

Minutes from Deacon Meeting – Approved
January 18, 2021

Deacon	Attend	Deacon	Attend
Anderson, Larry	P	Langford, Wes	P
Cooper, Barry	V	Colle, Josiah	A
Failing, Debbie	P	Moberg, Steve	P
Fry, Diane	V		
Lancaster, Mary	P	Pastor Cable, Ritchey	P
		Vande Polder, Don	P

- Opening Prayer at 6:22 by Larry Anderson.
- Quorum is established.
- The December minutes are approved with corrections as reported by Mary.
 - Moved by Mary Lancaster and seconded by Larry Anderson.
 Wes thanked Mary for covering as moderator last month.

Pastor’s Report:

There have been many meetings, including with the Coordination Team, about COVID and how to proceed. The current environment has required many discussions for planning and being in care mode.

There are many in our congregation that are sick or have family & friends who are sick. We are praying for and talking with them to provide comfort and support.

Pastor Cable asked each team to send a short synopsis of 2021 highlights of their respective committees to Ellie Brown for the January annual meeting.

Ministries of Mercy discussion: Chapter 2

1. What are the 4 alienations resulting from the fall?
 - a. God
 - b. Self
 - c. Others
 - d. Nature.
2. How will the second coming of Christ change these alienations?
 - a. We will no longer be separated from God. He will dwell with us.
 - b. Fulfill our emotional needs.
 - c. Sin/sinful things will be gone. There will be Harmony

- d. Nature will sing with joy and will no longer wither. The curse will be undone.
3. Describe relationship of 2nd coming to the church's job to minister mercy today. Do the kingdom's work, evangelize now and serve the needs of the people.
4. What differences exist between felt need and inner need?
 - a. Felt need is a physical need where inner need is an emotional need.
5. How is ministering to physical needs a spiritual act?
 - a. Aiding the immediate physical need of someone shows true caring for the individual. Christ did both. He treated physical problems showing love and caring. So should today's church.
"Mercy is the impulse making us sensitive to hurts and lacks in others."

Team Reports:

- a. **Coordinating/Session:** Don Vande Polder reported.
 - Doing staff evaluations.
 - IT team is set. Working on phone & WIFI .
 - Entertaining changing the day the group meets.
 - Working to replace Jennifer.
 - Continue to ask that masks be worn in both services along with social distancing for the near future. Information does come in fast and furious on how to go forward.
 - The committee is dealing with many other housekeeping issues.
- b. **Finance:**

Larry reported. Phil has sent team minutes.
It is reported that our finances ended the year in the black or very close to it.
Praises to God for that.
The 2022 Budget has been prepared and will be presented in the Congregational meeting the 30th of January.
- c. **Helps:**

Diane reported for the team.

 - We are losing 1 team member. We would like to replace this and possibly expand the team.
 - Some of the team members have changed jobs which will require a change in our meeting day and time.

- Please pray for wisdom for the upcoming year and the challenges we may face.

d. Mercy:

Mary reported:

- The team continues to meet the needs as they come to them.
- We are in need of additional team members.
- We currently have very great people overseeing some of the areas among other tasks.

Laura Cooper is doing compassion meals.

Susanne arranges rides for those who need them.

Connie Sommer does funeral meals.

Robin Bowin is contacting and writing to shut-ins.

Larry Anderson asked when we will restart Wednesday night meetings. The thought is to resume in mid February.

e. Property:

Barry Cooper reported.

- Top 5 objectives for 2022.
 - Restore stain glass windows
 - Landscaping
 - Fixing up Amos House and garage
 - Repaint courtyard railings
 - Replace carpet

Don noted – There are black marks on the wood floor resulting from the AM basketball program. The current cleaning company is trying to address them but it not working well. It may require additional funds to get these marks removed.

There was an email request on 1-12 for a girl's basketball team to use the gym. This is usually handled by Jennifer but because that position is yet to be filled, the Coordinating team agrees to contact the team for discussion.

Old Business:

Be prepared to offer your preference for team assignment.

New Business:

Read Chapter 3 from our book, Ministries of Mercy.

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

- Prayers were asked for Rob Stegeman's healing and comfort as well as for his family.
- Pray that the right person is found to replace Jennifer.

Closing Prayer: Mary Lancaster

Meeting adjourned at 7:16

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: Febuary 15, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

Moderator - Wes Langford

Clerk - Debbie Failing