

# Worship & Music Committee meeting [online: via Zoom](#) June 6, 2023

Present: Sherry Scheider, Pastor Scott, Carolyn Ciaccio, Dave Musser, Richard Popp, and Susie Smalley

Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Corinthians.

## **Old Business:**

† **Richard's requests:** The organ is (mostly) working and Richard has been practicing a few pieces that would be playable on our organ in its current condition. It is dark back there, however, so he would like to purchase an additional lamp for the organ area, which he estimates to be around \$200.

Also, Richard is looking to have his AGO organist yearly dues paid by our church. The yearly total is \$95. We decided that since it is under \$100, we will just pay for that out of the money budgeted for music and will not take it to the Finance Committee. [It was too late to add it to this year's budget but will be brought up to the Finance Committee to add that yearly expense to the budget starting next year.

Other instruments: As we're all aware, Sam has added a lot to our worship services with his guitar playing, just as Monica has enriched our services when she has accompanied with her violin. Richard would like to further enrich the music by adding a percussion instrument. Since Zane is now out of school and is willing and able to play, Richard suggests purchasing a conga drum (around \$300). This, obviously, would be the church's property, as are the pianos, bells, and other instruments at the church. [To give a little backstory, the subject of more/different instruments was brought up during our organ committee meeting two months ago. At that time, Sam was just about to start accompanying Richard and when we discussed other instruments, we talked about how we needed to make sure we had someone who could play said instruments. When percussion was mentioned, Zane's name was mentioned as well.]

We will take the two more costly items (the lamp and conga drum) to the Finance Committee for them to discuss.

† **favorite hymns:** Richard would like to get a better feel about what people's favorite hymns are so that he can use that information when choosing hymns each week. Carolyn asked Richard about how to go about asking the congregation, and they came up with putting a box out in the narthex in which people could write down their requests and insert into the box. This box will be out for a while but not permanently.

Dave asked about using other hymns besides what is in the red hymnal. Pastor said we have access to many different hymnals and are open to singing from other resources, and could perhaps incorporate others, with his approval (theologically). We will also need to make sure we'll have the legal ability to reproduce them.

† **butterflies:** Butterflies came down Friday, May 5 and many people showed up to help!

† **Pentecost (May 28, 2023):** Sherry ordered 25 red geraniums with gold foil and they were displayed on the stands covered in white cloth. Lots of people wore red on Pentecost; there were 59 in attendance.

† **organ committee:** Pastor would like to reinvigorate the process of discussing the organ successor and proposes that on the 18<sup>th</sup> anyone on the worship and music committee gather in Shepherd Hall at 11am and brainstorm about what to do after this organ is deemed defunct.

## **New Business:**

† **item to add to workday (?):** Sherry wants someone to do something about the chairs that are stacked in the choir loft. Richard said he will take care of them Sunday (therefore it does not need to be added to the workday tasks).

- † **Season of Creation (September)**: Pastor will email Richard with all the readings that will be used during the Season of Creation, which are the four Sundays in September.
- † **mini banners**: Sherry is asking for input as to what we'd like to see on our side wall every Sunday and has attached a picture of them along with the various words we can use to create different sayings.
- † **psalm refrain**: we added a refrain to singing our psalm this past Sunday and it went very well!

The meeting was closed with prayer.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023 at 11am, via Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Smalley