

GEPC Worship Team MEETING MINUTES

06/13/2023 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-Chuck**
- II. **Opening Business**
 - A. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda-approved**
 - B. **Additions/Corrections last month Minutes-approved**
- III. **Opening Devotional-Dave W from Luke 11-Do Not worry; reflection moment**
ACTION ITEM Bill L will do July devotion and if he is unable Ellie M will back him up
- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
 - A. **Pastor:**
 1. **Previous Action items-NA**
 2. **New Business/Report: 1. Projector at 1st service Sunday 6/11 worked really well 2. Continuing through the books of New Testament to Advent; Pastor Ritchey will take more this summer allowing Pastor Michael more preparation time for after Pastor Ritchey leaves.**
 - B. **Session-Jim L and Dave W**
 1. **Previous Action Items-NA**
 2. **New Business/Report: 1. Jim L has been in contact with Ellie M concerning communication cards for pastor search process**
- V. **Worship and Tech Leader Reports**
 - A. **1st Service-Chuck L**
 1. **Previous Action Items-**
 - a. **backup organ switch-ACTION ITEM: Bill L will email organ tech again**
 2. **New Business/Report: 1. Summer is a good time to try some new or different things. 2. Paul W solo last Sunday went well except for some sound issues 3. Heather and Chuck will duet this coming Sunday 4. Media**

team continues to improve and grow. 5. Chuck announced he has decided to step down from his position in September. He has been serving at GEPC for 7 years and is excited to now be able to participate in worship with his family at a church south of the river; Chuck L does not have plans at this time to do music ministry work elsewhere

B. 2nd Service-Ellie M

1. Previous Action Items

- a. plans to put slides on TV above mission box in main lobby. She is working on this. The goal is to move the tv to area above the coffee tables on south wall of the Main Lobby. Pastor Ritchey has agreed to assist with moving the tv
2. **New Business/Report** 1. now have 13 volunteers in 2nd service worship team 2. She had a meeting with them and discussed how to engage the congregation by putting together a songbook; will be very intentional about what is included 3. 1st Worship Night is coming up, will last about 45 minutes 4. She outlined some of the upcoming extra speakers during 2nd service including speakers about the pastor search process. Discussion about elders doing the greeting and announcements and outlined the topics which need to be covered i.e., fill out the communication card, etc. Discussion about order of Liturgy when including the extra speakers. 5. Have lost some communion volunteers and will need to locate new volunteers but no discussion on that process

C. Tech Leader-Bill L

1. Previous Action Items

- a. Sale of old drum set-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. Found chords for the drum set. Continues to work on getting this ready to sell

2. New Business/Report NA...see additional under Other New Business

VI. Other Reports

A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

1. Previous Action Items-1) meeting held with BTF committee; 2) Sarah S working on funding proposals for Session re beautification of west exterior, waiting on landscaper, has submitted lighting ideas to BTF committee, BTF committee voted to keep the northernmost door exiting the Sanctuary stage painted red. Work also continues on proposal for Session funding assistance on Main Lobby furnishings and updates
 2. New Business/Report-1. BTF Meeting held on 6/7/23 Debriefing on Easter/Holy Week activities including a. discussion of success of Stations of the Cross b. since the last station ends in the sanctuary will blacken the windows for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday c. team is hopeful to have Stations banners created in vinyl and discussed funding means; perhaps donations d. team approved no longer ordering lilies for Easter Sunday e. making the palm crosses went well and Marian A reviewed the process. The Team also voted to keep the north Sanctuary exit door painted red rather than the neutral tan all secondary exterior doors are painted 2. discussion of connection/overlapping of BTF to other teams, particularly Property and Outreach Teams. Some conflict and confusion has recently arisen again concerning how these teams are to function to accomplish goals and vision. Ellie M, Sarah S, Pastor Ritchey and Jim L to ask to attend their next meeting for discussion on the BTF vision and how BTF projects are to be approved and implemented. Pastor Ritchey reviewed the leadership process and what BTF should portray when they meet with the other Teams. We want to create a long-term process that is clear to all. Pastor Ritchey will plan to attend. **ACTION ITEM** Ellie M will ask Property to put BTF on their agenda.
- B. OTHER New Business 1. Bill has been called by a member who has difficulty hearing 1st worship service. Based on this person's request, Bill proposed that a certain product be made available and asked Jim to discuss this product or others with Angela L. 2. brief discussion of adding tv's to lobbies for streaming church information and could use it for streaming service in Narthex as is being done in the Mother's Room

VII. Standing Business Items-Pastor Ritchey

A. Communion

NOTES: Dave reported they have 4 people left to serve by the end of the quarter. Will ask Mercy team for assistance for the summer

B. Stewardship

NOTES: need to discuss how to replace the work Charlie does. **ACTION ITEM** Jim will ask Charlie to attend the next WT meeting. “Someone needs to get with Charlie Deis”. Kathy takes care of many of the tasks.

C. Baptism

NOTES: 1 baby baptism is coming soon and there are some seeking baptism before the end of the summer

The meeting adjourned after closing prayer from Jim L at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING JULY 11, 2023, 7 pm, in-person/zoom available