

GEPC Worship Team AGENDA

10/10/2023 In person 7pm Team Members: Pastor Michael Morefield, 1st and 2nd Services Worship Leaders Ellie McGinty, Kelly Hackleman, Elder Jim Langford, Elder Dave Wiersma, Tech Leader Bill Leuenberger, Clerk/Beautification Sarah Sporrer-absent

- I. **Opening Prayer: Dave Wiersma**
- II. **Opening Business- GUEST Larry Harris: Concerns about the traditional service while we're in pastoral transition. We need to keep first service strong and not wait until the Pastor search is done. Try some new things. We can make improvements now. We have larger audience/ impact with Livestreaming. Need vibrance and a quality product and experience. More worshipper participation in the service builds community and makes singing more appealing. Ex: add historical / biblical background on the hymns. Ex: Choir can show up in different places in the service to make it more vibrant and keep congregation tuned in and engaged. Larry available to help.**
 - A. **Additions/Corrections to Agenda+Additions to New Business below**
 - B. **Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: Approved with minor date correction.**
- III. **Opening Devotional-**

November Devotional leader- None this month. Dave will lead November Devotional.
- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
 - A. **Pastor:**
 1. **Previous Action items N/A**
 2. **Michael finalized what he's preaching for Advent: Topic is "Waiting". Talk about misconceptions that we have with a "waiting" approach:**

4 sermon ideas:

"Waiting is not wasting time" / "Waiting is not weakness" / "...is not abandonment" / "... is not laziness". Christmas Eve: "The waiting is Over"
 - B. **Session-Jim L and Dave W**
 1. **Previous Action Items N/A**
 2. **New Business: none**

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V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports

A. 1st and 2nd Service Leader-Ellie M

1. **Previous Action Items-N/A**
2. **1st Service: Going well. 2nd service Sub leaders doing great. Ellie wants to infuse responsive readings into 1st service. Considering involving additional instruments into 2nd service.**
3. **Kelly: 2nd service is organizing materials... Choir loves wearing choir robes but they are incredibly hot due to the current lighting system. Need to install LED lights. One choir member (Linda Weisenborn) volunteered to pay for it anonymously. Sarah will talk to Linda and will pass more detailed information on to the worship team.**
4. **Ellie: 2nd service going well with Eric and Wes. Making small tweaks to maintain consistency. Working on and still hoping to finish song book by end of year. Bill is talking to Wes and Robin Bowman and will follow up with them this Sunday on helping with Sound / Tech.**
5. **Ellie: Marion Anderson + Palm Crosses. Can she continue purchasing them for \$75 and then be reimbursed by the church? UYes. Kathy will let us know when she submits expenses.**
6. **Ellie: Could someone volunteer to lead getting communion volunteers + setting up the table + cutting the bread so Ellie can hand that off? (No volunteers)**
7. **Lobby tables: we'll only have 2 tables in each lobby. No non " First Team" tables in the lobby.**

B. Tech Leader-Bill L

1. **Previous Action Items- Replace Organ Switch for 1st service. Bills contact at Orgtech wasn't able to help much.**
2. **Wireless Mic. Proposal to purchase one for \$675. Tabled for the budget discussion.**
3. **Personal Monitor Hub purchase: We only have 1, but we have a lot of wires all over the stage. This would clean up the cords on the stage. Tabled to Budget discussion.**
4. **New Speakers should be installed in Ministry Center the week of Oct 16th.**

VI. Other Reports

A. Beautification-Ellie M, Sarah S

1. Previous Action Items- "The Study" meeting room is done.
2. New Business: Ellie asking if we can change the name of the team to the Beautification Ministry – ok for them to eliminate "committee" when communicating to the church but will keep "committee" in the org structure.
3. Looking for a way to communicate beautification to the church. They will send a synopsis to Coordinating outlining their policies and procedures.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. BUDGET: \$3,500 avail in budget for Worship for 2023.

- Discussion about tuning the piano (\$200) and (\$???) for the organ. *We'll leave the instrument maintenance section of the budget alone to cover that.*
- Purchase 6 lit trees for Christmas for Lobbies (\$100 each). *Use \$ in Beautification*
- Install a coffee bar in South Lobby to finish it (\$1K – 1.5K). *We'll use the \$1.7 remaining in the 2023 budget for this.*
- Donated Furniture needs to be delivered (\$???) *Should be covered by donors.*
- North Lobby: Replace the coffee table (\$1k – 2k).
- Some Communion pottery pieces are still missing, another piece broke so no extras in stock (\$???).
- Redoing North Lobby. Take out green wallpaper and replace (\$2k for Labor + wallpaper).
- Wireless Mic. Proposal to purchase one for \$675. Tabled for the budget discussion.

- Personal Monitor Hub purchase: (\$???)

- Mural behind new TV in the North lobby (\$???).

Worship team discussed 2024 budget and input numbers.

2. Mark Blakely OK speak on Oct 22 to promote church workday. Jim will let him know.

C. Standing Business Reports

1. Communion and Dave W. Lost several members in last 12 months.

3. Stewardship: 2024 Financial Commitment Campaign. In progress. Jim asked about the upcoming Treasure testimony speaker candidates for 10.29 in both services.

Dallas or Jim will speak.

4. Baptism-

Closing in Prayer: Michael

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2023