

Worship and Music Committee

September 16th, 2025: 6:30pm (Madison)

Attendees: Ronda, Jared, Amy, Keith, Mike, Courtney

Meeting Notes:

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

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

Meeting start- 6:38pm

1. Opening message and devotion- Mike
 - a. Reflections on past WMA activities
 - i. In last 8 years we have lost our calendar in the Messenger
 - ii. Transparency→ does it still exists or is it diminishing?
 - b. Where does GS stand on commitment to committee structure?
 - i. Focus on worship and inclusion
 - c. Prayer
2. New initiative for GS→ Monthly Ministry Highlights
 - a. Monthly schedule through May 2026
 - i. Sept- Children, Youth and Family
 - ii. Oct- Welcome and Hospitality
 - iii. Nov- Stewardship/Administrative
 - iv. Dec- Worship and Music
 - v. Jan- Justice and Advocacy (RIC)
 - vi. Feb- Care and Prayer
 - vii. Mar- Outreach
 - viii. April- Creative Care (Gardening)
 - ix. May- Recap of all the church celebrations
 - b. Media use planned-
 - i. Newsletter features
 - ii. Social media
 - iii. Video
 - iv. Bless, commission or thank during worship→ worship focus
 - c. Initiative goals:
 - i. Cover other groups/people who don't normally get recognized
 - ii. Better capture/highlight/communicate what all these groups are about/have to offer
 - iii. Recruitment
3. Board-Committee Communications
 - a. Committee empowerment- what decisions can/should the committees be able to make?
 - b. Clarification of decision-making allowances is needed (Clarity=Kindness)
 - c. Need to intentional on working together to bring our congregation together
 - d. Next:
 - i. ***Conversation with Board liaison during Sept meeting***

- ii. *Understand next lead pastor's view on committee structure and role in church*
- 4. Church Attendance *(add to Sept agenda)*
 - a. Options for Christmas Eve/Easter services to accommodate attendance #s
 - i. Move times around?
 - ii. Readjust the congregational structure
 - 1. Short term
 - a. Screen in lobby
 - b. Different parts of the service in different physical locations (sanctuary, lobby)
 - 2. Long Term- Building project
- 5. Glass cups for communion
 - a. Decision 😊 - Pilot at Madison (Ronda and Courtney think could be as early as 8/17)
 - b. Current qty ~400, so more than enough to start at one campus
 - c. No glass during the holidays
- 6. Worship space/experience-
 - a. Walker placement
 - i. Refer to the facilities committee to address
 - 1. *Jared to follow up on the suggestion to remove pews from back before elevating to facilities committee*
 - ii. Long term- remove pews in front and replace with wooden chairs for flexibility
 - b. Painting from 2024 "Drawn to the World" Advent experience→ needs to be displayed
 - i. *Add to September agenda to discuss placement*
- 7. *WMA meeting day- discuss at Sept meeting*
- 8. *Jared and Mike to connect with Board liaison prior to Sept meeting*
- 9. Closing prayer- Lord's Prayer

Next meeting September 16th, Verona

Meeting End- 8:00pm

Summary of September WMA meeting agenda items:

- *New Board Liaison welcome- Jared and Mike to reach out ahead of meeting*
- *Committees and Good Shepherd- planning for conversation with future lead pastor*
- *Church Attendance- Preparing for large attendance at holiday services*
- *Worship space/experiences*
 - *Walker space- pew adjustments*
 - *2024 "Drawn to the World" Advent painting location decision*