

GEPC Worship Team November 2023 Meeting Minutes

11/14/2023 In person 7pm Team Members: Pastor Michael Morefield, 1st and 2nd Services Worship Leader Ellie McGinty, Elder Jim Langford, Elder Dave Wiersma, Tech Leader Bill Leuenberger, Clerk/Beautification Sarah Sporrer

- I. Opening Prayer-Pastor Michael
- II. Opening Business-
 - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda+Additions to New Business below, **approved**
 - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes **approved**
- III. Opening Devotional-

November Devotional leader-Dave W. **Revelation 21** was read and discussed and its relevance to recent loss of life.

December devotional Jim L
- IV. Session and Pastor Reports
- V. A. Pastor:
 1. Previous Action items N/A
 2. **New Business: 1) Some varying opinions have been expressed about a choir member wearing a hat. Pastor Michael has discussed with him and references 1 Samuel that God looks at the heart, man looks at the outward appearance. Dave W spoke that he thinks some things need a dress code, not mandatory, with additional discussion held and group agreed that it is to be allowed for the sake of this individual; grace to be extended. 2) ADVENT: Pastor Michael revealed the Advent theme of Waiting and the graphic to be used on literature. Christmas Eve is Sunday, 1st service at 10 am in Ministry Center, 2nd service at 4 pm and 3rd service at 6 pm in the Sanctuary. He elaborated and went through the theme of each Advent week and Christmas Eve. Kelly explained some of the selections she has made to follow Pastor Michael's sermon. Bill asked to be kept in the loop concerning tech needs. 3) Ellie told of plan to have children lead worship with song with emphasis on even the youngest can lead worship and not just be considered cute and entertaining 4) Proposal for coffee bar in S Lobby will be tabled until 2024**

B. Session-Jim L and Dave W

 1. Previous Action Items N/A
 2. **New Business-1) some talk about what committees should be housed where, defers to Session**
- VI. **Worship and Tech Leader Reports A. 1st and 2nd Service Leader-Ellie M**
 1. Previous Action Items-
 2. **New Business 1) some additional discussion on Advent 2); 2nd service has no drastic issues, Songbook now finished, some minor problems addressed and fixed, 3) Children singing-Goal is to have children introduce a song that we continue to use after it is first introduced and will also do it in 1st service. 4) the Worship team is the last Group to be highlighted for service needs of the**

month...can include Tech team needs at 2nd service, bells for 1st service, Jim L asked to do the testimony for the team; 5) McGinty's are having a celebration gathering for the praise worship team

B. Tech Leader-Bill L

1. Previous Action Items-

2. New Business 1) wants children singing to mic-ed well. 2) new speakers doing well, some technical issues being addressed; old speakers still on the floor but will be out of the room by Women's Tea date; 3) Sat 11/18 10 am organ switch, repairperson coming, discussion held on ideas John W has about what may be causing issues; 4) Bill has a wish list for things he would like to add

VI. Other Reports

A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

1. Previous Action Items-

2. New Business 1) Ellie, with guidance from Pastor Michael and the Elders on WT, has written the Policies and Procedures document for the Beautification Ministry. This will be shared and refined going through the proper structure of this church. At the proper time it will be shared with the congregation. Some Property and Discipleship team members have responded via email and these responses were discussed. It was noted that Session will have the final say on the BTF Ministry. 2) Worship Team discussed and has discussed the need to beautify the Main Lobby. It will be appropriate to ask to be on the Session agenda to present a proposal.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lyn VanderPolder Women's Tea promo message worship service 11/19: Ellie responded affirmative

C. Standing Business Reports

1. Communion and Dave W-The shut-in Communion schedule is caught up and is up to date on those being served.

2. Stewardship-The 2nd reminder letter has been sent to members who have not yet submitted their pledge cards. Calls will be made as the next step to continue to encourage all members to pledge.

3. Baptism-There are 3 coming up, all during 2nd service. On 12/10 there are 2 and on 12/17 there is 1.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING IS 12/12/23, 7 PM