Deacon Minutes – Approved with corrections

April 20, 2021

**Members in Attendance:**

Larry Anderson, Barry Cooper, Debbie Failing, Diane Fry, Mary Lancaster, and Marion Lynn.

* Opening Prayer at 6:17 by Mary Lancaster.
* Quorum is established.
* The March minutes are approved (Moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Marion Lyn), and ordered to be submitted to the deacons, Session, and office staff.
* Mary Lancaster let us know that Don VandePolder, although absent this meeting, is the session liason from the coordinating committee of session.
* Pastor’s Report:

Pastor Cable was unable to attend. Chapter 11 will move to next month for discussion

* Team Reports:

1. Coordinating:
   * None
2. Session:
   * None
3. Finance:

Larry Anderson reported that offerings still remain up from last year.

The report that Phil Josephson sent was reviewed.

Mary had questions with Item #3, regarding what a commercial credit card is.

Larry will address this in our next meeting.

We discussed also Item #5 with regard to the 2020 audit. The members of the team are Tim Eckerly, Amy Clapham, Glen Tott and Tom Ellison.

Larry also stated that the Capital Campaign is still expected to start in the fall.

1. Helps:

Diane Fry reported. We had discussions on ways to recruit volunteers for all teams. One way that was discussed was to create posters of each team. It was also brought up that a few years ago they had a special event during Wednesday night that used the posters and had representatives from each team for people to talk with about each team and how they could volunteer.

With Covid issues still around that may not be doable, but other events may be coming up. Continues to be an action item.

Our team intends to meet with Caitlin regarding the new Website.

Engaging with visitors was still in discussion. One thought was that in the past there were New Visitor bags that could be given out determined from the visitor cards in the offering. Debbie asked what is done with the cards now that show first time visitors. Mary will check on this for next meeting

Debbie reported that the Sunday morning Coffee ministry was restarted and the first week seemed to be a success. People seemed happy to have it back.

1. Mercy:

* Mary asked Marion to report on their new initiative. They are attempting to make sure that no one falls between the cracks. They are using the Under-shepherd teams to contact everyone in the church. Each of the 9 Elders has a group of people (30-40individuals) and will be sending letters to each of them introducing themselves and how to contact them if they need assistance or prayers. Each team will plan to have events to introduce all of the members.
* Robin Bownin’s (*Bowen’s)* Care team will coordinate people who need special touching and attention to go along with the under- shepherd. Michael is spearheading an effort to improve the shepherding teams and their outreach.

1. Property:

* No report
* Barry stated he will meet with Rod to get familiar with the team. Barry has not yet been contacted by the Coordinating team regarding being the De3acon liason.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Caitlin is having meetings with different teams regarding the new Website and the use of CCB. Barry will be helping Caitlin. Jon Wopeta (*Wapin)* from Property sent a list.

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Marion’s wife Barb is moving back home! Quarantine has been difficult. Praise the Lord for answered prayers. Christ is moving, Glory to God.
* Barry has an opportunity to share with a co-worker about a series called The Chosen. Now he is totally into it and will watch the entire series. Barry suggested all of us should watch the series.
* Pastor Cable’s project is going well. His prayer is that this project will get non-Christians engaged, and get them to view the movie and think about the message.

Closing Prayer: Diane Frye

Meeting adjourned at 6:59

Next Zoom meeting: May 18, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

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Debbie Failing – Clerk

Mary Lancaster - Moderator