

## GEPC Worship Team MEETING MINUTES

04/25/2023 ZOOM 7pm

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

- I. **Opening Prayer-Chuck**
- II. **Opening Business**
  - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda-Amended and Approved
  - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes-Approved
- III. **Opening Devotional-Ritchey led discussion concerning mercy and justice from last Sunday sermon**
- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
  - A. **Pastor-Ritchey**
    1. **Previous Action items-**
      - a. Old sanctuary sound booth removal update-sound booth finished except for carpet, will ask Property to help get carpet piece from sanctuary stage exit. **ACTION ITEM-Sarah will ask Property for help via WT**
      - b. **Projector failure**-the part that was ordered is incorrect size but it is useable. May use BSF funds to pay for part. In the process it was found that there is a technology that works better. Pastor Ritchey discussed a new projector at \$1500. Bill moved WT be authorized to spend up to \$1500, \$1000 extraordinary maintenance expense, because it is a replacement piece, and \$500 from WT budget. **ACTION ITEM-Pastor Ritchey and Elder Dave W will take to Session.** Chuck seconded; Worship Team approved. Chuck then discussed some ideas for the future concerning projector possibilities. In the future, Sarah will work with the team on aesthetics of ideas.
      - c. **Capital Improvements/Debt Free**-new sign in front is ordered, Mother's Room updates in process, MC sound improvements may be funded through this source.
    2. **New Business/Report**

Sermons continue in Joshua

**B. Session-Jim L and Dave W**

**1. Previous Action Items-**

- a. N Oak sign update-discussed previously; IT IS ORDERED

**2. New Business/Report-N/A**

**V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports**

**A. 1st Service-Chuck L**

**1. Previous Action Items**

- a. Recruiting new choir members update-a new male may be joining choir.
- b. Organ switch-discussed later in the meeting

**2. New Business/Report**

Online reverb for organ needed; discussion with Bill on this. There is some work in progress in MC. Jonathan Schull played guitar last Sunday and it worked well with duet with Heather Lorenzetti. Chuck is extremely happy with choir effort and rehearsals are strong. The new members are strong. There are occasional discontent issues but they are solved through scripture. Bells are not forgotten but will need a big recruitment effort to get 12 new people to play bells.

**B. 2nd Service-Ellie M**

**1. Previous Action Items**

- a. Communion slides-goal 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday March-has put one up but by next month figure out a different slide
- b. Announcements cycling on screen before Worship begins-this was for 2<sup>nd</sup> service only, thought was to start planning and implement mid-May.  
**ACTION ITEM-Ellie will discuss with Pastor Ritchey**

**2. New Business/Report**

- a. Great new response from recent recruitment and audition efforts. She and Lake are going to mission trip to Greece leaving in a few days and gone for several Sundays
- b. Thinking of “around the bonfire singing” events this summer to recruit new singers and give those who may be interested a chance to practice.
- c. Greeting time 2<sup>nd</sup> service has been requested; discussion by the team held. This would take place after announcements and before prayer. It was noted that it is a good thing many churches do but it can be difficult to get people to return to their seats to begin worship. One solution for that is to use bright lights to start and then dim all the way down to gain worshipers’ attention. Ellie pointed out we may need to reorder 2<sup>nd</sup> service if this is added.

## C. Tech Leader-Bill L

### 1. Previous Action Items

- a. New sanctuary speakers-additional quotes and payment plan-this remains a goal
- b. Sanctuary lighting-**ACTION ITEM**-Bill will look for options- hasn’t had return calls from vendors but will reach out to other vendors. Pastor Ritchey mentioned that if we use Wi-Fi switches it would be easy to do lighting changes. We actually need \$10-20K but discussion was held on things that can be done for \$4-500. CASA is an app that could be utilized. **ACTION ITEM**-Chuck is to make a list of what he would like to accomplish with lighting
- c. Check organ switch for Chuck-the on/off switch on organ intermittently has to be juggled so it starts; **ACTION ITEM**-Chuck will look into back-up switch. Working on it ourselves has potential to void warranty.
- d. Adding livestream tv in room next to game room-Bill wants a tv that shows the service live rather than 15 sec delay online. **ACTION ITEM**-Pastor Ritchey will take care of adding the tv capability.

### 2. New Business/Report

- a. Bill asked about selling the old drum set previously used in 1<sup>st</sup> service. Ellie agreed with this sale. Finance has unofficially expressed that when

church items are sold...i.e., music equipment...need to consider that proceeds don't necessarily go back to a specific team. And Finance mentioned that the sale of music equipment proceeds should maybe go towards the \$34K expenses of new sound system. This was not a proposal from Finance.

b. N/A

## VI. Other Reports

### A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

#### 1. Previous Action Items

- a. Purchase new Stations of the Cross banners-this was done
- b. Will leave up until Mid-May

#### 2. New Business/Report

N/A

### B. OTHER New Business

**Easter Review/Remarks**-The sunrise service went well, outside temperature was cool. Ellie and Pastor Ritchey have some ideas for next year. Pastors Michael and Ritchey received positive reviews of dual sermons. Good Friday was unique and different and it went well. It was expressed that Holy Week worship had gone to a higher level of worship. Sign-ups for prayer need to be discussed for next year, The slots were nearly full but there was a significant decline in support. Maundy Thursday Stations of the Cross program went well.

## VII. Standing Business Items-Pastor Ritchey

### A. Communion

NOTES: The shut-in program did not meet with people during April due to Easter and Holy Week but will resume the first week of May. Pastor Ritchey asked about using pre-packaged cups and they will continue these. We want to make sure we still have stock. **ACTION ITEM**-Dave to make sure Kathy knows to keep on hand

### B. Baptism

NOTES: There are several babies to be born in the next several months followed by baptisms. New members class all have been baptized, 12-13 people have made plan to join.

C. Stewardship

NOTES: service highlights will continue through the year

**NEXT MEETING MAY 16, 2023, 7:00 pm.** (Because the April meeting was delayed 2 weeks, the next meeting on May 9 would follow too closely) It will be a Hybrid ZOOM and In-Person meeting. Pastor Ritchey and Ellie will be at the church and other team members can do either.

**ACTION ITEM-Ellie is to tell Kathy of the change of meeting date on church calendar**

Bill moved to adjourn; Dave seconded