

Worship and Music Committee

November 12th, 2024: 6:30pm (Verona)

Attendees: Judy, Ronda, Jared, Amy, Keith, Mike, Barb, Courtney.

Meeting Notes:

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

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

Meeting start- 6:35pm

1. Welcome- Mike
2. Devotion- Mike
 - a. "Gift" and "Giving" → what do you bring to church?
 - b. Self-reflections: Makes us a strong committee
 - i. Barb- "Sing and Ring"
 - ii. Jared- "Music and community creation; music ministry; openness"
 - iii. Keith- "Singer and Transportation"
 - iv. Judy- "Music and funny stories"
 - v. Ronda- "Love for Jesus and welcome in His house; seek out people to build community around them"
 - vi. Amy- "Helpful"
 - vii. Courtney- "Like people and grateful for all people getting to know the people of GSLC; getting to be creative"
 - viii. Mike- "Trust God and let people discover God for themselves"
 - c. Reflections on our committee- Mike
 - i. Jared- "Unique vision"
 - ii. Sarah- "Energy and positivity; new ideas"
 - iii. Judy- "Big perspective; addresses the elephant in the room gently and kindly"
 - iv. Ronda- "Spiritual; the 'Old Soul', making connections"
 - v. Keith- "Unique wording and on point"
 - vi. Barb- "Great common sense"
 - vii. Amy- "Quiet leader; willing and able"
3. Recap of Fall worship
 - a. Two of the best services-
 - i. Reformation Sunday- music was moving
 - ii. 11/10- meshing of music styles (old and new) was uplifting
 - b. All Saints- very unique and special
 - i. We lost 28 saints but gained 45 new members
 - c. Attendance-
 - i. Seeing a general uptrend
 - ii. Choir has many members
 - iii. Sunday school is very well attended
 - d. Very welcoming
 - i. Top reason why people join
 - ii. People are not afraid to walk in the door

- e. Music Monday- 10/21
 - i. Raised over \$1000
 - ii. Congregation is so supportive of music
 - iii. Building connections throughout the community
- 4. Looking forward
 - a. "We Who Wait" 12/4
 - i. Preaching through visual art- "Drawn to the World"- Pr. Paul Oman
 - ii. Anchoring through Advent (mid-week to replace that week's regular AMPED)
 - iii. Painting will go on new chapel wall at Madison campus
 - iv. Need volunteers (WMA, CYF)*
 - b. Caroles and Cabernet. Toot n' Kate's wine bar- 12/8
 - c. Advent by Candlelight- 12/12 (Pr. Greg Meyer, Desserts, Songs)
 - d. Music Monday/Christmas Concert- 12/16
 - i. 60-70 musicians→ bringing both campuses together
 - ii. Make flyers to distribute throughout the community*
 - e. Blue Christmas- 12/19
 - f. Advent and Christmas
 - i. Christmas Eve service-
 - 1. Madson and Verona-10am, 4pm, 6pm
 - 2. Madison only- 7:30pm
 - 3. Note: Need to make sure planning for overflow is done.
 - g. Single service, carol sing- 12/29
 - h. 2025 Lenten season- "Lean into Forgiveness"
- 5. Any other topics-
 - a. Uptick in baptisms, out-pacing deaths
 - b. Increase in attendance following COVID
 - c. Walkers blocking aisles, how to address? *Mostly an issue on special events, not the week to week
 - i. Determine if is a fire hazard*
 - ii. Ideas:*
 - 1. Create a designated space*
 - 2. Accommodate with care- offer to store and retrieve*
 - d. Communion
 - i. Song and projection folks-
 - 1. Currently don't commune, logistics not considered
 - 2. Ushers could provide the body and blood
 - ii. Those who need communion brought to them
 - 1. How do we identify?
 - a. Currently we rely on knowledge of ushers
 - b. What do we do when not intuitive?
 - i. Add in as part of the communion instructions
 - ii. Communicate with ushers; increase volunteer staff to support this (one dedicated person)

- c. Need to address ASAP*
- d. Order trays that hold wine and bread- Ronda found and will order*
- e. Intinction- keep this return consideration going in conversation; not during cold and flu but perhaps in the spring
- f. Partnering with Collaboration Project (Becca Feldhacker Dir. of Engagement)- United week of Prayer
 - i. Verona- 11/18-11/25 wk of setting up pray stations
 - ii. 11/21- Pr. Dara in Madison Sanctuary
- 6. Closing prayer- Jared (Blessing, "You are Not Alone")

Next meeting January 14th, Madison

Meeting End- 8:03pm