

GEPC MAY WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

07/18/2024 7pm

Team Members: Kelly Hackleman (absent) , Elder Jim Langford (Clerk) , Tech Leader Bill Leuenberger / Larry Harris / Michael Morefield (Absent).

- I. **Opening Prayer-** Jim

- II. **Opening Business**
 - A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: **None**
 - B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: **None**
 - C.

- III. **Opening Devotional- Bill (will do it in August).**

- IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**
 - A. **Associate Pastor-Michael: Michael on Vaca. will report in August**
 1. Previous Action items:
 2. New Business/Report:
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 2. Previous Action Items-
 3. New Business/Report:

- V. **Worship and Tech Leader Reports**
 - A. 1st Service: Kelly / Larry
 1. Previous Action Items:
 - a. Elders in corners for prayer after both services. **Move discussion to August when Michael and full worship team present.**
 - b. Request from Relationships to reinstate the 60 second “greet your neighbor” during both services. Already taking place in 2nd Service. More discussion will be needed between Michael and Kelly/Larry to integrate into 1st service in a form that works best for that service. **Move discussion to August when Michael is present.**
 - c. Hymnals: Kelly and Mary Beth have gone over the 2 hymnals in detail. Neither was acceptable (and they won’t fit into the pews). Both felt that neither option was an improvement over current Hymnal. Jim shared that the Trinity Hymnal (Red) was preferred by Session as it best reflects our liturgy structure and theology compared to the other choices. Kelly shared that Mary Beth did not feel like she could support purchasing either of them. Kelly noted that the Black Hymnal didn’t have any Hymn tune names on the pages which is critical for selection of music. Question came up asking are other options available to consider for the readings? Kelly said the preference is to continue using the Celebrations hymnal as it serves our current needs, until Kelly can have input into the decision-making process

for 1st service since the original choice was made when Chuck was leading worship in 1st service. **Discussion / final decision will be tabled until August meeting when we have full meeting attendance.**

- d. Request by Lyn VandePolder for purchase of 5 chalices and 5 small plates for communion so we have a full set in each kitchen for each service. No need for the sets to match. Discussion on hold until next meeting in June / July when we get an updated YTD budget from finance. **Will discuss in August meeting. May need to make a wish list of Worship purchases to prioritize and stay within budget. Final decision put on hold until August Team meeting.**

2. New Business/Report:

- a. **The choir sang their last Sunday for the summer on June 3. - Since then, we have had various groups (ex: Men's chorus, Women's chorus, Handbell choir, various solos and duets) providing music for the offertory slot and will have that continue through September 8th.**
- b. **The bells have decided that they want to continue to rehearse every week throughout the summer. Our membership ranges from 5 to 7 people. They will be playing again (all 7) on August 18.**
- c. **Kelly out of town Aug 11. Maribeth will play for that service.**
- d. **Fall Choir Retreat: Exploring idea of having one on either Saturday Sept. 7 or 14. One goal is to help recruit new member and help build team bonding. Would like to do it in the Ministry Center and have access to the kitchen that day. Will discuss more details in August mtg.**
- e. **KC Gospel Big band: Jonathan Schull contacted Kelly about having the KCGBB come back and play a concert in November. At this point, they have all Sunday nights available, and would like us to choose first. The director, Ron McClellan, has suggested another anthem that our choir could sing with them. General agreement. Will finalize decision in August Team meeting.**
- f. **Larry: Order of Service Cards... As a matter of courtesy when we have guest musicians come in to 1st service we should be acknowledging their names in the program. We should also acknowledge solo singers and musicians as well as our worship leaders / interim worship leaders. This will be helpful for visiting guests.**
- g.

2nd Service-

1. Previous Action Items : None
2. New Business / Report:
 - a. **Worship will extend an invitation to Eric Adams to participate in Worship Team meetings as interim leader for 2nd service.**

Tech Leader-Bill L

1. Previous Action Items:
 - a. Update: Bill started working with Kathy to set up an account with Reverb.com to sell used equipment. **3 pieces of equipment to sell. It is on hold until we have a new worship leader and are sure we can't repurpose them in the church.**
 - b. Update: Bill going to purchase the earbuds approved in March Worship meeting. **Purchased by Bill and working fine in 1st service.**
2. New Business/Report:
 - a. Current Hearing Assist system is not getting used in services. Bill wants to explore purchasing (approx. \$1K) a device that connects to the soundboard and works via wifi to connect to hearing aid users cell phones to send the signal to their hearing aids from their cell phones. **Bill talking to Mark Lancaster about ways to gather hearing aid user feedback. Bill plans to contact Mark asap.**
 - b. **Bill will be ordering parts to fix the electronic drumset. Should be under \$100.**

VI. Other Reports

- A. New Business/Report:
 - a. Chris Schupp: Can we purchase / install wifi light bulbs or wifi switches for the stage in 1st service so they can be dimmed remotely from the back of the sanctuary rather than worship leader or tech person manually controlling them from the front and in the hallway? Kelly said that properties was looking into that change. Any new information on this? **Was discussed and Jim will get back with Kelly to ask if Properties has made any progress. Jim will report back.**
 - b. Worship Team to discuss in June Chris Schupp's level of involvement and how we set expectations for frequency of his attendance at Worship Team monthly meetings. **We discussed and decision was made to include Chris in Worship Team meetings. Jim will contact Chris to invite ask if he's able to join the monthly meetings.**

- c. **Jim:** Review Financial Report & Worship Team budget YTD. **Worship team budget was reviewed and team is aware that we are currently spending under budget YTD.**

**VII. Standing Business Items-Associate pastor Michael:
Michael on Vaca. will report in August**

- A. Communion: **Jim will ask Dave for updates via email for August Meeting.**
- B. Baptism:
- C. Stewardship:

NEXT MEETING August 15, 2024 at 7:00.

Adjourn in Prayer: