditional way of distributing communion, with the congregation coming to the front
  - iii. Stay this way through August-September, at least
  - iv. Revisit this issue again in August-September
  - v. M/S/P motion by Mike that we move to the “chalice” small cup when we run out of the current communion supply
- VIII. Standing Business Items
- a. Communion (shut-in report – Dave W.)
- i. We are now at a list of 14 separate parties (15 individuals total) receiving communion
  - ii. Several are seeking to come back to church
  - iii. Have served communion to 9 in the second quarter, trying to get 4 more in this first rotation
  - iv. Have started the second round now
  - v. Marion does a great job filling them in on the life of the church

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vi. Usually do on Thursday and Friday afternoon

vii. It is a great blessing to people

b. Baptism

i. Baptism of William Johnston Collie this past Sunday (6/12)

c. Stewardship – paused until Fall

IX. New Business

a. July meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>?

i. Meeting will be held on 7/12

ii. Chuck will not be in attendance

b. AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING – MOVING THE WORSHIP TEAM MEETING TO THE SECOND TUESDAY

X. M/S/P to adjourn by Chuck

XI. Closing prayer