

Committee Reports

Director of Youth and Worship Report, submitted by Jess Grimes

March 2023

God always shows up in big ways on our youth retreats! This year we travelled to Camp Orchard Hill for winter blast and we had a blast! The speaker Stuart Hall was such a gifted storyteller and bible teacher. He really challenged us in our the importance of continuing to walk with God thru the fires/challenges of life. Our group competed against the other youth group there in a weekend long creature challenge and we WON!!! It was very exciting!

The teens are looking forward to another weekend away the last weekend of March. The guys will be heading to Jerry Fessler's cabin while the girls will be spending time at Kliney's Kabin.

We are very excited for the mission team that is coming together for this summer to Cape Charles, VA. So far we have 29 adults and teens committed to going! We are planning to FUNraisers to help us cover the costs of the trip. First we will be having a spaghetti dinner on April 2 in the fellowship hall. We will be serving a delicious meal anytime from 5:30 -7:30pm for whatever donation you are willing to give to the mission team. Secondly, we will be making Easter Candy that will be have for sale Easter weekend at the Good Friday service, the Egg Hunt, and Easter morning worship. All candy will be sold for whatever donation you are willing to give to the mission team.

Pastor Robb and Jess Grimes will be leading a youth confirmation class for any teens Grades 6th – 12th after Easter until Pentecost Sunday – (April 16 – May 28) Please let us know if you are interested in being a part of the class. Teens will have the chance to be baptized as part of confirmation if they have not been previously baptized.

Youth Sunday 2023 will be May 21st. This will be a time to be led in worship by the youth and celebrate high school graduates and welcome new 6th graders into youth ministry.

The Easter Choir has begun practicing on Thursdays at 7pm and will be sharing a cantata on Sunday April 16th (the week after Easter) at both morning worship services.

Trustees Report, submitted by Jared George

- Repaired faucet in fellowship hall kitchen
- Installed new paper towel dispensers in women's and handicapped bathrooms
- John Bomgardner agreed to mow the unused acreage at 74 McGillstown twice a month at no charge. Wyatt will continue mowing the yard around the house for the rental
- The boiler is converted to propane
- Performed walk through of church owned buildings with MIB for independent valuations.
 - waiting on values
- Approved Network Security & Wireless Upgrade by Piotrowski Family Consulting Solutions
 - purchased components
 - Scott will perform the rest of setup and install at no charge to the church
- Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday April 15
 - mulch parking lot beds

-clean out white shed at south west of property

*Discuss Video Security

Children's Ministry Report, submitted by Jessica Miller

Our 6-week study of some of the Parables ended this past week with the study of the Good Samaritan. I think the kids did well engaging with the lessons each week. Starting the 19th, we will begin looking at what lent is, how it relates to Jesus as well as the concepts of temptation and sacrifice.

We had our first Pizza and Hang Out hour in February. It went very well with kids enjoying some fun hang out time playing an active game. The next Pizza and Hang Out Hour is March 26th at 5:30p.m. hoping for even more kids and parents to participate this month!

We have also had two Act of Kindness evenings in conjunction with the Youth. First, in February we did care packages for the college students and this month the kids/youth made cards for some of the people on the prayer list. The next Act of Kindness evening will be April 5th in conjunction with the youth we will invite the families in Ono to the Easter Egg Hunt.

All kids ages 6-12 years old were invited to sign up for Gretna Glen's kids retreat which will be taking place on March 31st through April 1st. I do not know how many kids have signed up yet but they are able to continue to sign up through the time of the retreat when I asked the Gretna Glen staff as long as spots are still available. The Childrens ministry is paying for half of the cost of the overnigher for the children from our church that participate.

On Palm Sunday, the children will be performing 2 songs for the congregation during the 10:30 service. We are planning on recording one of the rehearsals that can be shown at the first services. Additionally, the kids will be singing one of the songs for the community before the Church's Annual Egg Hunt on April 8th.

Lastly, a representative from Gretna Glen will be coming on May 7th at the 10:30 service to give more information on their Summer Camp opportunities during the children's moment. They said they will send me a video clip that we can show at the 8:00a.m. service about camps.

March 21, 2023 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer

Attendance

Jim Bragg, Jane Emrich, Dee Faller, Robb Faller, Jared George, Audrey Gongloff, Katie Govern, Jess Grimes, Dave Hahnlén, Sally Hyde, Jessica Miller, Ken Moyer, Kim Moyer, Cindy Myers, Larry Richard, Jean Richard, Ilene Schriver, Laurie Shuey, Leann Snyder, Eric Wentling, Paul Wentling

Devotion – What Are Our Gifts?

January 2023 Minutes for Administrative Council

Motion to approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes: Cindy Myers

2nd: Jim Bragg

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Treasurer's Report

Rick Rollman was unable to attend the meeting, but reported to Pastor Robb that nothing is unusual regarding the financial reports for this time period.

Jim Bragg asked about large monetary difference between Jan-Feb 2023 and Jan-Feb 2022. Pastor Robb said it may be due to differences in payroll and sometimes expenses are removed at different times.

Kim Moyer passed along a question asking why the offering plate is passed some Sundays and not others? Pastor Robb said there was no monetary difference if the plate was being passed or if it was in one set location. The Welcome Team decided to keep the plate in one location as to not put pressure on visitors. Dee Faller said that they will be discussing the best way to present the offering plate at their next meeting. Jess Grimes and Jim Bragg made suggestions on ways for people to know where to deposit their donations.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Larry Richard

2nd to approve: Sally Hyde

Vote to approve: Unanimous

New business:

Dee Faller: "His Servants," a group of women that had previously met monthly has decided to end their ministry. Dee shared a thank you letter to the women and especially Ilene Schriver, who was one of the original members and served for almost 70 years.

Jess Miller: Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on June 11-15 from 6-8pm.

Leann Snyder: Do Sunday School teachers need to be approved by Council or are they approved by the Education Commission after their clearances were submitted? Pastor Robb does not

believe it is a Book of Discipline issue, but something the church should decide. Clearances seem to have taken the place of Council approval.

Reach In and Reach Out Coordinators (Dee Faller & Ken Moyer) are there to empower communication between the groups.

Jared George: During the last Trustee meeting, they reviewed quotes to upgrade the internet and potentially add cameras. The cameras would be inside the building at every door, and they are pointed towards the door. The cameras would also be valuable for the preschool to see who is at the door and the people that are picking up the children. Scott Piotrowski has been very giving of his time and expertise. The camera monitoring would cover the entire parking lot and the three doors. If the cameras include audio, there must be signs to alert people that they are being recorded. It could be wise to have audio at the preschool door, but no audio at the other doors.

Motion to approve the contract for cameras, but with audio at the preschool door only: Jim Bragg

2nd: Larry Richard

-Leann Snyder would like to clarify that audio would be at the preschool door and no audio at the other 3 entrance doors to the church.

-Jean Richard asked about a projected timeline for cameras– it will be sometime after the next Trustees meeting and when Scott is available to set it up.

-Leann Snyder: Will there be a sight line to the rental properties? Yes, but not at a high resolution and the detectors might not pick up motion.

-Leann Snyder thanked everyone involved for being forward thinking and protecting our children.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Kim Moyer: What is the current policy on sale of items within the church? Brought up due to Girl Scouts and their cookie sale. They would like to sell cookies on Girl Scout Sunday.

Motion made that for future Girl Scout Sundays, we will invite the Girl Scouts to share in our service and set up cookies on the porch of the Church: Dee Faller

2nd: Audrey Gongloff

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn: Larry Richard

2nd: Jim Bragg

Next Administrative Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 23, 2023