

Executive Summary for Board – May 12, 2026

1. Worship, Music & Arts Committee

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3. Topics Discussed

- a. **Verona Paraments Grant:** Foundation tabled grant pending Pastor Sheets' arrival; committee supports simpler design and agrees with decision to table for now.
 - b. **Verona Candles:** Awaiting candlestick repair; new candles on site.
 - c. **Music Mondays:** Foundation approved full grant; dates set for June 15 (The Trophy Husbands), July 20 (Soul Collective), August 17 (All that Jazz).
 - d. **End-of-Year Music Celebration:** June 10, 6–8 PM, Verona tent; potluck appreciation event.
 - e. **Organ Assessment:**
 - Multiple firms contacted; only two responded.
 - Dean Christiansen (Chicago) completed tuning and initial assessment; full report forthcoming.
 - Organ chamber is extremely narrow; access should be restricted to technicians only.
 - f. **Music Director Hiring:** Job description finalized and thought to be posted.
 - g. **Altar Guild:** Committee recommends exploring a dedicated volunteer coordinator or small team pending staff input
 - h. **Future Programming:** Early exploration of “Year of the Organ” concept, including recitals and educational events.
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4. Items of Importance/Concern for the Board

- a. Organ chamber access poses risk to tuning stability; facilities action needed. Lock/”Do Not Enter” sign.
 - b. Organ requires further assessment; awaiting formal proposal from Dean Christiansen.
 - c. Committee has attempted due diligence in seeking multiple organ technicians; limited availability in region.
 - d. Music Mondays logistics and staffing needs are significant but manageable.
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5. Requests for Board Direction

- a. Guidance on whether to pursue a formal “Year of the Organ” initiative in conjunction with overall fund-raising campaign.
 - b. Feedback/guidance on organ repair proposal (once received).
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6. Requests for Board Approval

(None at this time.)

7. Attachments

- Riedel proposal (assessment + RFP services) – to be forwarded when received.
- Christiansen proposal – pending.