



My project: Organizing a service

1. Short description of project (What? Where and when? Why? Who? ...)

Every year in the first week (Monday until Saturday) after summer break the church in my hometown Scharnhausen (part of Ostfildern) organizes a project called "WG auf Zeit". We spend the week at our church parish hall where we eat, sleep and enjoy activities of different kinds. The week ends with the big service on Sunday morning which we organize ourselves with some help by our leaders. We're responsible for the music (we pick the songs, put a band together etc.), the prayers and more.

2. Main goal(s) and objectives (What do you want to achieve?)

Our goal is to make sure that all people will enjoy the service. We have to pick out good songs complementing the topic of the preaching, form a band and rehearse the songs we choose, write a little theatre scene and the intercessory prayer and prepare a small presentation (consisting of pictures) about what we did during the week.

3. Project team (Who is part of the team?)

The 20 participants of the "WG auf Zeit" and the leaders

3. Project plan (Who does what and when?)

See project plan worksheet

4. Resources (What do you need?)

- instruments (which are provided by the church)
- props for the theatre scene (costumes etc.)
- technology (microphones, speakers, etc. -> provided by the church)

5. Constraints (Which obstacles might get in your way?)

There are many possible obstacles. The biggest one would be technology that's not working. A microphone could break or a cable could have a slack joint. There's also the possibility that not enough people can play an instrument and then the band would be incomplete. It has also happened before that the people responsible for the theatre scene couldn't come up with a good idea that fits the topic of the service and that can be the case too this time.

Every group has to rehearse in the church at least once and since we don't have much time, there could be clashes when one group wants to rehearse at the same time as another.

6. Evaluation (Did you achieve your main goal? What went well? What went wrong? Which difficulties did you encounter? How did you solve them? ...)

We achieved our main goal of organizing a great service for everyone to enjoy. Putting together the band was quite easy and we did it very fast, because there were enough people who could play an instrument and were willing to do that in front of the church. We also chose good songs. After the service a few people came to talk to us and complemented us on our song choices.

There also weren't any difficulties with the technology, everything was working fine and we didn't have to deal with any problems regarding that.

The intercessory prayer also went really good. The group that was assigned to do the prayers had many great ideas and were able to phrase them well.

But we also encountered one big obstacle. We didn't have a lot of time in the church and while the band was rehearsing the theatre group also wanted to. There was a discussion but in the end we could make a compromise and everyone had the opportunity to do what they had to. There were also some minor incidents along the way, but we were able to solve all of them by communicating in a respectful way and listening to what everyone had to say.

In conclusion, the organizing of the service went really well and without any major problems. We achieved our main goals and enjoyed ourselves while planning and rehearsing.

Project plan

Which steps do you have to take?	Until when?	Who is responsible?	√
Divide all the participants into the different groups (theatre, intercessory prayer, presentation, band)	Thursday Evening	The leaders	
Choose songs (band)	Thursday evening, Friday at the Latest	The band	
Rehearse songs (band)	Saturday Evening	The band	
Write scene (theatre)	Thursday evening, Friday at the Latest	The theatre group	
Look for props (theatre)	Friday evening	The theatre group	
Rehearse scene (theatre)	Saturday evening	The theatre group	
Write the intercessory prayers down (prayer group)	Saturday evening	The prayer group	
Choose pictures (presentation group)	Friday morning	The presentation group	

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