

Worship and Music Committee

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

Attendees: Jared, Amy, Keith, Mike, Courtney, Barb F.

Meeting Notes:

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

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

Meeting start- 6:39pm

1. Open invitation statement-Mike
 - a. Always an open invitation for Tracy Dahl and Matt Skibo to this committee
2. Devotion- Jared
 - a. "Love Will Rise Again"- new choir song
 - i. Reflection on division and violence and the reminder that love will rise again
 - ii. Offer of hope
 - iii. Vision of GSLC echoes this
 - iv. Worship is a refuge to support this message
 - b. Jared to link song***
3. Worship at Madison and Verona- Monthly Ministry focus
 - a. Monthly schedule through May 2026
 - i. Sept- Children, Youth and Family
 1. Feedback- Very powerful and overwhelming
 2. Reminder of baptism pledge to bring up our children with the Word of God
 - ii. Oct- Welcome and Hospitality
 1. Goal- Bring stronger awareness of welcoming (in-house, community, etc.)
 2. Ronda/Courtney have plans 😊
 - iii. Nov- Stewardship/Administrative/Generosity
 - iv. Dec- Worship and Music
 1. Offer a "point of contact" after service- WMA committee member
 2. Share exciting things upcoming
 - 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
4. Worship feedback
 - a. Services running over an hour

- i. Couple variables that are contributing to this
 - 1. Sermons (guests) and children's message
 - 2. Communion (main contributor)- more members= longer time to get through communion
 - 3. Solutions-
 - a. Will monitor over Oct/Nov to see if any other contributing factors influencing service length
 - b. Could add more communion stations
 - c.
- 5. Worship space/experience-
 - a. Walker placement
 - i. Continued discussion on how to re-organize space to address (mix of pews and chairs, etc.)
 - ii. Jared going to Watertown to see how their worship space is organized
 - iii. Safety issue? YES (see below takeaways)
 - b. Painting from 2024 "Drawn to the World" Advent experience→ needs to be displayed
 - i. WMA recommendation-
 - 1. Move over to Verona campus
 - 2. Thoughtful discussion on where best to display (Courtney presented some great ideas!)
- 6. Other business-
 - a. Jared's Verona presence
 - i. Intentional effort to be at both campuses
 - ii. Building relationships and nurturing music ministry committees
 - b. Single services
 - i. Previous→ Blend of all service cultures
 - ii. Current→ single service immersion
 - iii. Future→ open for discussion
- 7. Overall takeaways noted during meeting:
 - a. We need to be communicating change better
 - b. Walk placement and safety- elevate to Pastoral Care (church staff ownership) to foster the conversation with members outside of worship service
- 8. Closing prayer- Lord's Prayer

Next meeting October 14th, Madison
 Meeting End- 8:06pm

Agenda items for October- send any additional suggestions to Mike

- a. *Devotion- Barb F.*
- b. *Prepping or holiday attendance*
 - i. *4pm @ Verona*
 - 1. *Short term- Lobby TV with prearranged set up; "mobile" worship- certain parts of service in non-sanctuary space to engage all*

2. *Long term- add windows to wall by counter area*
- c. *"Drawn to the World" painting conversation continued*