

Worship Team Minutes January 10, 2023

Attending: Pastor Ritchey, Elder Jim Langford, Elder Dave Wiersma, Worship Leader Chuck Leedle, Worship Leader Ellie McGinty, Bill L-Tech, Sarah Sporrer-Beautification/Clerk

I. Opening Prayer-Chuck

II. Opening Business

A. Additions/corrections to agenda-approved

B. Approve November minutes-approved

III. Opening Devotional-N/A. Next month Chuck

IV. Session and Pastor reports-Pastor Ritchey

1) the study of Joshua will continue through Spring with a different series for Summer; both relate to Leadership; 2) budgets to be discussed at Session meeting

V. Worship Leader reports

A. Chuck: 1) thank you for approving music purchase from Hope; 2) there has been a recruiting singers, emphasis on male voices, announcement; 3) choir is back with choral anthem this coming Sunday; 4) prayer for family members on trip to Israel

B. Ellie: 1) a Beautification (BTF) meeting to be held soon for Easter planning; 2) 2nd service worship team is losing members for a few months and a harmonica musician will be joining; 3) she is helping Michael reach Conversations this semester; 4) there has been a great response from members to help with Communion. Ellie and Michael will coordinate; 5) she has asked Chuck about leading the Good Friday service rather than Easter Sunday Sunrise. She is proposing a candlelight ceremony like Christmas Eve for the Good Friday service

VI. Ongoing business/Action items

A. Old sound booth: Pastor Ritchey had discussion with Barry C at Deacons meeting and pushed for WT to take over the project. It involves replacing carpet where missing, a new vent, some concrete work, and paint. He will start by discussing electrical work with Octavio M and Chris ST.

B. Proceeds from equipment sales-Bill: 1) in the process of selling musical equipment \$200; 2) one quote for speakers was \$53K for both worship spaces, including \$12K for Sanctuary plus \$9K installation labor for Sanctuary and \$13K for MC. Pastor Ritchey responded that the audio in the Sanctuary is ok and lighting might be a bigger need. There is the possibility of \$30-40K available quickly

VII. Standing Business

A. Communion-church needs a Communion Coordinator. Dave W reported there are 9 active on the list, Mary L will assist as needed, and Chuck Whitmer was added

B. Baptism-Pastor Ritchey remarked the December baptisms were all meaningful and it was a blessed way to end the year. There are no Baptisms scheduled yet but discussions are taking place as there are many new babies

C. Stewardship-there is a big emphasis on service being led by Pastor Michael. Suggestion 1 is a short testimony and 2 is a testimony instead of hymn during offering time. WT held a lengthy discussion and Pastor Ritchey will discuss with Pastor Michael

VIII. New Business

A. Livestream during communion-Pastor Ritchey wants a slide with words of institution and asked Ellie to create this slide which also includes a picture of the Elements

B. Dave W asked about Little Lambs availability during 1st service. Pastor Ritchey responded that WT can request Discipleship study the feasibility of adding this

C. Advent debriefing-discussion was held about the sermon series and it was the consensus it was well-received. Attendance was very high at the 2nd service while the 1st and 3rd services were less full. Plans for 2023 Advent were discussed. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday so will possibly do 4 services...8:30 am, 11:00 am, 4:30 pm, and around 6:00 pm

NEXT MEETING, February 14, 2023 is scheduled date; will determine a change closer to that date