

.GEPC MEETING MINUTES

05/23/2023 In person/ZOOM 7pm

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

- I. **Opening Prayer-Ellie**
- II. **Opening Business**
 - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda-approved as written
 - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes-approved as written
- III. **Opening Devotional-Ritchey:** reflection on his recent sermons about transitions, reviewed the 6 points original message and the 7th of Completion in 5/21 sermon; asked for any of the points that stand out to each of us; each shared and there was discussion on these points. **ACTION ITEM** Dave W will give the devotional next month
- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
 - A. **Pastor-Ritchey.** Acknowledged he was thankful we understood the delay in meeting which he requested in order for his resignation to be announced before the meeting
 1. **Previous Action items-**
 - a. Projector replacement part and new projector-Pastor Ritchey, Dave W projector was purchased with a majority percentage from memorial funds and the balance from team funds; it is now hardwired with tv backup
 - b. Old sound booth carpet replacement-Property suggested tile matching existing, stock on hand-Sarah **ACTION ITEM** WT approved using the tile and requests Property assist and do the install
 2. **New Business/Report:** 1. plans to get technology in top working order before he leaves; working on wiring and getting it channeled; Bill asked if persons would be trained to replace Ritchey and he is working with Kathy W, will make sure Ellie has knowledge. The mother's room channeling is complete so technology is complete leaving décor. Men should not be in that room once all the tech work is complete, 8:30 am-1:00 pm on Sunday. 2. Discussion on things that need to be taken care of/changes before September. Most things will not change, Michael may need Session members to assist with liturgy, Lake will likely be utilized as part of internship. We will probably need to lean

into our Ruling Elders for conflict resolution and procedures, etc. rather than staff

B. Session-Jim L and Dave W

1. **Previous Action Items-NA**
2. **New Business/Report-no additional remarks**

V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports

A. 1st Service-Chuck L

1. **Previous Action Items-**
 - a. **make a list of lighting accomplishments desired-something to dim upfront lighting**
 - b. **backup organ switch-ACTION ITEM** Bill will email organ tech again
2. **New Business/Report** 1. Choir wrapped up strong; having a choir party next week; will start lining up singers for the summer i.e., solos, duos, etc.

B. 2nd Service-Ellie M

1. **Previous Action Items**
 - a. Communion slides-goal 1st Sunday March. Will use the current communion slide
 - b. Announcements cycling on screen before Worship begins-**ACTION ITEMS** She will meet with Ritchey as she isn't sure she found the ones he recommended. and will also plan to put slides on TV above mission box in main lobby.
2. **New Business/Report** 1. Members in 2nd service don't worship well with singing so she plans to explore solutions with her team this summer. She wants to get the children/young people more involved as once they do Christmas/Easter etc. they don't sing again. 2. She is reading a book on congregational singing. She brought up her desire to have sing fests this summer, on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday during summer months. Chuck mentioned his wife's church uses well-pitched songs, lower range and solid lyrics and **ACTION ITEM** will get more intel for her. The Worship team had a

discussion on ways to promote singing participation, including lighting changes, chair arrangement changes. 3. Men's ministry is planning a worship night in the Fall. Will plan on both 1st and 2nd service music

C. Tech Leader-Bill L

1. Previous Action Items

- a. Livestream tv in game room-Pastor Ritchey-**ACTION ITEM** it is on his to-do list
- b. Sale of old drum set-took it into a music store but they weren't interested because it is missing parts. **ACTION ITEM** He will get with Kathy to order the chords and parts needed for about \$100...anticipates could sell online for more than music store would give.

2. New Business/Report: Sent speaker information to Ritchey

VI. Other Reports.

A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

1. Previous Action Items-NA

2. **New Business/Report-Meeting with BTF committee in 2 weeks. Planning to design new Christmas banners. Work on The Study classroom makeover will continue after Breakaway. The Study will function as a classroom, meeting room, and quiet zone for study, prayer, and conversation with furnishings that support those functions. ACTION ITEMS** Proposals will be sent to Session for funding to finish the west exterior front updates supporting the new sign, including, landscaping, appropriate above door lighting, and painting the north door to match all other secondary exterior doors. Additional proposals will be sent for furnishings for the Main Lobby and Atrium.

B. OTHER New Business

VII. Standing Business Items-Pastor Ritchey

A. Communion

NOTES: **ACTION ITEM:** Dave to tell Kathy about the need for pre-packaged communion cups. Sent a report to team. There are two new members who will be receiving visits

B. Baptism

NOTES: Had the Kleinmeyer baptism. There are additional families in discussion

C. Stewardship

NOTES: At next meeting need to discuss how to replace the work Ritchey does on this.

Jim closed in prayer

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING JUNE 13, 2023, 7 pm