

Notes from 11.9.22

Present – Ritchey, Dave, Bill, Jim, Ellie

- I. Opening Prayer – Ritchey
- II. Opening Business
 - a. No changes to previous minutes
 - b. M/S/P to pass today's agenda
- III. Opening devotion
 - a. Dave provided
 - i. How to pray on Election Day
 - ii. Heb. 13:8: Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.
 - iii. 1. Pray for Leaders
 - iv. 2. Prayers for wisdom for ourselves. Always speak in lovingkindness and truth.
 - v. 3. Pray for our nation. Pray that truth of God would always prevail.
 - vi. 4. Praise Him that he is sovereign and in control. Praise for His steadfast love.
 - b. Ellie to do devotion for the next meeting
- IV. Session and Pastor Reports
 - a. Ritchey
 - i. Sermon update
 1. Preaching next two weeks on the "Call and Focus of Evangelism".
 2. Goal is to equip us. Will do related exercises using those tools at Nov. 16 Conversations.
 3. Following that will be Advent Sermons. "Christmas for the Ages"
 4. Dec. 4 we will do pre-Covid Communion in 2nd service.
 - b. Elder Reports
 - i. Upcoming Session meeting will discuss Stewardship campaign details and next steps.
- V. Worship Leader Reports
 - a. Chuck:
 - i. Advent plan described for first service.

- ii. Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony; each week during Advent
- iii. Congregational involvement on Responsive Litany and prayer led by church members
- iv. Choir is preparing new music for the season.
- v. We are preparing for Christmas Eve services:
- vi. 3:30 contemporary, Ellie and Team
- vii. 5:00 traditional, Chuck, Kelly and Choir
- viii. 6:30 traditional, Chuck, Kelly and Choir
- ix. We are giving thanks for several new female choir members, strong voices, great attitudes. Still need men, but Doug, Paul, and Larry are holding their own.
- x. The Media Team is doing a great job, continuing to improve. Strong leadership from Chris... Special thanks to Ritchey, Michael, and Ellie for ongoing tech support.

b. Ellie:

- i. 8 people on Beautification Team. Will start with Christmas decorating.
- ii. Rotating Worship Leaders going well. Especially Eric.
- iii. 2nd service lost a singer and need a drummer. Upcoming highlights by Discipleship Team with needs for Worship Team service.
- iv. Sanctuary Sound Booth. Need to make a decision on tearing out old sound booth. Paint and tile will be needed. Ellie will notify the Property team. Sarah Sporrer is on Property Team so can help navigate. Ellie will also connect with Barry Cooper.
- v. Ellie will lead the 11:00 Christmas Day Service.
- vi. No Sunday School on Christmas Day. Ellie (Worship team) will finalize with Michael.
- vii. Ellie gone two weeks in November. Eric Adams will lead in her absence.

VI. On-Going Business/Action Items

a. Bill:-

- i. New Soundboard installed upstairs. He will sell the old soundboard.
- ii. Going to start early exploration on upgrading lighting and speakers in Gym / Worship center. He'll make an itemized list and get quotes for possible purchases in the future.

b. Hymnals – Leave on Agenda for next meeting.

- i. Moving forward with the Hymns of Grace hymnal
- ii. To be implemented next summer

VII. Standing Business

a. Shut-in Communion

- i. Dave should have complete rounds made by end of Holidays so that everyone on the list received communion four times in 2022.
- ii. Mary Lancaster will sub in for Marion while she is away caring for her sister.
- iii. No additions to the in-home communion list.

b. Baptism

- i. 1st service on Dec. 11. Daniel. Ellie will follow up with Chuck on the logistics.
- ii. Could be some baptisms coming out of that

c. Stewardship

- i. Will discuss and nail down 2023 Stewardship campaign details in Session meeting on Thursday.

VIII. New Business

- i. No new business

IX. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

- i. Motion made by Bill, Dave Second. Passed.
- ii. Next meeting is December 13th.