Minutes from Deacon Meeting – Approved

June 15, 2021

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|  | **Attend** | **Deacon** | **Attend** |
| Anderson, Larry | P | Langford, Wes | A |
| Cooper, Barry | P | Lorenzetti, Jim | P |
| Failing, Debbie | P | Lynn, Marion | P |
| Fry, Diane | P | Stegeman, Rob | P |
| Lancaster, Mary | P | Pastor Cable, Ritchey | P |
|  |  | Vande Polder, Don | A |

* Opening Prayer at 6:18 by Marion Lynn.
* Wes Langford is with the youth at camp this week.
* Quorum is established. Mary Lancaster chairing. The first meeting in person.
* The May minutes are approved
  + Moved by Larry Anderson and seconded by Marion Lynn
* Pastor’s Report:

Pastor Cable informed us that the search is still on for the replacement of staff member Caitlin Palmer and for the Worship team leader position. They have good candidates and expect to make a final decision soon. The current Worship team are staying until the end of June. They are looking to combine the 2 positions as Worship/Media specialist as a full time position.

The intention is still to gear up for a Fall Kickoff the second Sunday in September. We are looking to recapture those people who have yet to return to the church. People are getting more comfortable with the environment now. We will continue to do online services as well. This has been a wonderful opportunity to engage new individuals as well as those congregants that are homebound for whatever reason.

Mary Lancaster posed a question regarding the task given to Tom Clapham.

‘How are they going to make this document in the final form available to the congregation?’

Pastor Cable said that hasn’t been completely vetted yet, but access on the website in some form is planned. A second draft will be discussed in the Session meeting tonight. 2 items to correct are that Stewardship falls under Worship and Audit falls under Session.

Diane Fry stated that she had asked Tom if they planned to inform or get permission to publish individual names in the document. He plans to bring that up in tonight’s session meeting. Pastor Cable said that would be a good idea to inform them.

It is a great working document that will be helpful to everyone to know what teams are formed and there jobs, who currently are on the teams and who to contact if you need their services.

The new website is still under construction. The new hire will be working on completing. Plans are still to hopefully have the new website up in September.

**“From Embers to a Flame”** discussion. Chapter 12 – The Great Commission.

* This has been moved to the July meeting due to a conflict of the Pastor’s time
* **Team Reports**:

1. **Coordinating**: None
2. **Session**: Is meeting tonight.
3. **Finance**:

Larry Anderson said they have not had the June meeting yet. Phil has reported that standings still look good but there is a continue slipping of offering of about $1,000 a month totally around $18,000 down YTD. The reason for this is unknown at this point. They are considering having the pledges reviewed.

It was noted that the session commissions the audit team and the Finance team helps identify the individuals to be on the team, this year there are 4. They report to both session and finance with the outcome of the audit.

1. **Helps**:

Diane Fry reported the team was unable to have a meeting this month, quorum was not met. The team had a volunteer push and will evaluate the success in the next meeting.

1. **Mercy**:

Marion reported they are working on ways to inform the Undershepherd groups that the Mercy team is prepared to help in ways they currently are doing. If the Undershepherds find they have identified individuals that may need extra touching (meals, rides etc) the Mercy team is willing to lend aid.

Marion will talk to Tom, maybe attend the next meeting of the Relationship team to discuss how the Mercy teams can be of assistance.

1. **Property**:
   * Barry Cooper reported. We received a copy of the minutes.

* Many were unable to attend so some things have been tabled..
* Mats are needed at each door.
* Garage door opener at Amos house is not working. It has been decided not to replace at this time.
* Paving is completed.
* City drainage problem is being analyzed.
* HVAC maintance has been done. New thermostat was installed.
* Sara Sporrer is evaluating new carpet for some areas in the church. One, the hallway tile is wearing and may be replaced with carpet. Per Rob this is a more economical choice.

Old Business:

New Business:

WOW Report /Prayer Requests:

* Pastor Cable asked for prayers for his family. With Parker going away to college, the family dynamics are changing.
* Rob Stegeman asked for prayers for his daughter’s upcoming wedding and that it will all come together as planned.

He also thanked Barry for stepping up in his absence.

* Marion said the Breakaway Camp was a success. There were 70 kids and only 7 were from Gashland. One special moment, a mom brought her child and stayed for Michael’s message. She didn’t know that this was a camp including religious talks, and was had tears in her eyes as she listened. At the end of camp each child was given a bible.
* Barry told of a young man he works with who had grown up in church but had fallen away to the secular leanings. In a discussion with the young man, he found that the young man was dating a girl who broke off the relationship because he was not a Christian. This gave Barry an opportunity to suggest a book to him about the Christian man. The young man subsequently thanked him for the suggestion. Barry was thankful for that opportunity that God placed in his path enabling him to pass on his faith to another.
* Mary told of 2 young women and one guy that are in need of reconciliation. You can see the devil moving but you can see that prayers for these individuals are working.. God is there. She prays that reconciliation is in the near future.

Closing Prayer: Diane Fry, Mary Lancaster and Marion Lynn

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Next In Person/Zoom meeting: July 20, 2021 @ 6:15 p.m

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Mary Lancaster – Moderator in Wes Langford’s absence

Debbie Failing – Clerk