

Worship and Music Committee

January 10th, 2023: 6:30pm (Madison)

Attendees: Mike, Karen, Amy, Barb, Jared, Barb, Ronda, Betsy, Keith, Matt

Meeting Notes:

*****All Action Items will be highlighted in RED*****

*****All messaging to Board highlighted in BOLD*****

Meeting start- 6:37pm

1. Welcome (Mike)
 - a. 2022 reflection on accomplishments- proud of work the committee is doing
 - b. Worship looking forward—keep all the tenants, etc.
2. Devotion- Question posed instead
 - a. How many resolve to have a closer relationship with god?
 - b. Always good to re-evaluate your faith walk.
 - c. Paused for a prayer before starting in on meeting agenda
3. Strategic Planning Update (Betsy, Karen, Jared)
 - a. Task 1- define what worship is to us.
 - i. Met with pastoral staff (mid-Nov)
 1. Sharing and compiling of information
 - ii. Order of worship and why we do what we do→ should work to educate the congregation on this.
 - iii. Importance of community and gathering with friends.
 - iv. 6pm service is very different than traditional/standard→ we don't support this service as well as we should.
 - b. Suggestions:
 - i. ***Compile and post a collage of snapshots from each service to get a flavor of what to expect from our church (include church school too).***
 - ii. ***Offer a "before you join" class to lean more about our church.***
 - iii. ***Draw more attention to the informational wall/kiosk @ each campus.***
 - iv. ***Can pursue last 2 with the education committee.***
4. Recap of holiday services
 - a. Attendance was very similar to 2019.
 - b. One service each Christmas and New Years→ this worked really well and another opportunity to worship as an entire congregation together.
 - c. We should consider reducing similar services for streaming.
 - d. Prayerground→ consider adding a second one at Madison campus.
 - e. Consider modifying the #/times of services-
 - i. Are families choosing earlier services?
 - ii. 4:30/6pm transition can be congested→ give more time in between.
 - f. Push out family blessing day to Sunday after New Years to offer to families who are typically out of town over the holidays.
5. Online worship discussion continues- (will continue this conversation at our February meeting).

- a. Started streaming earlier
 - b. Online hosts- Ryan Panzer suggested, or any regulars, to approach as a volunteer.
- 6. Musical worship offerings
 - a. Regular maintenance of instruments is needed (organ, drums, etc.).
 - b. List costs to enable requests to be made during budget time.
 - c. Kids choir
 - i. General inquiry to church school families, AMPED kids
 - ii. Singing, choir, etc.
 - iii. Perform at assisted living facility.
 - iv. Perform before Christmas.
 - v. Great feedback on the Christmas performance→ kudos Matt, we (and especially the kids) are lucky to have you 😊!
 - vi. Ideas- Offer practices before and after services on Sundays (alternate weeks and campuses).
- 7. State of Worship Volunteers (Ronda)- will revisit at February meeting; everything going well!
- 8. Lent- will talk more at February meeting.
 - a. Staff meeting on 1/11 to discuss plans.
 - b. Midweek Lenten service?
 - c. Changing communion- wafers and pre-filled cups
 - i. Change over at Ash Wednesday service
 - ii. Should keep pre-packaged option available.
- 9. Closing prayer- Lord's prayer

Next meeting February 14th, Verona, location TBD→ Eric Holmer guest.

Meeting End- 8:05pm