

Present – Ritchey, Dave, Bill, Jim, Mike

- I. Opening Prayer – Dave
- II. Opening Business
 - a. No changes to previous minutes
 - b. M/S/P to pass today's agenda
- III. Opening devotion
 - a. Ritchey provided
 - i. Continuing from the sermon on Sunday – what makes it hard to show love to our brothers and even harder to strangers?
 - ii. We elevate the non-essential differences and use them to divide us
 - iii. With strangers – we are called to extend hospitality to them, participating in God's inclusion
 - iv. With those in prison – could expand to people who are seen as criminals, felons, etc.
 1. Can open ourselves to draining relationships that take more than they give
 2. Christ's response is an example to us – laying down his life for us when we are strangers who are far from God
 - b. Dave Wiersma to do devotion for the next meeting
- IV. Session and Pastor Reports
 - a. Ritchey
 - i. 2024 Budget discussion
 1. Have received the budget request from Phil
 2. Currently are \$281 under budget YTD
 3. Annual budget is \$7,000
 4. \$1,400 over on equipment
 5. \$800 under on supplies
 6. \$760 under on equipment maintenance
 7. Close on rest of the items
 8. Proposed changes for next year:

- a. Look to have a hospitality budget for the performance worship team next year – seek \$1000 for next year to support this activity
- b. Beautification request of \$500 for next year
- c. The CCLI license amount should be adjusted to \$600 to reflect the higher annual cost of that license
- d. Total proposed budget for 2023 – M/S/P
 - i. Supplies - \$1600
 - ii. Communion - \$500
 - iii. Music licenses – \$600
 - iv. Instrument maintenance - \$1250
 - v. Special services - \$1200
 - vi. Beautification - \$1000
 - vii. Music - \$1500
 - viii. Equipment - \$1000

ii. Update on preaching schedule for the remainder of the year

iii. Christmas Eve is Sunday this year. Proposed Christmas Eve services are:

- 1. 3 pm
- 2. 4:30 pm
- 3. 6 pm

iv. There will be one service on Christmas Day, in the ministry center

v. Handbells are on a hiatus due to several of the players being unable to participate this year; there is an opportunity for others to get involved, including younger members

b. Elder Reports

- i. Started to emphasize a time of prayer for elders together
- ii. Continue to focus on under-shepherding

V. Worship Leader Reports – none

VI. On-Going Business/Action Items

a. Sanctuary Sound Setup –

- i. As soon as we have 2 people downstairs running worship, then Bill will be able to go upstairs and get that set up

- ii. The area has been cleaned up and organized; all we need to do is plug in the new board, switch audio cords, and program it
- iii. Bill will talk to Chris about getting it programmed ASAP
- iv. Bill and Ritchey will help the tech team with the sound check for Sunday morning

b. Proceeds from Equipment Sales –

- i. Bill has some excess equipment he will sell

c. Hymnals – timeline and budget availability

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

VII. Standing Business

a. Shut-in Communion

- i. Looking to add to the shut-in list if anyone knows someone who needs it
- ii. Several people who had been receiving shut-in communion have come back to church
- iii. Were able to get through everyone except just a few before Marian Anderson went to Colorado
- iv. Mary Lancaster will be a backup assistant for shut-in communion going forward
- v. Trying to get to everyone 1x/quarter

b. Communion

- i. Targeting for return to traditional communion distribution no later than January 2023
- ii. Question of whether we should target the beginning of December instead
- iii. General agreement to move forward with the December date
- iv. Will be brought up in the next Session meeting to put together the elder serving schedule

c. Baptism

- i. 15 people at the new members' class
- ii. Could be some baptisms coming out of that

d. Stewardship

- i. Campaign is underway
- ii. Initial letters are mailed out

- iii. Team will meet one of the next two Wednesdays
- iv. Will be a follow-up card going out
- v. Testimony/encouragement to the congregation will be upcoming

VIII. New Business

- a. M. Blakley's request to speak to the congregation on 10/16 on the topic of the "Rescue the Railing" work day on 10/23; no objections
- b. Beautification subcommittee – Ellie and Sarah will have some things for next month's meeting
- c. Beautification updates given

IX. Adjournment and Closing Prayer