

GEPC TEAM MEETING

2/14/2023 ZOOM 6pm

Team Members: Pastor Ritchey Cable, 1st Service Worship Leader Chuck Leedle, 2nd Service Worship Leader Ellie McGinty, Elder Jim Langford, Elder Dave Wiersma, Tech Leader Bill Leuenberger, Clerk/Beautification Sarah Sporrer-All Present

- I. **Opening Prayer**-Pastor Ritchey
- II. **Opening Business**
 - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: Items added and then approved
 - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: Approved
- III. **Opening Devotional**-Chuck L: Reflections on Romans 3:21 and relationship to Good Friday
- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
 - A. **Pastor-Ritchey**
 1. Previous Action items-
 - a. Old Sanctuary Sound Booth-booth is not bolted to wall but a lot of patching will be needed; Octavio M will remove/move wiring; asked for another person to help him lead the project (Chris Schupp?); asked if Bill could be available every other Friday
 - b.
 2. New Business/Report:

Uses for leftover Debt Campaign funds being explored by Session and Property (bids for new sign on N Oak frontage and 3K for Mother's Room furnishings; Sarah to send quotes to Nicole M))
 - B. **Session-Pastor Ritchey**
 1. Previous Action Items-N/A
 2. New Business/Report:

Session meets with Deacons quarterly. Reflections on Congregational Meeting-need to manage it better; the tone needs to be positive; the Session needs to lead in offense rather than individuals in defense; many questions were ministry-related rather than financially related

V. **Worship and Tech Leader Reports**

A. 1st Service-Chuck L

1. Previous Action Items

a.

b.

2. New Business/Report:

Reported on Maribeth G. Choir had an excellent rehearsal this past week. Many different personalities amongst the members and all valued. Male voices are greatly needed. Will begin a more aggressive recruiting strategy. Needs someone to look at the organ switch and Bill said he would do that.

B. 2nd Service-Ellie M

1. Previous Action Items

a. Sent communion slide to Team. Ritchey suggested aesthetic beauty be added in fade in-fade out format and some wording changes to be more inclusive, such as “we” and “us”. The slide is only on screen in MC but will discuss available technology for Sanctuary worshippers to have this feature with Ellie.

b.

2. New Business-N/A

a.

b.

c. monthly report

Praise Team has lost 4 members leaving 4 to lead worship. Meeting to see how they want to proceed. Caleb may be able to provide some youth singers. She asked for prayer for wisdom. Has to change worship plans

depending on who is available to participate. Started Stations of the Cross at Conversations last night. Hoping to have a larger event closer to Easter set up so people can walk through the stations with accompanying booklet containing verses, etc. Needs to work around Wednesday evening choir practice. Report on BTF (Beautification) meeting and another planned for next week to finalize Easter plans. One original member of BTF has asked to leave the committee due to other church participation.

C. Tech Leader-Bill L

1. Previous Action Items

- a. New MC speakers were 33K and can only be slimmed down for less quality speakers. Asked for a timeline when funds could be available and response from Ritchey was possibly summer. Bill would need additional bids and check on payment plans.
- b. Sanctuary lighting-will look for options

2. New Business/Report

VI. Other Reports

A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

1. Previous Action Items

- a. Easter prep meeting with committee members
- b. Stations of the Cross banners purchased

2. New Business/Report

B. Misc.

Easter Preparations-Ellie did a good job on leading Stations of the Cross for Conversations. The Ash Wednesday service relates to the Sunday sermon where Joshua put ashes on his head. Next event is Palm Sunday. The children will be carrying palm leaves which will then be given to BTF for décor. Rachael

A and Ellie are emphasizing children leading service not just being cute in their actions. Maundy Thursday 6 pm service will be planned by Pastors and Ellie. Ellie is adding a candlelight component to Good Friday 7 pm services. Ellie will handle the Prayer Vigil signups; prayer will be at home. This aspect of Easter week will be reevaluated next year if participation is low.

VII. Standing Business Items-Pastor Ritchey

A. Communion

NOTES:

B. Baptism

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C. Stewardship

NOTES: The testimonies during service by each Team representative need to be personal with people sharing from their hearts not just as a recruiting tool. One suggestion is to connect to scripture or song like Advent services. Speakers need to know the goal is their story, i.e., “this is what the Lord is doing in my life”.

The Worship Team needs 3 volunteers; 1 added to Tech team and 2 added up front both services.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 14, 2023