

## GEPC Worship Team Meeting Minutes July 2023

07/11/2023 In person, zoom was available, Fellowship Hall, 7pm

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

- I. Opening Prayer Jim L
- II. Opening Business
  - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda-**Correction: move Charlie D, guest from Stewardship, to beginning of meeting.** His report: Ritchey is in charge of Stewardship. He had a copy of the Stewardship Proposal submitted in 2015 by Ritchey and it represents the present method of operation. The goal is to add as many people to membership as possible and get and keep them involved. Discussion about members of Stewardship. Charlie is moving to a different team and has been replaced on Stewardship. Stewardship and WT were doing nearly the same things but Stewardship has backed off and will resume activity during the Fall Stewardship campaign. Discussion of the pledging of membership and it was noted about 30% of income comes from non-pledged members and around half of members do pledge.
  - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes-approved as submitted
- III. Opening Devotional-Bill L : His initial theme was thinking how do we deal with the changes pending after Ritchey leaves. Discussion ensued; Prayer is necessary. Based on Scripture James 1:2-7
- IV. Session and Pastor Reports
  - A. Pastor:
    1. **Previous Action items-NA**
    2. New Business/Report: trying to finish well/strong; Michael preaching this coming Sunday and Ritchey until he leaves. Michael will start overseeing the WT meetings. Noted and emphasized the team does not direct the Pastor and Pastor does not require a vote from the team to change things such as the Order of Worship. He is also wrapping up technology issues and a discussion on sound ensued.
  - B. Session-Jim L and Dave W
    1. **Previous Action Items-NA**
    2. New Business/Report: **Search team and congregational meeting have dominated Session activity**
- V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports
  - A. 1st Service-Chuck L ABSENT/excused
    1. **Previous Action Items-**

a. **backup organ switch-Action Item: Bill will email organ tech again**

2. **New Business/Report**

B. **2<sup>nd</sup> Service-Ellie M**

1. **Previous Action Items**

a. **plans to put slides on TV above mission box in main lobby.**

2. **New Business/Report Had 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Night and she was encouraged by attendance. Next Night is next week. She will give announcement at next Sunday Worship. The Night is not only singing but discussion. Has been working on Songbook with praise team. Will meet after Congregational Mtg next Sunday. Ritchey mentioned to be sure to factor Familiarity into songbook selections. Wes L and Eric A will continue to do leadership roles and she asked for help on how to teach/help them grow, Leadership Development. Has had discussion on Order of Service with Ritchey. The goal is how to best set the stage for worship. Proposal to do an instrumental piece as opening rather than singing a song and then laid out the rest of the Liturgy. Jim suggested a visual prompt as well...something on the screen or lights go down. Bill suggested we not do the same prompt as the world is accustomed as meaning "It" is about to begin. Recommended this new process be allowed to evolve. She will try to begin this next Sunday. Ritchey will be helping her learn technology "tricks". She will begin pulling the pallet walls to front of stage to protect equipment.**

C. **Tech Leader-Bill L**

1. **Previous Action Items**

2. **New Business/Report** 1. He still needs to contact the organ tech. 2. The drum is in and he will get a few remaining pieces to put it all together and then it will be sold. 3. Equipment to sell is all stored at the top of the accessibility ramp 4. Ritchey mentioned he will gather his personal equipment before leaving.

VI. **Other Reports**

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

1. **Previous Action Items-see report below**

2. **New Business/Report-1. BTF meeting with Property Team. Ritchey mentioned there were positive remarks about the meeting. Discussion was held about the interaction between WT/BTF members and PT and a review of the hierarchy process was again discussed. The WT has plans to update an empty adult classroom into a special gathering location, referred to as The Study, for study, conversation, prayer, and as a classroom for a group of up to 12-14. Those impacted by this have been notified and discussion with**

Pastor Michael will again be affirmed. Property Team expressed concern about additional heating and cooling costs for the east side adult classrooms because if one room is heated and cooled, they are all heated and cooled. WT discussed this and believed using this room and expenses to do so fulfill the vision of outreach and appropriate use of church facilities.

**B. OTHER New Business**

1. Dale Anderson emailed WT with concerns; will need a response **Answer: our main volunteer was absent. Bill L will respond as WT member and will have conversation with Chris St.**
2. Discussion on leadership for WT after Pastor Ritchey's last meeting in August: **Michael will be in charge**

**VII. Standing Business Items-Pastor Ritchey**

**A. Communion**

**NOTES: Some volunteers have offered to fill in while Marian gone this summer but matching dates with availability is challenging**

**B. Stewardship**

**NOTES:**

**C. Baptism**

**NOTES: Stackpole child baptism this coming Sunday**

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AUGUST 8, 2023, 7 pm**

**NOTE: This will be Pastor Ritchey's last meeting and Chuck Leedle's next to last meeting**