

GEPC AUGUST WORSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES.

08/15/2024 7:30 pm

Team Members: Kelly Hackleman, Elder Jim Langford (Clerk) , Tech Lead Bill Leuenberger / Larry Harris (Absent) / Michael Morefield (Senior Pastor) / Tech lead Chris Schupp.

I. **Opening Prayer-**

II. **Opening Business**

A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: None

B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: None

C.

III. **Opening Devotional- Bill** (Will do in Sept)

IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**

A. **Senior Pastor Michael:**

1. Previous Action items: None

2. New Business/Report: Michael will be preaching on Psalm 23:5 next Sunday. Matt Martini will preach on 25th of August. The first Sunday in Sept will complete Psalm 23. Next up is a series on Colossians. Goal would be to help us to fall deeper in love with Christ.

3. Michael will be doing a *Breeze* software training session for staff and other worship leaders who are interested in the scheduling features.

1. **Session-Senior Pastor Michael:**

2. Previous Action Items: None

3. New Business/Report: None

V. **Worship and Tech Leader Reports**

A. 1st Service: Kelly / Larry

1. Previous Action Items:

a. 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/ permanent Worship leader to integrate into 1st service in a form that works best for that service. Worship Team felt it would be too disruptive to the order of service / worship. Discussion was that it felt like we’d be duplicating the post service relational coffee time in the Lobby after service.

b. Hymnals: Kelly and Mary Beth have gone over the 2 hymnals in detail. Both felt that neither option acceptable and weren’t an improvement over current Hymnal as well as they won’t fit into the pews. Kelly shared that

Mary Beth would be willing to pay for the hymnals but that she wouldn't want her husband Don's name in them. Kelly noted that the Black Hymnal didn't have 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 and Mary Beth felt the Celebration Hymnal may be more flexible than the Trinity Hymnal. Kelly said the preference is to continue using the Celebrations hymnal as it serves our current needs. WT discussed the two new proposed hymnals along with the Celebration Hymnal. Discussion was to revisit the issue at square one with current worship team members to make sure it works for the musicians and is singable, and also aligns with our reformed theology. Will invite Mike Brink to join in the discussion since there's been so much transition since the original decision was made.

- c. 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. Jim will reach out to Lynn to price some out and send pricing to Worship Team. Bill also knows of a potter that we may be able to reach out to have them made and he'll reach out to him.

2. New Business/Report:

- a. Fall Choir Retreat has been approved for the Link and it's set for Sept. 7th. 1st service needing to recruit more people for the Bells. Kelly will price out the food and drinks for the event and will email the Worship team so we know the budget impact. Kelly will work with Michael to set up an online sign up.
- b. 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. Kelly will reach out to Ron McClellan directly for dates, the repertoire and the piece he wants to do with Gashland. Chris Schupp recommends avoiding the 10th of Nov. due to Scripture dinner.
- c. Larry: Order of Service Cards... As a matter of courtesy when we have guest musicians come in to 1st service Larry felt that we should be acknowledging their names in the program. Should we also acknowledge solo singers and musicians as well as our worship leaders / interim worship leaders? Would this be helpful for visiting guests. Agreement that it makes sense for guest musicians. Whatever we do we need to be

consistent between the two services. Can guest musicians be introduced verbally? WT felt that there would not be room in the current format of the order of service cards and that it would need to be redesigned and be a larger format. Decision was made not to list names in the bulletin at this time.

2nd Service-

1. Previous Action Items :

- a. Did Worship extend an invitation to Eric Adams to participate in Worship Team meetings as interim leader for 2nd service? Bill reached out. Waiting for a response.

2. New Business / Report:

Tech Leader-Bill L and Chris

1. Previous Action Items:

- a. 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. Bill: 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. Bill has everything he needs to send out a fact-finding email to Mark to give feedback to inform Bill if such a system is needed / desired by the congregation before we purchase. Want to make sure people will use it. Consideration of making an announcement in the service.
- c. Bill: will be ordering parts to fix the electronic drumset. Should be under \$100. Expense was approved and will go into repair line item in budget. Kathy will be ordering it.

2. New Business/Report:

- a. Bill: Michaels Microphone is cutting out in 2nd service. Bill looking into it. Bill will send the team a quote for a replacement if his attempt to fix fails.

- b. Chris: noticed that the organ speakers 1st in service are clicking / buzzing. Bill / Kelly will reach out to repairman.
- c. Bill: Will be putting together a wish list of non-critical equipment.
- d. Bill: will be starting discussions on how to recruit help with Sound Tech.

VI. Other Reports

A. New Business/Report:

- a. Chris Schupp: Wifi lights for 1st service. Chris S. said John Wopata replaced one of the switches with a wifi switch, but Chris hasn't tested it yet. Chris will follow up and test it with the app and if it works we will go forward with installing the remaining 11 or 12 remaining switches. The switches are very inexpensive.
- b. Ministry Team Audit / worksheet: Discuss if any additions based on Document Jim Sent. The team will take time to digest it and come back with thoughts in Sept.

VII. Standing Business Items-Associate pastor Michael:

A. Communion:

Dave had a heavy work travel schedule May – July. They were only able to do one communicant in 2nd quarter due to his travel schedule. They normally schedule Thursday and Friday afternoons. Expect to begin rotation again in August, as most of June Dave was unavailable due to work travel and Marian Anderson being out of state month of July.

B. Baptism:

- C. Stewardship: Finance working on the Stewardship campaign planning. Landon, Dave Smith and Michael will be leading.

NEXT MEETING Sept. 19, 2024 at 7:00

Adjourn in Prayer: Michael