

GEPC OCTOBER WORSHIP TEAM MEETING - MINUTES

10/17/2024 7:00pm

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 (Michael)**

II. **Opening Business**

A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: **None**

B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: **None**

III. **Opening Devotional – Chris or Jim**

IV. **Session and Pastor Reports**

A. **Senior Pastor-Michael**

1. Previous Action items:

Worship Leader search report: There was one candidate presented to Session and rejected. The committee has received a new application, but the search is at a standstill. Search team will meet this week to talk about any thoughts or ideas to attract more candidates. Ideally, it would be one person over it all for unity, but session did talk about splitting it and going another part time route for each of those services. Nothing is finalized. The session recommended to let the search team have a crack at it to re-evaluate. Nothing new to add this month.

Finding a worship director is hard right now (we've heard that from other churches.)

2. New Business/Report:

Advent Series Michael will be preaching: Josh will be preaching on Dec. 8th. Message will be from 1Cor 13 – focus on God's love that will always remain. Music will be the engine that holds everything together in the service. 3 main points: God's Different Love / God's Determined Love / God's Dear Love.

We brainstormed ideas around the structure of the service based on the outline of the service that Michael put together.

Christmas Eve: Last year we had two services. Decided to keep it at two services this year and do them at 4:00 & 5:30.

We're also planning to do a combined service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd in the Ministry Center.

1. **Session-Senior Pastor Michael:**
2. Previous Action Items: NA
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V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports

A. 1st Service: Kelly / Larry

1. Previous Action Items:

- a. Hymnals: Discussed the two new proposed hymnals along with the Celebration Hymnal. Kelly and Maribeth felt the Celebration Hymnal may be more flexible than the Trinity Hymnal. Discussion was to revisit the discussion 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.

Trinity Hymnal - goes with the reform presbyterian theology. Are there others? Kelly will checked out the "Glory to God" (purple hymnal.) A more reformed hymnal is our goal. Kelly felt that the Glory to God Hymnal is not appropriate.

Action item: Invite Mike to our November Team mtg. to give us a perspective on how that process went to land on the Trinity Hymnal.

- b. KC Gospel Big band: Kelly - The date has been set for November 24 at 7:00. Choir will meet with them at 6:00. The choir will sing two anthems with them: "Swingin' with the Saints" (like last time) and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Kelly will ordered "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and we can re-use it.

The process Larry and Kelly are using to plan worship in 1st service is working very smoothly.

2. New Business/Report:

B. 2nd Service-

1. Previous Action Items :
2. New Business / Report:

Tech Leader-Bill L and Chris

1. Previous Action Items:

- a. **Bill:** Hearing Assist system update? Bill will reach out to Mark Lancaster to see if he gathered feedback. We discussed putting it in the bulletin for analogue feedback.
- b. Bill will be ordering parts to fix the electronic drum set. Parts are here and were under \$10. Bill is working on the drums.
- c. **Bill:** Michael's microphone is cutting out in the 2nd service. We have new microphones for Michael and they work great. \$1,800 total cost.
- d. New monitor system Hub - \$869 will be put on hold.
- e. Wish list: Antennae that hooks up to a personal mixer that can separate into two things for two people. Would eliminate some of the daisy chain cords on the stage. This Hub could possibly make it "mistake-proof." This would make it easier for a non-professional person to use. We will re-evaluate the hub at the end of the year.
- f. Chris had noticed that the organ speakers 1st in service are clicking/buzzing. Bill and Kelly will reach out to repairman. Kelly contacted two repairmen. One asked for more information. Kelly referred him to Bill.
- g. **Bill:** Will be putting together a wish list of non-critical equipment for end of year. Potentially a pair of headphones for 2nd service.
- h. Bill going to reach out to a lighting company to help troubleshoot the lighting issues on the board in 2nd service.
- i. **Bill:** wants to work with Chris on putting together a purpose statement to share with the congregation to create interest in the Sound tech role. They will bring to November meeting.
- j. **Chris Schupp:** Wifi lights status. Chris Schupp would like to be looped in the discussion. Chris will give Chris Stackpole the green light on purchasing 4 of the wifi switches that John Wopata could install.

2. New Business/Report:

VI. Other Reports

A. New Business/Report:

2025 Budget request: Planned line item sheet and Michael will send back to Finance.

2024 Budget discussion: We've been holding on purchasing needed items to be sure we have the budget. Chris and Bill putting together a list of needed items so we have that on hand when the October YTD budget comes out from Finance.

Standing Business Items-Senior Pastor Michael:

- A. Remote Communion: Dave Wiersma
- B. Baptism: One teenage girl is still under discussion. Michael will reach out to her.

Devotional next time: Chris

Adjourn in Prayer. (Jim)

NEXT MEETING Nov. 21, 2024 at 7:00