



Technology Congregation Meeting – May 6, 2018 – 10:10-10:40am

Purpose of our Meeting Today:

To share information about the progress of the Technology Team. Introduce the team's proposal, answer a few questions and seek written feedback on the proposal.

We realize that we will not be able to answer all questions today. Please complete a feedback form so the council can hear your input on this matter. Please include your name on the form so we can contact you with additional questions.

Meeting Agenda

1. *Technology Teams Progress*
2. *Introduce their Proposal*
3. *Q & A (3-4 questions)*
4. *Feedback Opportunity*

Recap of the Technology Team's Work: Over the past months this team as worked on two key things:

1. ***Reviewed our Values:*** (Based upon Worship Survey Results)
 - Meaningful Sermons, Communion & Hymns/Songs
 - Worship Participation
 - Sharing Faith Stories
 - Sound Quality
 - Reaching Out/Evangelism/Meeting Needs of POC and Immigrants - other worship times/formats
 - Accessibility
 - Consistency
 - Children in Worship
 - Special Music
2. ***Asked the question "What are the ways we can Enhance Worship Life?"***. A list was created and priorities were determined.

The Priorities in order of importance were...

1. Wireless Microphone Update – to reduce interference with Cell Towers (completed)
2. Sound Balance, Optimization of Sound System (in process, seeking quote)
3. Choir Microphones for small group (in trial phase, hope to purchase soon)
4. Video Presentation System

Proposal to Enhance Worship Life

The Technology Team proposes that we seek the funding of Worship Upgrades for the approximate amount of \$25,000 to go towards Optimizing the Sound System, Choir Microphones and a Video Presentation System in the Sanctuary.

Estimate: Optimization - \$2-3,000
Choir Microphones - \$600-1,000
Video Presentation System - \$21,000
Total: \$25,000

Next Steps:

Step 1: Information Meeting for Congregation to gather feedback

Step 2: Council Proposal – May 21 -The Council will discuss this proposal at the next meeting. If the proposal is approved the council would also approve the solicitation of funding for the project. *(Project would not move forward until majority of funding is secured)*

Step 3: Funding Secured - When the funding is secured, at that point the Technology Team would recommend to the council a specific vendor, plan and detailed cost estimate.

Step 4: Select Vendor and finalize details of the project.

Step 5: Council approves the proposal, hires the vendor and approves the use of the funds.

Step 6: Vendor completes the project. Upgrades are implemented along with pre-work and post work to make the updates esthetically pleasing.

Step 7: Training, Set up and Organization of Technology.

Step 8: Incorporate Worship upgrades into congregational life.

Your Involvement:

- Share your feedback – need your name on feedback form for it to be considered by council.
- Pray about ways you can help enhance Worship life at St. James.

Timeframe: Unknown. Highly depended on the progress of the proposal in council, the securing of the needed funds. As well as the time needed to work with the vendors determined the desired final product.